Call to Order

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

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

Executive Session 7:01pm -7:15pm Personnel matters were discussed

Public Participation:

- Thomas Sanders, 172 East St., explained the disaster relief organization that he started and asked what council and the borough can do to help him. He gave his email to council to further discuss this organization.

- BJ Berk, 141 E. Ridge St., expressed his concern about Carl Faust stopping him from doing repairs on his building at 215 E. Ridge St. telling him permits are needed. Mr. Berk applied, was denied and disagrees with the denial. He’s asking for a chance to fix the property.

Approval of previous minutes: Motion made by Claire Remington to accept the August 8, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion was carried unanimously.

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

- Workman’s Comp insurance for the borough and fire company was up for renewal. The fire company will stay with SWIF. The borough’s was able to be shopped around for a better rate due to claims falling off. There is a savings of $21,389 from last year. Tom Keerans asked if Heart and Lung insurance was included in the new policy from MRM. Anissa Nunemacher will pull the policy for Tom Keerans to look at it.

- The Loss Control Consultant from MRM would like to meet with streets foreman and chief of police to discuss safety procedures and loss prevention.

- Liquid Fuels estimate for 2018 is $72,651.23.

- Anissa Nunemacher will be in touch with AFLAC to set a date and time to meet with the employees, and it will be after work hours.

Streets Report: Given by Claire Remington, Streets Chairperson

- Closeout meeting with John Davis will be the end of September or beginning of October.
• Received bids for repairs on inlets in the borough. After a discussion on the proposals, Claire Remington wants to proceed with just the Fifth St. inlet repairs and wait to do the other ones until next year. The borough will supply the blacktop. Motion made by Claire Remington to accept Peter J. Radocha & Sons Inc. quote of $12,430.00 for the 5th St. project. Seconded by Tom Keerans and motion carried unanimously.

• Sections of Howard Ave behind borough hall needs repair. It will be milled and paved in the next two weeks.

• Tom Keerans discussed that bottom of 6th St. still need repairs. Claire Remington will make a note of it and take care of it.

Police Report: Given by Yvonne Stoffey

Mayors Report: None

Presidents Report: Given by Angela Krapf, Council President

• Received engagement letter to enter arbitration for personnel issue. Motion made by Claire Remington to accept the engagement letter. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

• Fall Community Yard Sale will be September 30th and October 1st from 8am-4pm.

• Total collected from Portnoff for delinquent sanitation through August 2017 is $9675.53 and fees reimbursement through August 2017 is $1176.76.

• Motion made by Frank Hutta to put heating oil out on bid. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.

• Tom Keerans asked to go back to the discussion on the new workman’s comp insurance and after reviewing the new insurance policy, Heart and Lung is not included. Motion made by Frank Hutta to approve the resolution for new insurance and add Heart and Lung at a cost not to exceed $5000.00. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

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

• Fall cleanup is Saturday October 21, 2017.

Solicitor Report: Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak

• Blight Ordinance was discussed. Action was tabled until it could be reviewed further and compared to the Quality of Life Ordinance.

• Motion made by Claire Remington to advertise Coaldale Borough Parks and Recreation Ordinance. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

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

• Jonathan Oakes said with the profit from the Rock the Block, the orange and black engine will be paid off.
• Angela Krapf received a phone call from Lehighton EMS that someone is trying to start their own EMS in Coaldale and she wanted to bring it to everyone’s attention.

• Attorney Yurchak will draft an ordinance for emergency cost recovery.

• There was no ambulance report.

**Code Enforcement/Zoning Report:**

• Included in packet for review.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Buildings:** Given by Claire Remington, Buildings Committee Chairperson

• Proposal from F&L Doors to install new door with motor at borough garage for $1100. Frank Hutta recommended added the installation of a heavier coil to open door manually in case of power failure. Frank Hutta will contact F&L Doors about the cost of adding the coil. **Motion** made Tom Keerans to not exceed $3000.00 for the door repairs. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Complex:** Given by President Angela Krapf

• Joe Hutta submitted a proposal for a new hot water heater for $1814.38. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to accept the proposal. Seconded by Tom Keerans. On voice vote, Frank Hutta abstains. Roll call vote required. Angela Krapf-yes, Anne Girard-yes, Claire Remington-yes, Yvonne Stoffey-yes, Tom Keerans-yes and Frank Hutta abstains. **Motion carried**.

• Angela Krapf emailed Pathstone about who is responsible for maintaining the AC unit and that the borough would not replace it. Pathstone responded they would take care of it.

• Received a proposal from Joe Hutta to install a concrete landing for access to the new kitchen door for $2860.00. After a discussion, Frank Hutta will look at the area and draw up specs.

• Discussed adding a matching awning for the door on the 6th St. side.

**Demolition:** Given by Claire Remington, Demolition Committee Chairperson

• Claire Remington met with Gary Binder and Michelle O’Connell about advertising to sell 138-140 Fisher Ave. They will write up the ad and the borough will pay the advertising bill. Once the property is sold, proceeds will go back to the county. **Motion** by Claire Remington to have Gary Binder advertise the sale of 138-140 Fisher Ave. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.

