

The regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Minersville was held at 7:00 P.M., October 9, 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; Nicole Davis, Junior Council Person; Mayor David Dutcavich; Attorney Arlen Day II (filling in for 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 Paul Lohin, Sewer Authority Chairman.

Seven Council members were present, which constituted a quorum.

A motion to accept the September 11, 2007 Secretary Minutes was made by Mr. Post and seconded by Mr. Miscavage. Motion passed as presented.

A motion to accept the September 18, 2007 Special Meeting minutes was made by Mr. Kimmel; seconded by Mr. Angelo. Motion passed as presented.

VISITORS:

Jamison, 87 Spring Street, Pottsville attended the meeting for a school project.

COMMITTEES:

Streets, Highways & Electric Lights:

Mr. Miscavage reported Mazzuca has started the construction on the Lewis Street Tunnel Project. Mr. Miscavage stated see people who know what they are doing is very rewarding.

Mr. Miscavage stated he was called down to Gallo's Row regarding "T" Parking. Mr. Miscavage stated no work order was issued for Gallo's Row but there is "T" Parking. The "T" Parking is not painted to the correct specifications. Mr. Miscavage would like to instruct Jeff Enders to correct the "T" Parking on Gallo's Row.

Fire:

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

Mr. Angelo stated the fire department is in the process of dismantling the current fire alarm system. The new system should be in place in late fall.

Law & Order:

Mr. Ronald Rushanan, 452 Lewis Street, 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.

Mrs. Droskinis opened a bid for the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria. The bid was as follows:

Kevin Kuzio \$800

Mr. Post made a motion to reject the bid and advertise for bids; seconded by Mr. Miscavage. Motion passed as presented.

The first reading of a Police Pension Ordinance regarding Officers Killed in the Line of Duty was read.

A resolution eliminating payments to the Police Pension Fund for the calendar year 2008 by members was read. Mr. Angelo made a motion to approve the ordinance as read; seconded by Mr. Post. Motion passed as presented.

Community Development & Public Property:

Mr. Kuehn stated only Minersville Area School District responded for the Junior Council Program. Mr. Kuehn stated he will try to make arrangements to swear in Aubry Kendig at the November 7, 2007 Work Session.

Finance & Sanitation:

The monthly bills were read and signed. Mr. Post made a motion to approve the bills properly signed and pay the bills as presented seconded by Mr. Miscavage. 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 stated the Finance Committee is currently working on the 2008 Budget.

Mr. Miscavage stated at the work session the Water Authority approached Council to place a pole building on Borough property. Mr. Miscavage feels it is in the best interest of the Borough to charge the authority \$400/month rent on the property. Mr. Miscavage stated the Water Authority is now charging the Sewer Authority \$1200/quarter for meter reading.

Mr. Miscavage made a motion to charge the water authority \$400/month rent; seconded by Mr. Post. Mr. Adams stated before we charge the water authority he feels Council should talk to the water authority. Mr. Angelo stated when the water authority approached Council he questioned whether the Borough can use the property to store equipment in and the water authority stated they will allow the Borough to store equipment in the building. Mr. Miscavage requested a roll call vote. The votes were as follows:

Yes	No
Mrs. Droskinis	Mr. Adams
Mr. Miscavage	Mr. Angelo
Mr. Post	Mr. Kimmel
	Mr. Kuehn

With a vote of 4 no and 3 yes, the motion does not carry. Mr. Kuehn stated he is not opposed to charging the water authority rent but feels it is better to inform the authority first.

Mr. Angelo stated the Water Authority Board has not given the okay to build yet.

Mr. Angelo and Mr. Post stated they will inform the Authority at their next meeting.

Water & Sewer:

Mr. Post stated the Water Authority has ongoing projects and is also purchasing items with the unused RUS funds from the project.

Mr. Post stated the Sewer Authority currently has two construction projects underway with N. Abbonizio and Mazzuca contractors.

Mr. Miscavage stated Mr. Leonard O'Connor in a friendly conversation related to Mr. Miscavage that he was disappointed he did not get the job he applied for with the Water Authority but was contacted three days later and offered the job as manager of the sewer treatment plant. Mr. Angelo questioned who offered him the job. Mr. Miscavage stated according to Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Cleary offered him the job. Mr. Miscavage questioned Mr. Lohin if he has knowledge of a job opening. Mr. Lohin stated he has no knowledge of an opening. Mr. Angelo thinks it is wrong and questioned whether he contacted Mr. Cleary to verify this. Mr. Post stated he will try to verify this story.

Personnel:

Mrs. Droskinis stated the probation period for Leigh Ann Cielinski will end on October 31, 2007 at that time she will be a full time employee. Mr. Miscavage stated he has talked with Mr. Graver and Mrs. Ciotti and there is no opposition to Leigh Ann Cielinski becoming a full time employee.

Senior Citizens & Recreation:

Mr. Adams stated the Halloween Parade will be on October 25th and Trick or Treat will be held on October 31st from 6-8 p.m.

Mr. Adams made a motion to pay Antz application for retainage payment in the amount of \$1,437.80 for the swimming pool plumbing; seconded by Mr. Kuehn. Mr. Angelo questioned whether this is the last bill for the pool construction. Mr. Graver stated we still have bills from JB Electric and Boyer Swimming Pools to pay. Motion passed as presented.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES:

All Council members received copies of the Reports of Officers.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was read from St. Nicholas School request to block streets for the Annual Race for Education. Mr. Angelo made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Mr. Adams. Mr. Kuehn questioned whether it is a liability to block streets. Attorney Day stated if the streets are properly blocked and a child gets hit; the liability falls on the person who hit the child. Motion passed as presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Attorney Day stated Solicitor Evans has the lease for the Council president to sign for the land to be leased to the New Minersville Hose Company.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Droskinis stated Council talked about sending a letter to the Minersville Business and Professional Association regarding Spirit Day. Mrs. Droskinis questioned who was going to write the letter. Mr. Miscavage doesn't feel it was determined who would write the letter. Mr. Post stated the secretary should write the letter and send to council for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Post stated the Halloween Parade will form at Quandel's lot at 6 p.m. and begin 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Droskinis stated the code report from the fires at 600 and 602 School Street show there is no insurance on either property.

Mr. Kimmel questioned whether the letter was sent to the school district. Mrs. Droskinis stated no letter was sent yet. The meeting will be held on November 7, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Paul
Borough Secretary