

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 P.M., May 13, 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; Mrs. Helen Droskinis; Mr. James Kimmel; Mr. Jamie Kuehn; Mr. Paul Vuksta; Ms. Aubrey Kendig, Junior Council Person; and Mayor David Dutcavich; Solicitor Albert Evans; Norman Woodford, Treasurer; and Megan Paul, Secretary. Also attending were Scott Graver, Infrastructure Manager; Police Chief Robert Bergan; Fire Chief Eric Eichenberg and Jeffrey Enders, Street Supervisor. Mr. Keith Adams, Vice-President and Mr. Albert Bobinas were absent

Five Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

Mr. Kimmel made a motion to approve April's Secretary Minutes; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to appoint part-time patrolman Shawn Tray to the position of Health Officer; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented. Mayor Dutcavich read the Oath of Officer Shawn Tray.

VISITORS:

Alana Nush and Lorraine Enders, South Fourth Street residents, presented a petition from the residents on the odd side of South Fourth Street requesting residential parking only for the spring and summer. Mr. Angelo questioned if there is a specific time during the day they are requesting for parking. Mr. Kuehn stated the council is looking at moving the playground to add additional parking and also there is an additional lot behind the Lions Pavilion parking lot. Mrs. Nush stated that between the Little League and swimming pool parking is blocked from noon until almost 10 pm. Council referred the matter to the Streets, Highways & Electric Lights Committee. Mrs. Droskinis stated residential parking was granted to the North Fifth Street to help increase the safety of school children. Mrs. Droskinis stated the Council met with school officials numerous times before making the decision and feels the South Fourth Street residents also deserve to have there issue looked into.

Mrs. Deborah Novosky, 571 & 573 Lewis Street, stated her neighbor at 568 Sunbury Street fixed his sewer pipe but left an opening exposed. She would like council to make Mr. Sborz fill in the hole. Mrs. Novosky stated there is a garage up the street that the occupants pull the vehicles out and working the vehicles on the street. Also, Mr. John Litwak has three vehicles that he lets parked on the street for long periods of time. Chief Bergan stated he will look into the police matters and Mr. Graver stated Mr. Sborz has been asked numerous times to fill in the hole on his property.

COMMITTEES:

Streets, Highways & Electric Lights:

Nothing to report.

Fire:

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

Mr. Vuskta read correspondence from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency stated approval has been received from the Governor appointing Eric Eichenberg as Minersville Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator.

Law & Order:

Solicitor Evans stated he reviewed the Drug Task Force Agreement with the County's Attorney General. Solicitor Evans stated the agreement is standard and has no problem with the Council adopting the agreement. Solicitor Evans stated an ordinance needs to be passed and he will have the ordinance for next month. Council tabled the issue until next month.

Community Development & Public Property:

Mr. Matthew Bevan, 306 Carbon Street, submitted a driveway application for Council approval. Mr. Bainbridge approved the application. A motion was made by Mr. Kuehn to approve the application; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented.

Finance & Sanitation:

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to reallocate the 2008 Budget to include \$1000 to be split among the Assistant Fire Chiefs; seconded by Mr. Kimmel. Motion passed as presented.

Water & Sewer:

Mr. Graver stated the Tunnel Project is currently behind the First National Bank. The walls will be poured next week. Also, 70% of the sidewalks in the 100 block are finished. Fire Chief Eichenberg questioned whether the N Second Street intersection will be opened before closing the North Third Street intersection. Mr. Graver stated the N Third Street intersection will not be completely closed. Mr. Graver also stated emergency apparatus can be on the 100 block of Lewis Street with access from Front Street.

Mrs. Droskinis questioned who parked a camper at the compost site next to the newly constructed water authority pole building. Mr. Angelo stated he will ask at the next authority meeting.

Personnel:

Mrs. Droskinis stated there is an intern working in the office for the summer. Edward Glenbockie will be working with the office for credit for college. Mrs. Droskinis stated the position is not a paid position.

Senior Citizens & Recreation:

Mrs. Droskinis stated a design is needed for the brick wall at the pool. Mr. Bobinas stated previously he will help build the wall. Mrs. Droskinis stated she will see if there are masonry students at the Vo-Tech who would like to help with the project for community service.

Mr. Angelo stated the office has received quotes from Coca-Cola in regards to a water cooler for the lifeguard station and the prices were better than Crystal Springs. Since the pool also receives deliveries from Coca-Cola Mr. Angelo feels the best option is to have Coca-Cola deliver the water cooler for the lifeguard stand. Council agreed to have Coca-Cola deliver the water cooler and water for the season.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was read from the St. Vincent DePaul Church requesting to erect a sign advertising their annual parish picnic. Mr. Vuskta made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Kimmel. Motion passed as presented.

The monthly bills were read and signed. 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 Treasurer's Report and the reports of all officers; seconded by Mrs. Droskinis. Motion passed as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to award Mr. M Joseph Brady, the 2008 Citizen of the Year; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

After a discussion at the work session, Council agreed to keep to rates for pool personnel the same as last years rates.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kimmel stated we are looking into rates from other municipalities in regards to the heavy hauling permit.

Mr. Kimmel extended congratulations to Solicitor Evans and his wife on the birth of their new baby.

A brief executive session was held from 7:40 pm – 7:50 pm to discuss a police matter.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Paul
Borough Secretary