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

Executive Session: 7:01pm-7:33pm Personnel issues were discussed.

Public Participation: Charlotte Bubon, 218 East St., spoke about the Hometown Heroes Banners. She said a lot of people are interested in having them in Coaldale and asked if the borough would be willing to put them up by the borough workers. Mike Bellizia, Dawn’s Vinyl Design, provided the information on the banners. The cost to make a 2’ X 4’ banner is $125 and $38 for the hardware. Motion by Frank Hutta to allow the banners be put up. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously. After a discussion, Charlotte Bubon will get back to council with details once she learns them and the project gets underway. The VFW will be in charge of the project and they will be contacting PPL next for their permission to put the banners on the poles.

Approval of previous minutes: Motion made by Anne Girard to accept the February 16th, 2018 minutes. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report/Approval of Bills: Submitted by Anissa Nunemacher, Borough Treasurer
- Claire Remington gave Attorney Yurchak a copy of the fire report from the fire on W. High St. for which the borough still has a fire escrow account. He will look into where to return the money.
- Motion made by Anne Girard to accept the treasurer’s report and approve the bills to be paid. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.

Streets Report: Given by Claire Remington, Streets Chairperson
- 7th St. project on hold until the weather clears.
- Manhole in front of the fire company will be fixed once the weather clears.

Police Report: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Police Committee Chairperson
- Chief Krapf’s report for February 2018 was read by Yvonne Stoffey.
- Motion by Claire Remington to accept the police report. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

Mayors Report: Given by Mayor Herb Whildin
- Beginning in April, Mayor Whildin will have “Meeting with the Mayor” the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at borough hall.

Presidents Report: Given by Angela Krapf, Council President
- $1,758.37 collected in February from Portnoff Law Associates and to date collected is $22,339.86 for delinquent sanitation.
- Discussion about getting a mat for under the new weights upstairs. Will be put on hold until April.
- Motion made by Frank Hutta to purchase new fax machine for $129.00. Seconded by Anne Girard. After a discussion Frank Hutta rescinded his motion. Motion by Frank Hutta to spend up to $200 for a new fax machine. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

Secretary’s Report: Given by Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
- CoStars registration is completed for next year.
- Received a quote from Verizon for Jetpacks which are needed for the new police computers to access the internet while patrolling. There is no cost for the devices. There is a monthly...
fee of $39.99 per device to access the internet. **Motion** by Claire Remington to approve the quote. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Solicitor Report:** Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak
- **Motion** by Frank Hutta to ratify contacting the actuary to do an actuarial study on the police pension fund. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried **unanimously**.
- Attorney Yurchak will contact the person who bought the 5 E. Phillips St. lot to see what he wants to do with the borough’s junked trailer that is on the property.

**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:** None

**Complex:** Given by Angela Krapf, Council President
- Received estimate from Robert Kenesky Electrical to install a 4 way switch and supply power to bathroom for $580.00. **Motion** by Frank Hutta to accept the estimate and have the work done. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Demolition/Grants:** Given by Claire Remington, Chairperson
- Rest of the demolition of 223 E. Ridge St. is scheduled to begin the week of April 19, 2018.

**Finance/Utilities:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Chairperson
- Provided council with information from RRS about the borough hosting a recycling event.
- Anissa Nunemacher and Claire Remington spoke about transferring the funds from the general savings account to the general checking account and then closing the general savings account because only six transfers are permitted each month before charges occur. In order to avoid the charges or overdrafts, all funds will be deposited into the general checking. **Motion** by Anne Girard to make the change. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Handicap:** None

**Personnel:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Personnel Committee Chairperson
- There has been no interest in the Vacancy Board Chair.
- Angela Krapf read an email from Carl Faust where he stated he has to resign from property maintenance/code enforcement and rental inspections because he does not have the time. He will continue to do building and zoning permits. **Motion** by Anne Girard to accept the resignation. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried **unanimously**. After a discussion, outsourcing might be a better option so an ad will be run in the newspaper requesting proposals for residential rental inspection services. Suzanne Whildin will contact Systems Design, LTL and Acela for pricing.

**Police:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Police Committee Chairperson
- Received resignation letter from Officer Dinu Dermargosian effective February 18, 2018. **Motion** by Yvonne Stoffey to accept the resignation. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.
- The fire company wants the 2010 Crown Victoria. **Motion** by Yvonne Stoffey to donate the Crown Victoria to the Coaldale Fire Company. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.
- Crime Watch meeting is March 22, 2018 at 6:30pm.
- Crime Watch will be sponsoring a women’s self defense class and Yvonne Stoffey asked if they could use the complex to hold the event. **Motion** by Claire Remington to allow the use of the complex. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.
- Yvonne Stoffey asked if Crime Watch can use the borough’s address on their letterhead. **Motion** by Frank Hutta to allow this. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Police Pension:** A meeting will be scheduled after the actuarial study is completed.

**Recreation/Memorial:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Recreation Committee Chairperson
- 28 people attended the Paint-n-Sip that benefitted the handicap swing.
- Upcoming CHOSE events include the Bunny Olympics March 18th and Earth Day Clean Up April 22nd.
• Upcoming Fire Company events include MS Vendor Sale March 18th, Blood Drive April 14th, Fish Fry March 16th and 30th.
• Town clean up with Tamaqua Transfer is April 28th.
• Rock the Block meeting is March 25th at 7:30pm at fire house and they are selling lottery calendar tickets for April.
• Friends of the Lansford Pool moved their sale to the pool’s concession stand due to Head Start using the gym.
• Lions Club is selling Easter flowers and candy March 29th, 30th and 31st at the fire house.
• CHOSE and the Fire Company are holding a Place Your Bets derby fundraiser June 9th at the fire company.

Streets: Given by Claire Remington, Streets Chairperson
• Robert Kenesky replaced the light in the salt shed.

Old Business: Motion by Frank Hutta to authorize the police officer on duty to call out borough workers for snow plowing/salting and send the borough workers home once the streets are clear. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously. A memo will be sent to Chief Krapf.

New Business: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Anne Girard at 8:41pm, seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:

Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
Submitted for approval on April 10, 2018