

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 p.m., June 9, 2009 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; 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 James Cleary, Infrastructure Manager; Police Chief Robert Bergan; Fire Chief Eric Eichenberg; Fred Bainbridge, Code Enforcement Officer; Jeffery Enders, Street Supervisor; and Donald Troutman, Water Authority Laborer. Mr. Albert Bobinas was absent.

Six Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

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

**VISITORS:**

Mrs. Jean Mesaravage, 413 Pine St, stated the property next the football field is a mess. People walk their dogs without cleaning up and there are abandoned vehicles. Mr. Angelo stated the property is owned by the school district and they would have to be contacted to take care of the problem. Mr. Bainbridge will contact the school to make them aware of the problems on the lot.

Mr. Anthony Milesosky, 204 Oak Street, stated the property located at 206 Oak Street is in extreme disrepair. Mr. Milesosky stated the back porch is dilapidated, the tar paper is coming off. Also, he gets a burnt wood smell when it rains or is windy. The owner of the property is Nutmeg Investment Group, the property taxes are not paid and no one has resided there since December 2007. Mr. Bainbridge stated the owners have been cited and the only way the borough can fix any problems is if the claim eminent domain and take the property. Solicitor Evans stated he look into the nuisance laws regarding dilapidated structures.

Mr. James Domlesky, 312 N Third Street, stated he would like to see a skate park for kids within the borough. The Tony Hawk Foundation will build the skate park with a grant of \$20,000 – \$25,000. Mr. Angelo stated this was looked into once before and the liability insurance was extremely high. Mr. Bainbridge stated Tamaqua and St. Clair removed their parks due to insurance costs and vandalism. Another question is where the skate park would be located. Mr. Adams stated he contacted the Goodwill to see if they were using the helipad, to which they stated it is still used for transports. Mr. Adams stated the Recreation Committee will look into the situation.

Dr. Barry Boran and Dr. Michael Pryzwara, Boran Dental Assocaites, S Fourth Street, stated they would like the Residential Parking Only removed from the even side of S Fourth Street. They stated most residents have off street parking and it hinders the patients coming. Mr. Cleary recommends removing the parking from the even side. Also, the committee is looking at ways to increase the parking to the recreation facility. The police will not ticket on the even side of the street.

**COMMITTEES:**

***Streets, Highways & Electric Lights:***

None.

***Fire:***

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

Mr. Vuksta stated the Mountaineers will be holding a boot drive July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5 – 8:30 p.m. on Sunbury Street and the Pottsville/Minersville Highway.

***Law & Order:***

None.

***Community Development & Public Property:***

Mr. Daniel Collins, 411 Church St, submitted a driveway application for Council's approval. Mr. Bainbridge reviewed and approved the application. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Ms. Melanie Dronick, 111 S Third St, submitted a driveway application for Council's approval. Mr. Bainbridge reviewed and approved the application. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn questioned if the Borough restricts the number of driveway accesses on a street. Mr. Bainbridge stated he has never restricted the number because having off street parking gets vehicles off of the street.

Mr. Kuehn stated the deadline for the Borough newsletter is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

***Finance & Sanitation:***

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 made a motion to approve the reports of all officers; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

***Water & Sewer:***

The Minersville Sewer Authority Solicitor Thomas Pellish held the seconded reading of an Ordinance for the Sewer Authority PennVEST Loan. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the ordinance as read; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. A roll call vote was taken with all six council members in agreement, the motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to authorize the officers to execute any additional agreements for the Sewer Authority PennVEST Loan; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Cleary stated the Church Street Requisition is in Council's packet. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the requisition; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Cleary stated the main sewer trump is done next will be the work on the laterals and water lines.

***Personnel:***

A brief executive session was held regarding a personnel issue.

Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to remove Shawn Tray as health officer and appoint Kim Burns to fill the position until the end of the year; seconded by Mr. Kimmel. With Mr. Kuehn voting no, motion passed as presented.

***Senior Citizens & Recreation:***

Mr. Adams requested to adjust the lifeguard's salaries based on hours and years they have worked for us. Mr. Adams made the motion to allow the Recreation Committee to set the wages; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Adams made a motion to allow the Tempest Swim Team use of the pool for practice provided it does not interfere with Borough events at the pool; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Coordination would be done through the pool manager and Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Cleary stated the advertisement will be placed for the Bathhouse work of the pool.

Mr. Adams stated the outdoor movie was attended by 125-150 people.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A letter was read from the Church of the Broken Pieces requesting to hold their flea market on Saturday, June 27 from 7a m until 5 p.m. on Lewis and Front Sts. Mr. Adams made a motion to grant permission for use of Lewis Street only for the event; seconded by Mr. Kimmel. Motion passed as presented.

A letter was read from the New Minersville Hose Co. Softball Team requesting to hold its Annual Modified Tournament on June 19-21, 2009. Council granted permission for use of the New Minersville Field for the Tournament.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mr. Cleary stated Mayor Dutcavich as property on Church Street he would be willing to exchange for the Lewis Street property so it can be made into additional parking for the recreational complex. Solicitor Evans stated he would look into what procedures would have to be followed to complete the exchange.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Paul  
Borough Secretary