

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 P.M., July 8, 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; Solicitor Albert Evans; Norman Woodford, Treasurer; and Megan Paul, Secretary. Also attending were Paul Lohin, Sewer Authority Chairman; Fire Chief Eric Eichenberg; Fred Bainbridge, Code Enforcement Officer; Jeffrey Enders, Street Supervisor and Donald Troutman, Water Authority Laborer. Ms. Aubrey Kendig, Junior Council Person was absent

Seven Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

Mrs. Kimmel made a motion to approve June's Secretary Minutes; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

VISITORS:

Mrs. Alana Nush, 247 S Fourth Street, inquired whether Council has made a decision in regards to the South Fourth Street residents request for residential parking. Mr. Kimmel stated the committee has met and is looking at adding 31 additional parking spaces without moving the playground. Mr. Kimmel stated by removing the island and painting diagonal spots 10 additional spots will be gained, moving the walking trail into the complex area will add 15 additional spots, and adding 6 diagonal spots on S Fifth Street by the pavilion. Mr. Kimmel stated the committee will add these spots and then evaluate the situation again.

COMMITTEES:

Streets, Highways & Electric Lights:

Mr. Graver submitted a task order from Entech Engineering to design and bid the Church Street Reconstruction Project for approval by Council. Mr. Graver stated the project is projected to be bid in January with work beginning in early spring. The CDBG Competitive Grant received was for \$500,000 the cost will probably exceed the grant but there is approximately \$150,000 available from the Liquid Fuels fund and still have enough in the Liquid Fuels account to replace the pickup truck. Mr. Bobinas made a motion to approve the task order for Entech Engineering; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Fire:

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

Law & Order:

Solicitor Evans held the first reading of the Drug Task Force Agreement

Mrs. Elizabeth DiNicola, 28 Sunbury Street, Mrs. Irene Scholato 101 Front Street, and Ms. Moira Brennan, 530 Lewis 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. Adams. Mr. Kuehn stated Mrs. DiNicola and Mrs. Scholato requested placement to be on the side of their property. Motion passed as presented.

Mayor Dutcavich stated correspondence was received from Conrad Siegel, to update the police pension plan documents. The cost will be \$2,000 and will be paid from the police pension plan. When the bill is received Mayor Dutcavich will convene the board to approve the payment.

Community Development & Public Property:

Mr. William Frantz, Sunbury Street, submitted a driveway application for the rear of his property for Council approval. Bainbridge reviewed and approved the applications. A motion was made by Mr. Kuehn to approve the application; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented.

Finance & Sanitation:

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the reports of all officers; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

The monthly bills were read and signed. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the bills properly signed and pay the bills as presented seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Adams stated a copy of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Compared to Budget for the first half of the year is in Council's packets.

Water & Sewer:

Mr. Bobinas stated the Lewis Street project is projected to be completed by the end of September and is currently finishing the Third Street intersection.

Solicitor Evans read an ordinance to guarantee the Debt of the Municipal Authority due to a refinancing of the current debt. The refinancing is due to a better interest rate being offered to the Municipal Authority by the Miners Bank. Mr. Bobinas made a motion to approve the ordinance as read; seconded by Mr. Kimmel. Motion passed as presented.

Personnel:

Mrs. Droskinis stated copies of the performance reports will be included in the packets for next month.

Senior Citizens & Recreation:

Mr. Adams stated a request was made by the YMCA Swim Team to use the pool to host a tournament. Mr. Adams made a motion to allow the Recreation Committee work out the details with the YMCA and give the committee authority to approve the event; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Mr. Graver stated in the past the Borough has requested a joint venture with the YMCA to use their grant funds for the pool in turn allowing them use of the facility. Mr. Adams stated the YMCA is willing to discuss the possibilities of helping with funding for the pool. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Adams stated the reports for the pool are in Council's packet.

Mr. Adams stated the Trick-Or-Treat Night needs to be approved to be added to the calendar of events for the Miners Journal. Mr. Adams made a motion to make Thursday, October 30, 2008 from 6pm.-8pm. Trick-Or-Treat night; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was read from the Minersville Business and Professional Association requesting to block North Street from Veteran's to Second Street; Fourth Street from Lewis to Carbon Streets and Third Street from Lewis to Carbon Street.. Mr. Angelo questioned whether the Fire Chief has a problem with the closings. Chief Eichenberg stated there was no problem as long as emergency vehicles can pass. Mr. Kimmel made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

A letter was read from Johnny's Tavern requesting to erect a sign on the highway to advertise for their "Five for Four Bar Tour" on August 23, 2008. Mr. Kimmel made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Adams made a motion to advertise the Recycling Truck Bids; seconded by Mr. Kimmel. Mr. Graver stated the truck will be shared with Minersville, Shenandoah, and Frackville Boroughs. Motion passed as presented.

An executive session was held from 7:35 pm – 7:55 pm to discuss a personnel matter. After returning from executive session, Mr. Bobinas made a motion to accept the resignation of Borough Infrastructure Manager Scott Graver with regret; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented. Mr. Lohin asked to make a statement from the Sewer Authority. Mr. Lohin stated the authority would like to express its shock at the resignation to move to another position. The authority stated Mr. Graver will be a hard man to replace, he was a hard worker. The authority would like to express their thanks to Scott and wish him best wishes and success. Mr. Angelo thanked Mr. Graver for all the work he has done for the Borough. Mr. Joseph Post thanked Mr. Graver for all the work he has done over the years. Mayor Dutcavich stated he agrees with the Mr. Lohin's statement and also stated Mr. Graver made sure the community thrived because of the grants he applied for and implemented. Mrs. Droskinis stated Mr. Graver worked to complete every challenge requested of him, including the 2000 Ball Drop.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to authorize the personnel committee to advertise for an infrastructure manager; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to affirm the Mayor's response to a grievance filed by Patrolman Sterner and Hoban since the timeliness provision was violated; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Bobinas would like to Solicitor to look into paid parking space for Borough residents in front of their homes.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Paul
Borough Secretary