• The building at 216 E. Ridge St. was demolished under a different grant where the proceeds from the sale will go to the borough. Discussed a letter received from James Rickert, Commander of the American Legion Post #170, expressing their interest in the property. After a discussion on whether to gift them the property or sell it, there was a **motion** made by Claire Remington to advertise...
the property for sale at a starting bid of $3250.00. Seconded by Anne Girard and upon voice vote, there was one no. Roll call vote. Angela Krapf-yes, Anne Girard-yes, Claire Remington-yes, Frank Hutta-yes, Yvonne Stoffey-yes and Tom Keerans-no. The motion was carried. Claire Remington stated she hopes the legion takes interest and bids on the property.

**Finance/Utilities:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey

- Worked on the income portion of the budget at August meeting.
- Reminder that next budget meeting is September 27 at 6:30pm.

**Grants:** None

**Handicap:** None

**Memorial:** None

**Personnel:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Personnel Committee Chairperson

- **Motion** made by Claire Remington to hire Joseph Robert Knepper as a part time borough worker on as needed basis at $12.00 per hour. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

**Police:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Police Committee Chairperson

- Yvonne Stoffey met with Anissa Nunemacher and handed out paperwork showing the money figures for an additional full time officer. Tom Keerans expressed his concern over the medical insurance cost. Frank Hutta asked Anissa Nunemacher to get him the salary five and ten years out. After members of council expressed their concerns about part time versus full time officers, higher taxes and overtime hours by the current full time officers, a **motion** was made by Claire Remington to advertise to hire a full time police officer. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and upon voice vote, there was one no. Roll call vote. Angela Krapf-yes, Anne Girard-yes, Claire Remington-yes, Frank Hutta-yes, Yvonne Stoffey-yes and Tom Keerans-no. The motion was carried. Attorney Yurchak checked with Shelley Houk, PSAB, and it would not need to be civil service.
- Next crime watch meeting is September 28th at 6pm.

**Police Pension:** None

**Recreation:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Recreation Committee Chairperson

- Coal Crackin’ Rock the Block was a great success. Yvonne Stoffey and Angela Krapf thanked everyone for their help and the community for their support.
- Next CHOSE meeting is Thursday September 14th at 7pm.
- Raymond the Amish Comic will be at the fire company September 23rd.
- Friends of the Lansford Pool will be having a soup sale at the complex September 24th.
Halloween Trick or Treating will be held October 31st from 6-8pm. Trunk or Treat will be at the complex field same time.

**Streets:** Given by Claire Remington

- Purchase order for paint for line painting for $489.75. Summit Hill’s line painting machine will be used to do the painting. **Motion** by Frank Hutta to approve the purchase of the paint. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

- There is a manhole in the Seek section in a yard that needs to be looked into because it overflows into yards.

**Old Business:**

- Received a price of $10123.40 to replace the manhole in front of the fire company with a cheaper manhole from Joe Hutta. **Motion** by Claire Remington to accept the bid. Seconded by Anne Girard and upon voice vote, Frank Hutta abstains. Roll call vote needed. Angela Krapf-yes, Anne Girard-yes, Claire Remington-yes, Frank Hutta abstains, Yvonne Stoffey-yes, and Tom Keerans-yes. **Motion is carried.** Jonathan Oakes expressed his concern about being able to get fire trucks out if needed and he will talk to Joe Hutta.

- Correspondence from Attorney Pomo to Alfred Benesch & Co and Sikora Brothers about the sewer line from 271 E. Ridge St. that was not connected.

- Angela Krapf again reached out to check on the status of the playground equipment. They said someone will call her back on Wednesday September 13th with an update.

**New Business:**

- Angela Krapf will look into the insurance cost of adding a police dog bounce house at the playground.

- Discussion about a payment received for garage line painting at 139 6th St. Claire Remington would like to look into this request.

- Tom Keerans asked who is responsible for paying for permits, the tenant or the owner. Attorney Yurchak said the owner. Also discussed was if a portable car port needs a permit.

- **Motion** made by Anne Girard to pay the bills. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

- Bus stop at 6th and High Sts. is overcrowded. **Motion** by Anne Girard to send a letter to Ken Marx at Panther Valley to consider adding a bus stop at 5th and Ruddle Sts. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

- A resident is building on his property and requested one of the borough’s EDU’s to connect to the sewer line. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to grant an EDU to Francis Hutta. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and on voice vote, Frank Hutta abstains. Roll call vote needed. Angela Krapf-yes, Anne Girard-yes, Claire Remington-yes, Frank Hutta abstains, Yvonne Stoffey-yes, and Tom Keerans-yes. **Motion is carried.**

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• Frank Hutta asked who he should speak to about the pins around his property that he believes were knocked out by the sewer authority when they did sewer line repairs near his property. Claire Remington suggested he contact one of Coaldale’s representatives on the sewer authority.

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 October 10, 2017