

May 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held May 11, 2021. President Milbrandt opened the meeting with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

The following Council members attended the May 11, 2021 meeting: Ms. Katielynn Milbrandt, Mr. Mike Firestine, Ms. Sarah Newton Mr. Ian Mahal, Mr. Steve Darosh, Mr. Robert Umbenhen, Mayor Sean Palmer, Solicitor Evans, Police Chief Combs, Kyle Crouse and Bob Mahalchick, Borough Manager.

Ms. Newton made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen, to approve the minutes from April 2021. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Firestine made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Mr. Darosh seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Darosh made a motion to approve the Officers' Reports. Mr. Firestine seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Citizens' Comments:

There were no citizen comments at the May meeting.

Communications:

Ms. Newton made a motion to approve the request of Lauren Roehl to post a sign advertising her bake sale with benefits to The Children's Heart Foundation, in memory of her son, Hudson, at the entrance to the borough. Mr. Umbenhen seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Darosh made a motion, second by Ms. Newton to approve the request for a refund of \$50.00 for No Parking signage that was not returned in a timely manner, to Monkey Business Welding. On the question, the time for returning signs will now be on the agreement. The motion passed as presented. On the advice of the Solicitor, the request of Jamie Floccari for disability parking changes was tabled until more medical documentation can be obtained. Currently the fee of \$150 is due with a handicapped application. That fee will now be charged when the application is approved. A thank you note was received from the Minersville Historical Society for the Borough's annual donation of \$2500.00. A complaint from Constance Teter concerning the towing of her son's vehicle was discussed. Mrs. Teter's son is incarcerated and the vehicle was towed a week after the owner was given 72 hour notice to have it removed from Westwood Street. Mrs. Teter stated she only learned of the problem and wanted her own tow company to move the vehicle.

Old Business:

The second reading of the Outside Burning Ordinance was completed. The second reading of the Flood Plain Ordinance was completed. The paving bids were opened with the following results-

<p><i>Meckley's Limestone Products PO Box 503 Herndon PA 17830</i></p> <p><i>Received 5/6/21</i></p>	<p>Base Bid \$ 77,620.00 Add #1 \$ 7,679.00 Add #2 \$ 26,629.00 Total \$ 111,928.00</p>
<p><i>M&J Excavation Inc 1618 Spruce St Bloomsburg PA 17815</i></p> <p><i>Received 5/11/21</i></p>	<p>Base Bid \$ 59,264.60 Add #1 \$ 5,152.80 Add #2 \$ 23,289.80 Total \$ 87,707.20</p>
<p><i>H&K Group Inc PO Box 196 2052 Lucon Rd Skippack PA 19474</i></p> <p><i>Received: 5/10/21</i></p>	<p>Base Bid \$ 90,943.18 Add #1 \$ 8,558.18 Add #2 \$ 27,275.42 Total \$ 126,767.78</p>
<p><i>Ronnie C. Folk Paving, Inc 716 Water St PO Box 268 Shoemakersville PA 19555</i></p> <p><i>Received: 5/11/21</i></p>	<p>Base Bid \$ 66,519.85 Add #1 \$ 5,483.80 Add #2 \$ 22,379.55 Total \$ 94,383.20</p>
<p><i>New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. PO Box 177 Winfield PA 17889+</i></p> <p><i>Received: 5/11/21</i></p>	<p>Base Bid \$ 74,937.95 Add #1 \$ 6,652.50 Add #2 \$ 21,623.00 Total \$ 103,213.45</p>
<p><i>Schuylkill Paving Inc 285 Blue Mountain Rd Schuylkill Haven PA 17972</i></p> <p><i>Received: 5/11/21</i></p>	<p>Base Bid \$ 90,345 Add #1 \$ 7,945 Add #2 \$ 36,870 Total \$ 135,160</p>

Mr. Firestine made a motion to approve the awards. Mr. Darosh seconded the motion. The motion passed as presented.

Mr. Mahal was been working on a new Nuisance Tenant Ordinance. He will forward his draft to the Mayor and Mr. Crouse.

A roll call vote was taken to honor the Citizen of the Year. Ms. Newton, who nominated Mr. Quandel and Mr. Shields for their Miners Lofts Project, abstained. Desiree and Cole Thompson, who were nominated for their roll in saving three children from abuse, received all of the remaining five votes. They will be honored at Memorial Day services. The Memorial Day Parade will form at the Little League Field and continue down Fourth Street, turning onto Sunbury Street and proceeding to the Veterans Park for the ceremony.

New Business:

On the advice of the Solicitor, Mr. Mahalchick will determine the amount of funds the Fire Police have on account at the Gratz Bank. It was suggested the Fire Police seek prior approval for purchases that they want funded by the Borough. Mr. Umbenhen made a motion, second by Ms. Newton to approve their current expense of \$115.50. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve Entech's Engineering Work Order for the multi-modal project. The motion passed as presented.

The First Reading of the Fireworks Ordinance was completed. On the advice of the Solicitor, Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Darosh to approve the 10 years Comcast Franchise Agreement. The motion passed as presented. Ms. Newton made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the driveway application for 578 Sunbury Street. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Firestine to approve the driveway application of 564 Sunbury St. On the question, the driveway will be accessed on Lewis Street. The motion passed as presented. Mr. Mahal made a motion, second by Mr. Umbenhen to approve the swimming pool opening on Saturday, June 5th under normal operations but following government COVID guidelines and allowing any county's residents. The pavilion will be available for parties, moving tables if needed. The motion passed as presented. Ms. Milbrandt questioned if there will be swimming lessons. Mr. Mahalchick will find an answer.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sewer and Water-Mr. Darosh reported the Sewer Authority has authorized the cleanup of Mr. Reber's pond from damages occurred during a pump failure at Heritage Heights. Mr. Darosh reported the Water Authority has finalized a lease for timbering. The Authority has added to auto flushers. The Authority experienced two breaks in the last month.

Law and Order-Police Chief Combs reported the perpetrator of the Minersville School District bomb scare has been arrested in Georgia. Police Chief Combs reported that the force is losing two part-time officers. Mr. Firestine question why the Police white explorer is in the garage. Police Chief Combs stated it needs engine work estimated at \$3500. The Mayor stated the Police need three reliable vehicles and currently have two. Mr. Mahalchick stated unused vehicles should be taken off of the insurance policy. The Chief believes the policy is a flat rate. He will look into the insurance.

Community Development-Mr. Mahal reported the Street Scape Project will not be completed before the Fireman's Convention but the contractors involved will work with the borough.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

The Community Yard Sale will held June 5, 2021.

The Council moved to Executive Session at 8:32 for personnel purposes.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 9pm.

Mr. Firestine made a motion, second by Mr. Mahal, to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Capik, Secretary

