

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 P.M., August 12, 2008 in the Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street.

Mr. William Angelo presided and opened the meeting with the Flag ceremony.

ATTENDANCE:

The following Council members attended: Mr. William Angelo, President; Mr. Keith Adams, Vice-President; Mr. Albert Bobinas; Mrs. Helen Droskinis; Mr. James Kimmel; Mr. Jamie Kuehn; Mr. Paul Vuksta; Mayor David Dutcavich; Attorney John Kantner; Norman Woodford, Treasurer; and Megan Paul, Secretary. Also attending were Police Chief Robert Bergan; Fire Chief Eric Eichenberg; Fred Bainbridge, Code Enforcement Officer; Jeffrey Enders, Street Supervisor; James Cleary, Municipal Authority Manager and Donald Troutman, Water Authority Laborer. Solicitor Albert Evans was absent.

Seven Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to approve July's Secretary Minutes; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

VISITORS:

Mr. Joseph Seiders, representing the Emanuel Church, stated there has been increased vandalism, including broken windows at the garage of the Church and fires being started between the church and parsonage. Mr. Seiders is requesting increased patrols by the police department. Chief Bergan asked if the age of the people doing the vandalism is known. Mr. Seiders stated the ages range from 12-16 years in age. Chief Bergan asked if there is a specific time the kids are there. Mr. Seiders stated they are there at different times of the day. Chief Bergan stated the police will look into the matter.

Mr. Earle Spotts, 263 Middle Street, stated cars are being broken into on Middle Street. When the police were called they never responded. Also, kids are sitting on their porch and when the police were called there was no response to that call either. Chief Bergan stated he will look into both situations.

Lisa Wescott, West Norwegian Street, inquired into the status of the investigation regarding herself, Chief Bergan, and Patrolman Bowers. Mr. Kuehn stated the matter is under investigation and Council hopes to have it settled by the September meeting.

Anna Mae Romberger, 312 Pottsville Street, wanted to know the status of her complaints. Mr. Angelo stated the solicitor needs to respond to her problem.

COMMITTEES:

Streets, Highways & Electric Lights:

Mr. Kimmel stated the Street, Highways & Electric Lights looked into the parking issue on N Oak Street. The car parked at the intersection of N Oak and School Streets is parked too close to the corner. The street department will erect a sign or paint the area.

Mr. Kimmel stated a petition was received by Pine Street requesting "T" parking lines be painted. Mr. Kimmel questioned who decided on the streets to be painted. Mr. Enders stated the Council needs to inform the street department one what streets to paint and they will be painted. Mr. Enders stated the paint is expensive. Mrs. Droskinis questioned whether there was "T" parking on that street previously. Mr. Enders stated no there was not.

Fire:

All council members received a copy of the fire report submitted for July by Fire Chief Eric Eichenberg.

Mr. Vuksta stated the Independent Hose Company will donate two air packs for use in the chemical room at the swimming pool. There are people trained in the street department to use the air packs.

Law & Order:

The second reading was held for the Drug Task Force Agreement with the County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the agreement as read; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Mary Botek, 350 Line Street, and Mrs. Tara Moyer, 439 North Street, submitted a handicap application to Council. Chief Bergan approved the application. A motion was made by Mr. Kuehn to approve the application; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

Community Development & Public Property:

Senior Citizens & Recreation:

Mr. Adams stated there will be a Splash Party and Outdoor Movie, "Star Wars" on August 15, 2008. The final movie night and splash party will be August 23, 2008. This event will honor the 11-12 Girls All-Star Team.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was read from the West End Outlaws requesting use of the Teener League Field for the 2009 Baseball Season. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the request contingent of receiving the liability insurance; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Mr. Angelo stated the Teener League has first use of the field. Mr. Adams stated the letter states they will work with the Teener League for use of the field. Motion passed as presented.

A letter was received from the Church of St. Patrick requesting to erect a sign advertising the End of Summer Picnic on August 31, 2008. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented.

A letter was received from the Minersville Lions Club requesting to erect five temporary directional signs on August 24, 2008 at three locations in the Borough. The locations are:

1. Traffic light pole on Rt 901 at the bottom of town
2. 2 signs at the intersection of Third and Sunbury Streets
3. 2 signs at the intersection of Third and Church Streets.

Mr. Bobinas made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

An executive session was held from 7:35 pm – 8:05 pm to discuss a personnel matter. After returning from executive session, Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to appoint Mr. Cleary interim Infrastructure Manager; seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Angelo questioned when the salt bid for the winter season comes in. Ms. Paul stated she will find out.

Mr. Angelo asked if there is heat to the globe hall. Mr. Enders stated the heat was turned on approximately five years ago. Council stated they would like the globe hall winterize in September or October.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Kimmel made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Paul
Borough Secretary