

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 p.m., November 12, 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; Mr. Keith Adams, Vice-President; Mr. Albert Bobinas; Mrs. Helen Droskinis; Mr. James Kimmel; Mr. Jamie Kuehn; Mr. Paul Vuksta; Mayor David Dutcavich; Solicitor Albert Evans; and Megan Paul, Secretary. Also attending were James Cleary, Interim Infrastructure Manager; Fire Chief Eric Eichenberg; Jeffery Enders, Street Supervisor; and Donald Troutman, Municipal Authority Laborer.

Seven Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

Mr. Bobinas made a motion to approve October's Secretary Minutes; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

VISITORS:

Randall Dillman Jr., 419 North Street, stated kids are hanging out on the corners causing problems. Also, the residents are not abiding by the "T" Parking lines. Mr. Angelo stated the police have been apprised of the situation with the kids and directed to check out the matter. Mayor Dutcavich stated the officers have reviewed the Youth Tobacco Ordinance for enforcement. Mayor Dutcavich stated residents should call the police when incidents of happening. The phone numbers are 544-2333 or 628-3792.

COMMITTEES:

Streets, Highways & Electric Lights:

Mr. Cleary stated the Borough does not have any new working parking meters to put on Sunbury Street. The meters are approximately \$71.00 each to purchase or we can look into recalibrating meters we have. Council referred the matter to the Streets, Highways & Electric Lights Committee.

Fire:

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

Mr. Vuksta stated the Rescue Hook & Ladder's Open House was well attended. Also, 97 firefighters, 49 of them from the Borough attended the "Courage to Stay Safe" presentation.

Law & Order:

Mrs. Mary Zambiasi, 101 S Delaware Avenues; Mrs. Pearl Nebrosky, 261 Middle Street; and Mr. Alvin Woodford, 217 Middle Street, submitted a handicap applications for Council approval. Chief Bergan reviewed and approved the applications. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the application; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

A Resolution regarding member contributions to the Minersville Borough Police Pension Plans was read. Mr. Kimmel made a motion to approve the Resolution as read; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

Community Development & Public Property:

Solicitor Evans stated he has completed the title searches for 140-142 New Street, 600 School Street and 602 School Street. Solicitor Evans has deeds drafted to transfer 140-142 New Street and 600 School Street to the Borough. Solicitor Evans stated there are significant liens on 602 School Street. Solicitor Evans drafted an agreement between Kenneth Woodford and the Borough to demolish the property. If Mr. Woodford sells the land after demolition, the Borough will recoup the cost to demolish. If not, in a year the property will be listed for Judicial sale and the Borough will take the property free off all liens.

Solicitor Evans stated the Borough can apply for the matching demolition grant. Mr. Cleary stated there are ample funds in CDBG and the Fire Escrow account to match the County funds. Mr. Cleary stated prior to using the CDBG funds an Environmental Review must be done on each property. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to begin the process for an Environmental Review; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to accept the properties from Robert Lemke, 140-142 New Street, and from Morgan Chase Bank, 600 School Street; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Mr. Kuehn made a motion to accept the agreement between Mr. Woodford and the Borough to demolish the property; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

A second reading was held for the Supplemental Rental Ordinance. Mr. Keuhn made a motion to accept the Ordinance as read; seconded by Mr. Adams.

Mr. Cleary stated Sorokach Signs can replace the Borough Sign with a metal 3ft x 5ft sign. The cost for the it to be one sided is \$150 or two sided \$300. The Committee will make the decision.

Mr. Cleary stated an Environmental Review needs to be completed to use CDBG funds to remove the downspouts from residential homes. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to begin the process for an Environmental Review; seconded by Mr. Adams. Motion passed as presented.

Water & Sewer:

The seconded reading for allowing for additional EDU's to be charged to residents who have not had their roof leaders, sump pumps, and foundation floor drains inspected to verify they are not tied into the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Bobinas made a motion to accept the ordinance as read; seconded by Mr. Vuksta. Motion passed as presented.

Personnel:

Mrs. Droskinis stated RedCo did not bring the contract to hire Matthew Blacknall for an additional 20 hours per week. RedCo would reimburse the wages 100% for the first month, 75% for the second month and 50% for the last four months. Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to allow the Personnel Committee to review and sign the contract to hire Matthew Blacknall with RedCo; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented.

Mrs. Droskinis stated the second candidate for the street department declined the position. Mrs. Droskinis asked to contact the third person on the list. Council agreed.

Senior Citizens & Recreation:

Mr. Cleary stated he is meeting with the Little League to find out what need from the grant for the fields. The meeting will be tomorrow night and 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Adams stated the New Minersville Hose Company is requesting to transfer the baseball field to the Hose Company from the Borough. The fire company would like to put a pole building on the field. This would house trucks and allow for an office at the fire company. After a lengthy discussion of other options, the matter was referred to committee.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was read from the Minersville Business and Professional Association requesting to hold their Annual Trolley Ride on December 20th from 5-8 p.m. on South Fourth Street. Mr. Kuehn made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Adams. 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 Treasurer's Report; 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 stated the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Compared to Budget are in Council's packets.

The first reading of the Local Service Tax Ordinance was held. Solicitor Evans stated the law changed and the ordinance needed to be redone.

Mr. Adams asked Council to review the IRS and Police Pension audit findings in their packets.

The first reading of the 2009 Budget was read. The budget will be advertised and available for review by residents at the Borough Office.

Solicitor Evans stated the Recycling Truck Agreement is complete and ready to submit for approval from Frackville and Shenandoah for review.

An Executive Session was held from 7:41 – 7:56 p.m. for a personnel matter.

Mrs. Droskinis made a motion to approve the Schuylkill County Housing Authority Five Year Plan with the usual comments the Borough submits; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Motion passed as presented. Mr. Adams stated he is working to try to get other municipalities to help to contact Congressman Holden's Office to review the PILOT funds allotment with the Housing Authority to get additional funding.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Bobinas would like to send invitations to all the county municipalities inviting them to a meeting to discuss and share information with each other. The meeting would be held on November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. Mr. Cleary recommended inviting only the butting townships. Mayor Dutcavich recommended inviting the townships in the school district and Norwegian Township.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Paul
Borough Secretary