Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Council President Angela Krapf followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Solicitor Robert Yurchak arrived during executive session; Council President Angela Krapf, Councilwoman Anne Girard, Councilwoman Claire Remington, Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey and Councilman Frank Hutta were present. Councilman Thomas Keerans arrived during executive session. Mayor Joel Johnson and Councilman Michael Doerr were absent.

Executive Session 7:01pm - 7:36pm Personnel matters were discussed

Approval of previous minutes: Motion made by Anne Girard to accept the September 12, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion was carried unanimously.

Public Participation:

• Kevin Soberick, Assistant Chief of Coaldale Fire Co., 121 W. High St. requested that the fire tax be raised one mil and would be allocated to vehicle maintenance, purchases and upkeep of fire equipment as well as unfunded mandates. Members of the fire company will attend the next budget meeting to discuss further.

• Dave Stofanak, Environment Care Manager of St. Luke’s Miners, 360 W. Ruddle St. discussed preliminary plans for a new helipad with the Emergency Department expansion that is planned for next year. They would like to pursue the cutting down of trees in the area adjacent to the hospital by Ruddle St. to comply with FAA regulations. He will let the projects guy know that he can move forward and Dave will get the exact dimensions of what they will be cutting down. Also discussed was the cutting back of the trees at the hospital entrance on the highway for safety reasons. He will keep council updated.

Treasurer’s Report/Approval of Bills: Given by Anissa Nunemacher, Borough Treasurer

• Starting a separate account for Heart and Lung will be discussed in the next budget meeting as the insurance is not available to the borough.

• Anissa Nunemacher requested to attend at grant writing class on November 6th through Penn State at a cost of $25.00. Motion made by Frank Hutta to approve request. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.

• Received Fireman’s Relief Association funds in the amount of $8,429.02 and a check was made out to the fire company for that amount.

• Received Police Pension State Aid Funds in the amount of $13,131.02 and a check will be sent to the state pension in that amount.

• Minimum Municipal Obligation worksheet for 2018 for the non-uniformed pension was received and the borough’s obligation is $1,951.95. Motion made by Claire Remington to accept the MMO amount. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

• Motion by Anne Girard to accept the report and approve the bills to be paid. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.

Streets Report: Given by Claire Remington, Streets Chairperson
• Closeout meeting with John Davis will be October 13, 2017. Claire Remington asked if the secretary, Suzanne Whildin, can also attend. **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to allow her to attend the meeting. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.

• SealMaster will be sealing up the blacktop work at the end of the month.

• Line painting is finished for the year.

• Ken Hankey received a new cell phone with a new phone number.

**Police Report:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey

• Chief Krapf requested to purchase Taser batteries not to exceed $300. **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to approve purchase. Seconded by Tom Keerans and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Mayors Report:** None

**Presidents Report:** Given by Angela Krapf, Council President

• September Portnoff deposit for delinquent sanitation was $2265.26 and year to date is $11,940.70.

• Angela Krapf gave an update about the new playground. After a discussion about it not arriving in a timely matter, cancelling the order was discussed. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to send an email that if the equipment is not received by November 1, 2017; the borough wants their money refunded. Seconded by Tom Keerans and motion carried **unanimously**.

• St. Luke’s Miners gave two dates for the annual meeting with council, November 14th or 16th. Thursday, November 16th is the date chosen for the meeting.

• EMA position is still not filled. Kevin Soberick will look into the requirements and get back to Angela Krapf.

**Secretary’s Report:** Given by Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary

• Snow Plowing Permits are available at the office.

• Schuylkill County Borough’s Association Dinner is October 19, 2017.

**Solicitor Report:** Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak

• **Motion** made by Anne Girard to accept Coaldale Borough Parks and Recreation Ordinance. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.

• Coaldale American Legion submitted the only bid for the vacant lot at 216 E. Ridge St. in the amount of $3,550.00. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to accept the bid. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.

