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-7:17pm Personnel issues were discussed.

Public Participation: Ron Gieniec, 40 E. Ruddle St., had questions about the Quality of Life Ordinance. He also owns 42 E. Ruddle St. The property connected to his 42 E. Ruddle St. property (44 E. Ruddle St.) is in deplorable shape. He cleaned up some of the garbage but there is still more and there are rats. Mr. Gieniec stated the garage is filled with dozens of tires. Claire Remington will go to the property tomorrow, May 9, with the police to take pictures and follow up on his concerns.

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

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Bills: Given by Anissa Nunemacher, Borough Treasurer
• Anissa Nunemacher has the new grant package paperwork. Claire Remington will get a list of equipment needed by the streets department and meet with Anissa.
• Motion made by Frank Hutta 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 April 2018 was read by Yvonne Stoffey. In the report Chief Krapf stated Units 57 and 58 each need new front tires and the price should not exceed $600.
• Motion by Claire Remington to accept the police report. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.
• Motion by Claire Remington to purchase front tires for Units 57 and 58. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously. Claire Remington stated she believes necessities, such as tires, should be able to be purchased right away and the purchase ratified at the next meeting. The committee chairperson should be contacted about the necessary purchase.
• Motion by Frank Hutta to have the front end of Units 57 and 58 checked out and serviced if necessary. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

Mayors Report: Given by Mayor Herb Whildin
• Mayor Whildin held a meeting May 1 and talked with a few residents about blighted properties and other Quality of Life Ordinance concerns they had. The next meeting is June 5, 2018 at 6pm.

Presidents Report: Given by Angela Krapf, Council President
• $2,797.34 collected in April from Portnoff Law Associates and to date collected is $28,098.37 for delinquent sanitation.
• Mini Memorial Day Parade following the Seek services, beginning at the Complex and parading to Borough Hall.
• Suzanne Whildin reached out to Portnoff Law Associates to see if they would be interested in collecting delinquent sewer maintenance. They were interested and it would be the same process as the sanitation collection. Motion by Frank Hutta to have Portnoff Law Associates collect delinquent sewer maintenance fees. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.
• Systems Design Engineering submitted an agreement to do rental inspections and property maintenance code. Motion by Frank Hutta to accept the agreement. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously. A rental inspection checklist was provided and the
fee is $75 per inspection. Every rental property will be inspected once a year. If the property passes inspection, it will be every other year.

• **Motion** by Anne Girard to change the rental inspection fee from $30 to $75. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**. Angela Krapf asked Attorney Yurchak if the fees SDE charges for property maintenance code can be passed on to the homeowner and he confirmed they could be.

• Angela Krapf asked council members to think about their committees and to let her know before the June meeting if any adjustments need to be made.

• Police department never got a server for their computers and they thought the backup computer, which has the entire reporting system, had crashed. If that computer crashes, the police would lose everything. **Motion** by Frank Hutta to get the police department a server for their computers. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.

• The Legion requested to use the complex to hold one Memorial Day service if it rains.

• Angela Krapf made a “Welcome to Coaldale” paper for new residents and asked council to look over it.

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

• Update on the Hometown Heroes Banners-PPL was given initial information to start the process to inspect the poles. Waiting for PPL to send agreement back for council’s approval.

• Angela Krapf contacted PPL about the fees to inspect the poles and because it is subcontracted out, the fees cannot be waived. The first 25 poles per year are free and the fee is $55 per pole after that. The borough will not incur the expense to inspect the poles.

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

• According to the assessment office, Coaldale Community Ambulance Association still owns parcel #40-01-0014.001.

• The property owner with the fire escrow account has until May 15th to respond to the letter.

• Yvonne Stoffey will contact the police to let them know the SOPs with any recommendations or changes are needed by the next meeting.

• The deed for the two properties on Fisher Avenue for Mr. Hill was done as a deed of consolidation and it will be considered one address. Attorney Yurchak is preparing a letter with zoning information on setbacks per Mr. Hill’s request.

• The deed for 5 E. Phillips St. is ready. Mr. Pasqualucci asked about the title for the trailer. It needs to be signed over to him.

• **Motion** by Anne Girard to accept the General Release and Settlement Agreement that has been reached between Mr. Delaney and Coaldale Borough. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.

**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:** None

**Demolition/Grants:** Given by Claire Remington, Chairperson

• Claire Remington is looking at 138 & 140 Sixth St. as the next demolition project.

• The building at 223 E. Ridge St. is down and the lot is being backfilled. **Motion** by Frank Hutta to sell the lot at 223 E. Ridge St. with a minimum starting bid of $5,000.00. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**. Will advertise for the sale once the exact dimensions are determined.

**Finance/Utilities:** None

**Handicap:** None

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

• **Motion** by Frank Hutta to hire Bryce Krapf, Elias Travares, Brian Krapf and Alexander Redclift as part time seasonal workers on an as needed basis. Seconded by Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried **unanimously**.

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

• Waiting for the total pounds of drugs collected from the Drug Take Back.

• A state trooper from Reading spoke about personal safety at last month’s Crime Watch meeting.

• Next Crime Watch meeting is May 24, 2018.

May 8, 2018
Next week is National Police Week.

Police Pension:  None

Recreation/Memorial:  Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Recreation Committee Chairperson
- Community Yard Sale May 19 and 20.  There will be a list of participating homes.
- Memorial Day Services will be May 27.
- CHOSE events include Mini-Olympics June 3; Movie in the Park June 22; Night at the Races June 9.
- Thanked the resident who donated pizza to the group who cleaned on Earth Day.

Streets:  Given by Claire Remington, Streets Chairperson
- 2018 Local Forces Street Paving Estimate for street repairs was included with the projects numbered by priority that was previously discussed.
- There is a problem with water pooling at intersection of High and Fifth Sts.  Peter J. Radocha & Sons Inc. submitted an estimate to install new inlets on High St. and tying into an inlet on Fifth St. in the amount of $7,900.00.  The borough will provide the blacktop.  
  Motion by Frank Hutta to accept the estimate.  Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by Frank Hutta to advertise the recycle truck with a starting bid of $15,000.00.  Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:
- Motion by Frank Hutta to approve the Schuylkill County EMA Promulgation Resolution.  Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.
- Kevin Soberick submitted his paperwork to fill the Emergency Management Director position.

New Business:
- A resident requested to have his driveway opening painted with an additional 9’ feet on one side and 4’ feet on the other side of in order for him to swing his vehicle into his off street parking area.  Claire Remington will get information for next meeting on what should be painted for driveway openings.
- All the playground equipment is in except one piece.  Should be completed by the weekend.
- Motion by Anne Girard to purchase 10 cement barriers and more if needed for behind the basketball court at a cost of $40 each.  Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.
- Angela Krapf asked Attorney Yurchak if there is a limit to the number of people living in a house.
- Motion by Anne Girard that all borough employees use direct deposit by September 1, 2018.  Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.
- Claire Remington would to see a new ordinance banning smoking on borough property by September 1, 2018.  Attorney Yurchak draft one for next meeting.
- Friends of the Lansford Pool will be selling passes to the Tamaqua Pool at borough hall on Saturday May 12 from 10am-12pm.
- Bob Demyanovich stated he thinks St. Luke’s Miners should pay to fix Kline’s Hill and Ruddle St. between 6th and 7th Sts. while they are doing their expansion.  He will send them a letter stating this and will copy the borough.

Adjournment:  Motion made by Anne Girard at 8:28pm, seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
Submitted for approval on June 12, 2018