

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 p.m., May 12, 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. Albert Bobinas; Mrs. Helen Droskinis; Mr. James Kimmel; Mr. Jamie Kuehn; Mr. Paul Vuksta; Mayor David Dutcavich; 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. Keith Adams, Vice-President and Solicitor Albert Evans were absent.

Six Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

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

VISITORS:

Mrs. Alana Nush, 247 S Fourth St, questioned the status of the residential parking only request made by the South Fourth Street residents. Mr. Kimmel stated Council met with the Little League and has requested the coaches park at the lot by the Lions Pavilion also, the Borough will request its pool employees park there also. Mr. Kimmel stated Council is reviewing options to add additional parking and residential parking is still one of the options. Mrs. Nush stated the cost to place residential parking signs is minimal. Mrs. Nush stated the people do not treat the residents with respect when they have to double park to unload their cars. Mr. Kimmel questioned how many permits should be given and how are they regulated.

Mr. Anthony Milesosky, 204 Oak Street, stated the property located at 204 Oak Street is in extreme disrepair. Sections of siding and drain spouting are coming down. The holes are causing a draft between the two properties increasing his heating oil bills. Mr. Bainbridge stated he removed the section of spouting that was coming down and has made attempts to contact the owner to repair the property. All that can be done is to cite the owners.

Mr. Thomas Leskowsky, 717 N Second Street, stated he went to the office to pay his utility bills and was told he had to pay the penalties. Mr. Angelo questioned whether he made arrangements with the office to pay the bill prior to the due date. Mr. Leskowsky stated he did not make any arrangements. Mr. Angelo stated in the future to contact the office prior to the bill date to make arrangements for bill payment.

COMMITTEES:

Streets, Highways & Electric Lights:

The bids for the street paving were opened and read (see attached bid sheet). Mr. Kuehn made a motion to accept the bids as read and allow the committee to award the bid upon review; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented.

The bids for the pool chemicals were opened and read (see attached bid sheet). Mr. Bobinas made a motion to accept the bids as read and allow the committee to award the bid upon review; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Cleary stated we have been in contact with PPL Electric regarding Stimulus money available for LED Street Light Upgrades. We have faxed the information to PPL and are willing to either use the

stimulus monies or be a model community for futures projects. Mr. Cleary stated he will keep Council informed of the progress.

Mrs. Droskinis stated she feels Council needs to finalize plans for South Fourth Streets parking situation. Mr. Kimmel stated permits for cars are required before placing the signs. Mr. Angelo stated the situation needs to be addressed. The problem is people do not want to walk from the other parking lot or their homes. Mr. Kuehn stated he felt placing signs will cause the problem to move elsewhere. Mrs. Droskinis felt the sign should be for residential parking only May 1 to July 31 from 12 to 9 Monday thru Friday. Also there should only be one permit given per household. Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to allow the committee to finalize and authorize the signs and permits for South Fourth Street Residential Parking Only; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. With Mr. Bobinas and Mr. Kuehn voting no and all others in attendance voting yes, motion passed as presented.

Fire:

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

Law & Order:

Mr. Anthony Sylvester, submitted a handicap application for Council's approval. Chief Bergan reviewed and approved the application. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

Community Development & Public Property:

Mr. Cleary stated the lot at 219-221 Lewis Street will be clear of CDBG regulations by next year and can then be placed for advertisement. Mr. Kuehn stated no action needs to be taken at this time.

Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to order and install the third security camera for \$785 at the compost site; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Mr. Enders stated the camera will be placed on the fuel tank and will allow for 100% surveillance at the site. Motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Marie Osenbach, 568 Sunbury Street, submitted a driveway application for Council's approval. Mr. Bainbridge reviewed and approved the application with the condition the access will be concrete. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented.

The finalized CDBG and CDBG-R figures were presented. And a 2006 Budget reallocation from Sewer Project to Housing Rehabilitation was presented. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approving the Community Development Block Grant Program Applications, Budget Reallocations and Environmental Review; seconded by Mr. Bobinas. Motion passed as presented.

Finance & Sanitation:

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the bills properly signed and pay the bills as presented, ; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented.

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

Water & Sewer:

Mr. Cleary stated the public meeting was held on May 6, 2009 for the residents of Church Street. Just under half of the residents attended the meeting. Work is set to begin on May 26, 2009.

Personnel:

Nothing to Report.

Senior Citizens & Recreation:

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to keep the salaries the same for the 2009 pool season personnel; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn stated the request received from Diakon regarding use of the pool for an event was in Council packet last week. Mr. Angelo stated he would like to see a proposal for next month.

Mr. Kuehn stated the Tempest Swim Team is requesting use of the pool for practice. Mr. Kuehn stated he would have the team coordinate with the pool schedules of events. Mr. Kuehn stated he will have all the information for next month.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was read from the Independent Hose Company requesting to hold a boot drive. Mr. Angelo stated permission was granted previously to allow the hose companies to have one boot drive per year.

A letter was read from the Minersville Little League Association requesting to erect a sign to advertise their Annual Little League Night. Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

A letter was read from St. Michael the Archangel requesting to place a sign advertising their Block party. Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to allow them to place the sign July 6 – July 19; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to approve the lease agreement for the New Minersville Hose Company expansion; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Vuksta made a motion to join the Central Schuylkill Council of Governments; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Mr. Bobinas stated the fee would be approximately \$100 per year. Motion passed as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council reviewed the Zigmund Agreement and decided to table the issue for further discussion.

Mr. Cleary stated he has contact Scott and Keith Purcell to look at the roof to see what work needs to be done.

Mr. Cleary stated the wall that collapsed on Linden Street has been fixed.

Mr. Kuehn stated the Recreation Committee is holding a Ping Pong Tournament on May 31 at the Good Shepherd Gymnasium.

Mr. Bobinas made a motion to allow the Recreation Committee to develop signs similar to Marlin restricting the ages allowed in the Borough Playgrounds; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Angelo stated the police study should be completed soon.

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