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 at 7:01pm; Council President Angela Krapf, Councilwoman Anne Girard, Councilwoman Claire Remington, Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey, Councilman Francis Hutta and Mayor Herb Whildin were present. Councilman Thomas Keerans and Councilman Michael Doerr were absent. Councilwoman Claire Remington again requested it be noted that Councilman Doerr and Councilman Keerans were once again not present for the meeting, collect their check once a month, are on no committees and do not support the borough in any way.

Executive Session: None

Public Participation:

• Wayne Figner, 27 W. Phillips St. asked if there was an ordinance in Coaldale for fireworks. Mr. Figner stated that fireworks were being set off for weeks prior to the 4th of July and after that. His house had fireworks debris on the roof. After a discussion with council members, Attorney Yurchak will look into it and make a recommendation.

• Joseph Cox, part owner of 220 E. Ridge St., asked why he recently started receiving a garbage bill for the property when they generate no garbage. Angela Krapf asked if the water was on and Mr. Cox said it is. She explained that if the water is on to a property, the property will receive a sanitation bill.

• Julia Atiyeh, Acorn Estates LLC, wants to buy 2 properties off the repository list, 228 W. Earley Ave and 115 7th St., with the intentions of rehabbing them to rent or sell. Ms. Atiyeh stated she has investors and the crews to fix the properties and has rehabbed about 50 properties in a year. After a discussion with council members expressing their concerns over blighted properties, Ms. Atiyeh asked council to give her a chance.

• Claire Remington stated she can’t get a bucket truck to hang the Hometown Heroes Banners. Attorney Yurchak suggested calling Nesquehoning and ask if we can use theirs.

Approval of previous minutes: Motion made by Anne Girard to approve the previous minutes. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

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

• January-June 30, 2018 budget performance by line item included in report.
• McGriff Insurance representative spoke with Anissa about renewing the Capital Blue Cross health insurance. Council needs to decide on renewing it.
• Received Gas Tax refund in the amount of $3,945.44.
• Berkheimer received paperwork to change EIT and LST deposits into General Checking account.
• Anissa Nunemacher spoke with a PIRMA representative regarding a grant to help with costs of new camera/surveillance system for borough building.
• Grant paperwork for the new police vehicle is started.
• Motion made by Frank Hutta to pay the bills. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.
• Motion made by Frank Hutta to accept the treasurer’s report. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

Police Report: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Police Committee Chairperson

• Chief Krapf’s report for June 2018 was read by Yvonne Stoffey.

Mayors Report: None

Presidents Report: Given by Angela Krapf, Council President

• $738.20 collected in June from Portnoff Law Associates and to date collected is $34,803.88 for delinquent sanitation.
• Discussed what amount a sewer transmission balance would be before the account is sent to Portnoff for collection. $180.00 is 2 years delinquent. Motion made by Frank Hutta that
once the account balance due gets to $180.00, it will be sent for collection. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

- After a discussion and to clarify, garages with water will also get a sanitation bill.
- Attorney Yurchak recommended tabling any action on two repository sales. The addresses are 228 W. Earley Ave. and 115 Seventh St.

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

- Hometown Heroes Banners update-the application was submitted along with the certificate of liability insurance. Suzanne will be entering poles chosen for inspection through Katapult website Thursday.
- Correspondence from Nanovic Law Firm regarding use of the fire hydrants and that the Lansford Coaldale Joint Water Authority owns the hydrants. Claire Remington questioned if the water authority owns the hydrants that Coaldale received through a grant.

Solicitor Report: Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak

- Motion made by Frank Hutta to adopt the Prohibiting Vehicle Repairs on Streets Ordinance. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

- Motion made by Frank Hutta to adopt the ordinance for Fees for Delinquent Sewer Maintenance Collection by Portnoff Law Associates. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

- Motion made by Frank Hutta to adopt the Establishing Smoke Free Environment Ordinance. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.
- Attorney Yurchak provided information regarding speed humps/bumps/cushions/ rumble strips used to slow traffic. One concern was what would happen to the plows in the winter if one of these was hit while plowing. Anne Girard suggested painting something on the street such as Slow-Children Playing.

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

- There was no ambulance report.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: None

- Office Oldt has been out doing the Quality of Life violations.
- Added an additional day to do rental inspections. All rentals will be inspected, including the properties that are HUD inspected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings/Complex: Given by Claire Remington

- Working on repairs to the Complex; cleaning out the bathroom that faces the CHOSE building.
- Received a donation from PV Lumber and Joe Hutta Plumbing & Heating to help with the Complex cleanup.

Demolition/Grants: None

Finance/Utilities: Given by Frank Hutta, Finance Committee Chairperson

- First budget meeting is August 29th at 6:30pm. All meetings dates have been advertised.

Handicap: Given by Claire Remington, Handicap Committee Chairperson

- Received two applications; 32 W. High St. and 142 W. High St. that were approved by Chief Krapf with a note for 32 W. High St. stating that the spot must in front of an old driveway access. Motion made by Frank Hutta to approve both of the handicap applications. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.

Police: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Police Committee Chairperson

- Motion made by Frank Hutta to accept the SOP’s. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.
- Received a resignation letter from Officer Dane O’Brien. Motion made by Frank Hutta to accept the resignation. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.
- Officer Weiss is back.
- National Night Out is August 7th from 6-8pm.

Police Pension: None

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

- Movie in the Park is July 13th.
- Splash Bash is July 22nd.
- CHOSE concession stand is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Rock the Block is September 7th, 8th and 9th. Next meeting is July 22nd.

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• Fire Department is selling cash raffle tickets for $1.00.
• Accepting baskets for the Basket Raffle for Rock the Block.
• ESRC will not be using the volleyball court.
• Yvonne Stoffey asked if it was possible to get another garbage can in the park. Angela Krapf asked for one to be put by the picnic table also. Claire Remington can get 2 garbage cans for $11 each at PV Lumber.
• Jim Weremedic is checking on the Memorial Garden.

Streets: Given by Claire Remington, Streets Chairperson
• Not taking action on a part time summer help application because there is currently enough.
• Late August the major street repairs will begin.
• Claire Remington is looking into purchasing a 2007 used backhoe with low miles for approximately $30,000.00. This is the big piece of equipment that Coaldale shares with shared services.

Old Business: Dunn’s cut down the trees on the pool road with the borough responsible for hauling away the debris. The cut branches and wood are available if anyone wants to haul it away, otherwise the borough workers will.

New Business: Claire Remington has a concern about the cleaning up of dog feces. Some residents are just sweeping them into a pile and it remains uncovered in a pile until it is put out for garbage. Attorney Yurchak will look into seeing what could be done about it.

Adjournment: Motion made by Claire Remington at 8:02pm, seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:

Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
Submitted for approval on August 14, 2018