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, Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey, and Mayor Herb Whildin were present. Councilman Thomas Keerans, Councilman Francis Hutta and Councilman Michael Doerr were absent.

Executive Session: 7:01pm-7:18pm Personnel issues and litigation were discussed.

Public Participation: None

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

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

- 2018 Liquid Fuels funds of $74,246.32 were deposited.
- Gas Tax for 2017 in the amount of $3,945.41 was submitted for reimbursement.
- A report was included showing line items budget to actual figures for the 1st quarter of 2018.
- General savings account will be closed once the Berkheimer EIT and LST deposits are switched to the general checking account. Everything else is deposited into the general checking.
- There is enough money is the fire fund to cut the fire company their first check for $10,000. Motion by Anne Girard to cut a check to the fire company for $10,000. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by Claire Remington to accept the treasurer’s report and approve the bills to be paid. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

Police Report: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Police Committee Chairperson

- Chief Krapf’s report for March 2018 was read by Yvonne Stoffey.
- Motion by Anne Girard to purchase a fax machine for the police not to exceed $200. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.

Mayors Report: Given by Mayor Herb Whildin

- Mayor Whildin will have a “Meeting with the Mayor” May 1st at 5pm.
- Still doing ride alongs with the police.

Presidents Report: Given by Angela Krapf, Council President

- $2,961.17 collected in March from Portnoff Law Associates and to date collected is $25,301.03 for delinquent sanitation.
- Claire Remington suggested adding a line item in the budget for the Memorial Fund to keep better track of income and expenses at the Memorial Garden. Anne Girard suggested publicizing the fund in the event someone wanted to donate to it. Also discussed was purchasing a plaque as soon as possible for Mr. Gaddes, who recently passed away, for his work on the Memorial Garden.
- Discussion about purchases for office supplies and equipment. Purchases of necessary office supplies under $200 can be placed through the secretary who will get approval from council president prior to placing the order. Purchases over $200 need to be approved by the committee chair prior to ordering.
- PPL will be installing new meters for all their customers and adding routers on poles. Installation will be May 2018 through August 2018 in the Carbon and Schuylkill counties.
- Angela Krapf will contact PPL to add a total of 6 lights; 3 lights on Kline’s Hill, one each at 3rd and High Sts., Avenue A and by the church.

Secretary’s Report: Given by Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
• Right to Know form and officer’s name was added to website
• One delinquent sanitation account that did not respond to Portnoff Law Associates had judgments entered against the property on behalf of Coaldale Borough by PLA.
• Notified by Munibilling that credit cards and e-checks are no longer payment options that can be accepted at the office. Credit cards can still be used when using the “Online Payments” feature on the website.

Solicitor Report: Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak
• A compromise of taxes was received for parcel #40-01-0014.001, Coaldale Community Ambulance Association, in the amount of $1648.18 for 2014. Motion made by Anne Girard to vote no. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.
• Motion made by Anne Girard to adopt the ordinance adding the entire length of Coal Street to the winter parking regulations. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.
• Attorney Yurchak sent a letter to the owner of the home with the fire escrow account, giving him 60 days to respond. He expects a response by next month.

Fire/Ambulance Report: Anne Girard read the report from the fire company.
• There was no ambulance report.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Buildings: Yvonne Stoffey thanked Claire Remington for the nice job on the gym.
Complex: Given by Angela Krapf, Council President
• Claire Remington measured the sidewalk for possibly blacktopping it before the concrete is totally eroded. Will discuss with John Davis when he comes in for the street repairs. Also took measurements for an off-street parking area. It will be dug and have stones. Claire Remington will try to have real numbers for next month’s meeting.
• Discussion about closing off the windows.
• Motion made by Claire Remington to do one classroom floor and the bathroom floor not to exceed $10,000. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously. Angela Krapf will contact Redline Flooring for prices on the same flooring that was used before in both areas.

Demolition/Grants: Given by Claire Remington, Chairperson
• Suzanne Whildin will contact Smart Recycle for an update of the demolition of 223 E. Ridge St.
• Anissa Nunemacher reached out to Tanya at USDA for the updated grant paperwork. Anissa will meet with Claire Remington to discuss what is available.

Finance/Utilities: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Chairperson
• A property owner where the water has been shut off for two years and has been paying the sanitation fees has asked for a refund of the fees. After a discussion, the fees will not be refunded. From this point on, the sanitation bill to the property will stop.

Handicap: Given by Claire Remington, Handicap Committee Chairperson
• Once the streets get cleaned up, the handicap parking places will be painted. Only the lines will be painted, the emblem will not be painted.

Personnel: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Personnel Committee Chairperson
• The only response for residential rental inspections was from Keith Showalter, Systems Design Engineering. Their fee is $50 per inspection plus travel costs due to the distance from Coaldale. Suzanne Whildin will contact him to set up a meeting to firm up what their cost will actually be and that will determine if borough’s fee schedule on rental inspections needs to be adjusted.

Police: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Police Committee Chairperson
• Motion made by Yvonne Stoffey to ratify the repairs on the police vehicle’s headlight at a cost of $720.00. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.
• Recap of police committee meeting that was held on April 5th, 2018
  o The old radios were given to Lansford Police Department
  o Coaldale Fire Company has the Crown Victoria. Title needs to be signed over.
Officer Bonner is reading the SOPs. Once he finishes, they can be signed.

Computers are up and running in the vehicles.

August 7th, 2018 is National Night Out. Crime Watch and the police department will be sponsoring an event. Yvonne Stoffey will give updates.

Crime Watch meeting is April 26th, 2018 at 6:30pm and Trooper Tornielli, Reading State Police will be speaking on fraud and personal safety.

Crime Watch will be sponsoring a women’s self defense class on June 30th.

• Yvonne Stoffey requested all members of council to contact our state representative to encourage them to pass Senate Bill 251 which allows the use of radar by municipal police. Then email PSAB to let them Coaldale Borough Council acted on this measure.

Police Pension: None

Recreation/Memorial: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Recreation Committee Chairperson

• Fire Company events include Blood Drive April 14th and Broom Sale April 22nd.

• Rock the Block meeting is April 29th, 2018. Rock the Block can be advertised in the Borough News magazine.

• Earth Day Clean Up April 22nd.

Streets: Given by Claire Remington, Streets Chairperson

• Motion made by Claire Remington to purchase PowrLiner 550 line painting machine for $1199.00. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

• Motion made by Claire Remington to sell the recycle truck. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously. Claire Remington will have information on the value of the truck at next month’s meeting and then the sale of the truck will be advertised.

• Motion made by Claire Remington to advertise for part time seasonal workers. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.

• Suggested 2018 Street Projects include: First Street from Ridge St. to Phillips St.; Second St. from Ridge St. to Phillips St.; and Phillips St. between Sixth and Seventh Sts.; Sixth St. between Phillips St. and High St. and 20 feet in on Howard Ave.

• Kline’s Hill needs repairs and Claire Remington was notified that the oil tanks coming to fill St. Luke’s and delivery trucks use Kline’s Hill to get to the hospital. Motion made by Claire Remington to send a letter to St. Luke’s Miners the borough is considering adding weight limits on access roads to hospital and the council would like to meet with them before doing that. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously. Angela Krapf will draft the letter.

Old Business: None

New Business: Anne Girard was approached by a resident of Coaldale about the ordinance that prohibits livestock such as goats as pets. The resident asked if council would consider changing the ordinance to allow pygmy goats as pets. After a discussion, council will not consider changing it.

Adjournment: Motion made by Claire Remington at 8:31pm, seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:

Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
Submitted for approval on May 8, 2018