COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218  
November 13, 2018  7:00pm

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, Council Vice President Claire Remington, Councilwoman Anne Girard, Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey, Councilman Francis Hutta and Mayor Herb Whildin were present. Councilman Thomas Keerans and Councilman Michael Doerr were absent.

Executive Session: 7:04pm-7:08pm Spoke with Jacob Boyle, who is interested in being the Junior Council Person.

Motion made by Frank Hutta to have Jacob Boyle as the Junior Council Person. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously. Jacob was sworn in by Mayor Whildin as Coaldale Borough’s Junior Council Person.

Public Participation: Mark Krajcirik asked council if there were any questions about the cleanup happening at his property, formerly Soberick’s gas station. Mark explained this is the remediation from the old fuel spill from the tanks. Mark can provide the contact information of the remediation company for any questions.

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
- Balance on playground equipment is $12,202.68 but will have to call for exact payoff.
- Will begin working on workman’s comp audit with MRM.
- Liquid Fuels funds used this year was $82,904.53 with a balance of $1,650.01 to carry over.
- The tentative budget is balanced. It had to be advertised by November 11, 2018 in order to be approved at the December meeting. Attorney Yurchak said to put a notice on the door cancelling the remaining budget meetings. Motion made by Frank Hutta to ratify the advertisement of the tentative budget posting. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by Frank Hutta to make the final payment of $10,000.00 to the fire company. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by Anne Girard to accept the treasurer’s report. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by Anne Girard to approve the bills. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.
- Claire Remington asked to have a separate line item in the budget for Memorial Garden expenses. Anissa will add it beginning 2019.

Police Report: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Police Committee Chairperson
- Chief Krapf’s report for October 2018 was read by Yvonne Stoffey.
- Chief Krapf requested to increase the pay rate of part timer officers to the overtime rate (1 ½ times pay) for 5 holidays. The new rate would be $27.00 per hour. Currently, it is $1.00 per hour extra. The holidays are Easter, 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas. Motion made by Claire Remington to approve the request. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by Anne Girard to accept the police report. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.

Mayors Report: Given by Mayor Whildin
- Next Meeting with the Mayor is December 4 at 6pm.
• Claire Remington asked the mayor to pass along to the police that the winter snow ordinance is in effect and there are trailers and non-motorized vehicles still parked on the streets. Mayor Whildin said he would pass that information along the chief.

Presidents Report: Given by Angela Krapf, President
• $2,840.18 collected in October from Portnoff Law Associates and to date collected is $46,322.09 for delinquent sanitation.
• Motion made by Frank Hutta to have Portnoff Law Associates add the 5% county commission to the delinquent tax bill in order for Coaldale Borough to receive the full amount of the delinquent tax amount. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

Secretary’s Report: Given by Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
• Motion made by Frank Hutta to refund Karen Vandak $20.00 for painting lines at her garage. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.
• Mr. Peter Radocha’s term on the board of the sewer authority ends 12/31/18 and he submitted a letter requesting to be re-appointed. Motion made by Anne Girard to re-appoint Peter Radocha to the sewer authority board. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.
• PSECU supplied information for borough employees who would like to join.

Solicitor Report: Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak
• Attorney Yurchak prepared the ordinance to allow parking either way on First St. between High and Ridge Sts. Motion made by Anne Girard to advertise the ordinance. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.
• There was a discussion about moving permits for residents in rental properties. Attorney Yurchak will look at an ordinance from Weissport.

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

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Buildings/Complex: None
Demolition/Grants: None
Finance/Utilities: None
Handicap: Given by Claire Remington, Chairperson
• Received an application for 10 E. High St. and Chief Krapf approved the spot. Motion made by Claire Remington to approve the application. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.

Police: None
Police Pension: None
Recreation/Memorial: Given by Yvonne Stoffey-Recreation Committee Chair & Anne Girard-Memorial Chair
• Anne Girard plans on moving the stones in the Memorial Garden in the spring with the help of the scouts, once Walter’s Monuments moves the monument.
• Claire Remington was contacted regarding the donated benches that had been moved. Also, the plaques had to be removed when the rotting wood was replaced. The plaques are worn and will be taken to Delrose Awards to see what can be done to restore them.
• The Hometown Heroes banners that are up will be coming down when the Christmas decorations go up and go into storage. Claire Remington spoke with the gentleman who has the bucket truck and it will be available for free in the spring to hang the banners and all of the banners will be up before Memorial Day.
• CHOSE events include:
  • Borough Tree Lighting-November 25th at 5pm.
• Fire Company events include:
  • Oil, Cash or Coal Raffle tickets for $5.00 each that will be chanced off December 15th, 2018.

Streets: Given by Claire Remington, Streets Chairperson
• Paperwork from Cleveland Brothers regarding the purchase of a new backhoe was provided. The new equipment is here and will be purchased through the CoStars program. Price after discount is $94,792.00, less $8,500.00 trade in for the old backhoe for a selling price of $86,292.00 plus $300 Doc Fee for financing for a net selling price of $86,592.00. Five annual payments of $19,168.93 will be made with the funds coming from the sewer maintenance
Motion made by Frank Hutta to approve the new equipment purchase. Seconded by Anne Girard and the motion carried unanimously.

- An instructor will be here initially and periodically to provide free training on the new equipment. Claire Remington requested that Otis Remington be included in the training. Motion made by Frank Hutta to include Otis Remington in the training at no cost. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and the motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Frank Hutta to hire Andrew Girard as a part time snow plow driver on an as needed basis. Seconded by Claire Remington. Upon voice vote, Anne Girard abstains. Roll Call. Claire Remington-yes; Frank Hutta-yes; Yvonne Stoffey-yes; Angela Krapf-yes; Anne Girard abstains. Motion carries.

Old Business: None
New Business: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Frank Hutta at 7:39pm, seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:

Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
Submitted for approval on December 11, 2018