• 3 sealed bids were received for the bid of 10,000 gallons of heating oil including prepay and pay as you go.
  
  o Evans Fuel Oil - Prepay lock in price is $1.749/gallon
  
  o Evans Fuel Oil - Pay as you go lock in price is $1.899/gallon
  
  o Peter J. Radocha & Sons Inc - Fixed price is $1.899/gallon
  
  o Peter J. Radocha & Sons Inc - Pay as you go price is rack + .235
  
  o K & K Oil - Prepaid price is $1.97/gallon
K & K Oil - Pay as you go is 12 cents over rack on day of delivery

Motion made by Claire Remington to accept Peter J. Radocha & Sons Inc. bid of $1.899 fixed price. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously. After a discussion about whether or not the fixed price had to be paid up front, motion by Claire Remington to rescind her motion. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion to rescind carried unanimously. Jonathan Oakes will call Peter Radocha to clarify his bid and it will be brought back to meeting later.

Fire/Ambulance Report: Anne Girard read the report from the fire company.

• In order to obtain financing for new equipment, the fire company requested a signed letter from the borough attesting that the Coaldale Volunteer Fire Company #1 is the sole fire protection provider for Coaldale Borough. Motion made by Anne Girard to draft the requested letter. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.

• There was no ambulance report.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report:

• Included in packet for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings: Given by Claire Remington, Buildings Committee Chairperson

• Roof at complex getting done next week.

• Claire Remington asked to approve the purchase of a snow blower not to exceed $1,000 for Borough Hall. Motion made by Tom Keerans to approve the purchase. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

Complex: Given by President Angela Krapf

• Received a proposal from Hess Window Company for aluminum awning. Motion made by Claire to approve the proposal. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

Demolition: Given by Claire Remington, Demolition Committee Chairperson

• Bid was advertised by the county for demolition of 223 E. Ridge St. and it will be awarded November 9th.

Finance/Utilities: Given by Yvonne Stoffey

• Police department and Kenny Hankey received new iPhones.

• Next budget meeting is October 25th at 6:30pm.

Grants: None

Handicap: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Chairperson

• Received one application for 222 Second St. Chief Krapf and Yvonne Stoffey checked it out and it is ok. Motion made by Yvonne Stoffey to approve the handicapped parking spot. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

Memorial:

• All the benches are painted.

• Borough workers have been doing concrete work.
Personnel: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Personnel Committee Chairperson

- Personnel files will be updated over the winter based on the guidelines received from Attorney Brown.

Police: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Police Committee Chairperson

- Still negotiating the contract.
- Waiting for new vehicle to come in.
- Next crime watch meeting is October 19th at 6pm.

Police Pension: None

Recreation: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Recreation Committee Chairperson

- CHOSE Halloween party is October 21st.
- Vendor and Soup Sale at the fire company October 21st.
- Trick or Treat and Trunk or Treat is October 31st from 6pm -8pm.
- CHOSE is selling pumpkin rolls. Orders and money are due November 9th.
- Fire company having Fall Fest October 8th, 15th and 29th. Also selling raffle tickets for oil, coal or cash prize and tickets to the Eagles/Cowboys game.
- Friends of the Lansford Pool soup sale is October 29th
- Fall cleanup is October 21st.
- Motion made by Tom Keerans to approve the Coaldale Fire Company to patrol the town during Trick or Treat on October 31st. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

Streets: Given by Claire Remington

- Received a quote from Peter J. Radocha & Sons Inc to replace 3 inlets on Second St. in the amount of $12,300.00. Motion made by Tom Keerans to accept the quote. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- There was a lien put on a property years ago due to unpaid sanitation. The homeowner stated the bill was satisfied but there is no record of this at the borough or county. One payment of $225.60 is on record. Attorney Yurchak will send a letter to the homeowner that the amount owed to the borough is the original amount less $225.60.
- Frank Hutta will get a realtor to get a fair market value of a piece of borough owned land that he is interested in purchasing near the Coaldale Rod & Gun Club.

New Business:

- Discussion about the landlord being responsible for the tenants getting a moving permit. Attorney Yurchak will look into the rental ordinance.
- After clarification on the oil bids, motion made by Claire Remington to accept Evans Fuel Oil bid of $1.899/gallon pay as you go. Seconded by Tom Keerans and motion carried unanimously.
Adjournment: Motion made by Anne Girard at 9:10pm, seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
Submitted for approval on November 14, 2017