

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 p.m., March 10, 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; Mr. Albert Bobinas; Mrs. Helen Droskinis; Mr. Jamie Kuehn; Mr. Paul Vuksta; Mayor David Dutcavich; Solicitor Albert Evans; 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 Eric Andruckcheck, Borough Assistant Fire Chief. Mr. James Kimmel was absent.

Six Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

Mr. Bobinas made a motion to approve February's Secretary Minutes; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Mr. Kuehn stated there was a communication not listed from Father Leo Maletz from St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish in regards to the moving of the New Minersville Playground. Motion passed as presented.

VISITORS:

None.

COMMITTEES:

Streets, Highways & Electric Lights:

Mr. Cleary stated the representative from PennDOT will be coming to get a bid packet together for street repaving. There will be at least 4 streets and 2 alternates. Some streets will be milled and paved others just paved.

Fire:

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

Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to terminate the current lease with the New Minersville Hose Company and create a new lease for \$1 per year for 100 years and an agreement to move the playground; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented. Solicitor Evans stated he will add the agreement to move the playground in the new lease agreement.

Law & Order:

Mrs. Rose Hranchock, 502 Sunbury St, submitted a handicap application for Council approval. Chief Bergan reviewed and approved the application. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn stated all officers will have taser certifications.

Community Development & Public Property:

The bids for the 142-144 New Street and 600 & 602 School Street were opened and read. The results are attached to the minutes. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to accept the bids as read and to allow the Community Development and Public Property to award the bids; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

The bids for the Church Street Reconstruction Project were opened and read. The results are attached to the minutes. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to accept the bids as read and refer the bids for review to Mr. Cleary and Entech Engineering; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn stated the deadline for the May newsletter is April 3, 2009.

Also, the Minersville Recreation Committee will hold a Community Yard Sale on June 6th from 7 -12 with a cost of \$5.00 to register your home on the map.

Mr. Cleary stated the plans and specifications for the Swimming Pool grant was sent to the DCNR. Mr. Cleary stated there is work to be done on the pool before it can open, i.e. the new screen drains and painting and sealing of the pool. Mr. Adams made a motion to advertise for the pool grant work pending approval from the DCNR; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

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.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; 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. Bobinas 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 approve the Debt Statement for the Sewer Authority PennVEST Loan; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the Borrowing Base Certificate for the Sewer Authority PennVEST Loan; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the Account Security Agreement for the Sewer Authority PennVEST Loan; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the Second Guarantee Agreement for the Sewer Authority PennVEST Loan; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. 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. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

Personnel:

Mrs. Droskinis stated she checked with the Street Department to make sure all is going well since the retirement of Joseph Melochick. She stated all is going well.

Senior Citizens & Recreation:

Mr. Adams made a motion to advertise for pool personnel; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was read from Johnny's Tavern requesting to erect a sign advertising their "Five for Four Bar Tour". Mr. Bobinas asked Chief Bergan if there were any problems from the event held previously. Chief Bergan stated there were no problems. Mr. Vuksta made a motion to approve the request to erect a sign; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

A letter was read from the Hillside SPCA requesting to erect a sign to advertise for their fundraiser at the New Minersville Hose Co. Mr. Bobinas made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

A letter was read from the Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. request to hold their Annual Block Party and to close North Street from Second to Fourth and Third Street from Carbon to Lewis Street. Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Angelo stated a request was made from St. Michael's Church requesting to close Lewis Street from Fifth to Sixth Street on July 17 and 18 for their Annual Parish Picnic. Mr. Angelo stated the church would like speak to the Fire Chief to allow for emergency access. Mr. Vuksta made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Bobinas stated the next COG meeting will be held in Palo Alto on April 21, 2009. Mr. Bobinas stated two council members should be appointed to the COG.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Angelo stated he would like to nominate Mr. Gregory Volkay as the 2009 Citizen of the Year. The Citizen of the Year will be named at the next Council meeting.

An executive session was held from 7:46 p.m. – 8:22 p.m.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the draft copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement pending approval from Solicitor Evans; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Adams made a motion inform Mr. Gabardi that the driveway will be closed April 15, 2009 allowing him to respond at the next Council meeting; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Paul
Borough Secretary