

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 P.M., March 13, 2007 in the Council Chambers, North Delaware Avenue and East Carbon Street.

Mrs. Helen Droskinis presided and opened the meeting with the Flag ceremony.

**ATTENDANCE:**

The following Council members attended: Mrs. Helen Droskinis, President; Mr. Joseph Post, Vice-President; Mr. Keith Adams; Mr. William Angelo; Mr. James Kimmel; Mr. Jamie Kuehn; Mr. Walter Miscavage; Mayor David Dutcavich; Nicole Davis, Junior Council Person; Megan Paul, Secretary; and Mr. Norman Woodford, Treasurer. Scott Graver, Infrastructure Manager; Chief Bergan and Fire Chief Eric Eichenberg were also present. Solicitor Thomas Pellish was absent.

Seven Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

A motion to accept February's Secretary Minutes was made by Mr. Angelo and seconded by Mr. Post. Motion passed as presented.

A letter was read from Solicitor Pellish stating he is resigning his position with the Borough but will remain with the Minersville Sewer Authority as Solicitor. He will provide legal advice until a new solicitor is appointed. Mrs. Droskinis stated the letter was read first so that the public is made aware that there will be no solicitor at this month's meeting in case any legal matters are brought to Council's attention. Mr. Angelo made a motion to accept the resignation with regret; seconded by Mr. Miscavage. Mr. Miscavage stated it was a pleasure to work with Mr. Pellish. When a solicitor was needed interviews were done; Mr. Miscavage believes the borough lucked out with Mr. Pellish. Mr. Miscavage stated he admired the way Mr. Pellish could use humor to defuse a tense situation. Mr. Miscavage is proud to call him a friend and is sorry to see him go. Mr. Miscavage wishes him the best with all his endeavors.

**VISITORS:**

None.

**COMMITTEES:**

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

Mr. Miscavage stated the Valentine's Day storm cost the borough approximately \$15,000 with the snow removal on Sunbury Street costing \$7,500. Mr. Miscavage wanted to commend the borough workers that worked 19 hours straight. Mr. Miscavage stated he would like to look into a way to stop people from throwing snow onto the streets. Also, he would like to ask residents not to pile snow in intersections.

***Fire:***

All council members received a copy of the fire report submitted for January and February by Fire Chief Eric Eichenberg. Mr. Angelo stated on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> there were two false alarms pulled from Box 52 on Westwood Street. The matter was turned over to the police. Chief Bergan stated an arrest was made.

***Law & Order:***

Mrs. Theresa Longo, 413 Carbon Street, submitted a handicap application to Council. Mr. Kimmel stated she would like the sign placed in front of another person's home. Mr. Kimmel recommends not approving the application and sending a letter stating a handicap sign can only be placed in front of your own property. Council agreed.

Mrs. Elizabeth Iovino, 23 S Delaware Avenue, submitted a handicap application to Council. Chief Bergan approved the application. A motion was made by Mr. Kimmel to approve the application; seconded by Mr. Angelo. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kimmel stated the police have officially moved into the new station and are working on having a ribbon cutting ceremony.

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

The second reading for the Youth Tobacco Ordinance was held. Mr. Post made a motion to approve the ordinance properly read and advertised; seconded by Mr. Kimmel. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn stated he has met with the Lion's Club twice and once with the Minersville Youth Soccer Association and the Teener league in regards to the use of the facilities at the Teener league field and Lion's Pavilion. Mr. Kuehn stated the Lion's agreed to keep the gate but it will remain unlocked. Mr. Kuehn stated the Lion's request having signs posted stating Lion's parking and to possibly develop the area behind the Lion's lot for more parking. Mr. Kuehn and Mr. Angelo stated they would look at the area with Mr. Graver to see if the area can be developed.

***Finance & Sanitation:***

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

Mr. Post made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Mr. Miscavage. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Post requested that people recycle to help reduce costs.

Mrs. Droskinis stated the Council needs more information before a decision can be made on the EMS Tax.

***Water & Sewer:***

Mr. Post stated they are working on their ongoing projects. They are also looking at purchasing Reager's Garage.

Mr. Graver stated the Aeration Project is approximately 60-65% complete.

***Personnel:***

A brief executive session was called for personnel and finance matters from 8:04 to 8:10 p.m.

***Senior Citizens & Recreation:***

Mr. Miscavage made a motion to pay JB Electric's application for payment #1 in the amount of \$ 23,130.00 for the swimming pool construction; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Adams stated the Recreation Commission has had two meetings with 8-10 people attending. They are scheduling a bus trip on May 5<sup>th</sup> to New York. Mr. Adams questioned if the borough would consider transferring \$1,000 as start up money for the commission to run events. Mr. Adams stated the goal is for the recreation commission to become self-sufficient. Mr. Adams made the motion to transfer \$1,000 to the Recreation Commission; seconded by Mr. Angelo. Mr. Miscavage questioned again if it is just for the start up. Mr. Adams stated it is for the start up of the commission. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Adams stated there will be a Movie Night for seniors at the Minersville High Rise on March 29<sup>th</sup>. They will be showing Easter Parade with Fred Astaire and Judy Garland.

**REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES:**

All Council members received copies of the Reports of Officers.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

A letter was read from the Minersville Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. requesting the use of North Street for their 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Block Party. Mr. Angelo made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Kimmel. Motion passed as presented.

A letter was read from the Minersville Business and Professional Association requesting to hold their Annual Spirit Day on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 6 pm. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Miscavage. Motion passed as presented.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mr. Kuehn stated he is working with Mr. Bainbridge and Solicitor Pellish on the formation of a UCC Board.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Miscavage wanted to thank Mr. McBreen and Mr. Yacobacci for organizing the Minersville Area High School students to help with the cleanup of the Church of the Broken Pieces vandalism. Mr. Miscavage stated the borough needs to make the public aware that the Borough has no tolerance for this kind of racial vandalism in the Borough. Mr. Miscavage stated that this is the second time this type of vandalism has occurred in the Borough. The first time was at the Minersville Area Community Swimming Pool. Mr. Miscavage stated he is offering a \$150 reward from information leading to the arrest of the culprits.

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Davis made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Miscavage. Motion passed as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Paul  
Borough Secretary