Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Council President Angela Krapf followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Solicitor Robert Yurchak, Mayor Herb Whildin, Council President Angela Krapf, Council Vice President Claire Remington, Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey, Councilwoman Anne Girard and Junior Councilperson Jacob Boyle were present. Councilman Francis Hutta and Councilman Michael Doerr were absent.

A moment of silence was held for Councilman Thomas Keerans who passed away in March.

Executive Session: 7:01pm-7:12pm  Personnel issues were discussed

Public Participation:
- Wayne Fignar, 27 W. Phillips St., had questions about how residents are notified about clean-up day. Anne Girard told him it was advertised by Tamaqua Transfer in the Times News. He also asked if the borough pays extra fees for clean up and Angela Krapf explained it is included in the contract. Mr. Fignar stated he looked on the borough’s website and it was not listed in the calendar and he asked why. Angela Krapf explained that the borough is allotted 3 updates and anything after that there is an additional charge.
- Maury Rutch, 217 Second St., asked about the current protocol on the ordinance pertaining to excessive dog barking and what is being done and how does he know if anything is being done. Mr. Rutch claimed he has left messages at the police station. Chief Krapf was in attendance and explained to Mr. Rutch he will not address it during the meeting as it is not the appropriate place to discuss that complaint. Chief Krapf and Mr. Rutch went outside the council room to discuss it.

Vacant Council Seat: There was one letter of interest submitted by Chad Gerber. Motion made by Claire Remington nominating Chad Gerber to fill the vacant position. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously. Mayor Whildin swore in Mr. Gerber as a member of council.

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
- USDA Grant representative expects to hear later this month when they expect to get the funding.
- 2017-2018 Liquid Fuels audit was finished this week with no findings.
- Hours are posted when Anissa is available for questions. She also included a list of her duties.
- Claire Remington asked about the status of the High St. fire escrow account. Anissa explained it is going through the state’s process and she is working on finishing it.
- Motion made by Anne Girard to accept the treasurer’s report. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by Yvonne Stoffey to approve the bills. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

Police Report: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Chairperson
- Chief Krapf’s report for March 2019 was read.
- In his report, Chief Krapf is asking council to hire Ryan Oldt as a full time officer effective May 1, 2019 with a probation period of one year. This position is to replace Charles Blesse who resigned March 9, 2019. Motion made by Yvonne Stoffey to hire Ryan Oldt as a full time officer effective May 1, 2019 with a probation period of one year. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by Anne Girard to accept the police report. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.
- Mayor Whildin swore in Officer Ryan Oldt.
• Received a resignation letter from part time officer Anthony Houser which was read by Yvonne Stoffey. **Motion** by Yvonne Stoffey to accept the resignation letter. Secended by Claire Remington and motion **carried unanimously**.

**Mayors Report:** Given by Mayor Whildin
• Police are getting busier with the warmer weather.

**Presidents Report:** Given by Angela Krapf, President
• $2,727.81 collected in March from PLA and collected to date is $66,177.80 for delinquent sanitation.
• $505.13 collected in March from PLA and collected to date is $8,106.75 for delinquent sewer transmission.
• $10,275.19 collected in March from PLA for delinquent Real Estate Taxes and to date $11,253.27 for taxes.
• St. Luke’s gave two dates for the annual meeting; May 16 or May 28. After a discussion, May 16 was chosen.
• A few years ago, there was an in-house team building exercise with council and the employees. Angela would like to do this again and also include the fire company members, sometime in May.

**Secretary's Report:** Given by Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
• Received an estimate from Computerpals to update the secretary’s and treasurer’s computers to faster technology for $315.00. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to approve the upgrade. Secended by Anne Girard and motion **carried unanimously**.
• Information on the county cleanup was included.
• Information on a PIRMA workshop was included.

**Solicitor Report:** Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak
• Police Pension Ordinance from the actuary to address the issues with the pension plan audit was advertised. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to adopt the ordinance. Secended by Anne Girard and motion **carried unanimously**.

**Fire Report:** Read by Anne Girard, Chairperson

**Code Enforcement/Zoning Report:**
• Angela gave an update on a question about Colonial Square getting inspected. It will be inspected April 25th.

**Jr. Council Report:**
• Jacob is working on his speech for Memorial Day.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Buildings/Complex:** Given by Claire Remington and Angela Krapf
• Angela Krapf showed the complex to CARES. They will keep it mind but think it is too much space at this time.

**Demolition/Grants:** Claire Remington reached out to Pottsville and didn’t get a response.

**Finance/Utilities:** None

**Handicap:** Received an application for 121 E. Ruddle St. It was approved by Chief Krapf. **Motion** made by Yvonne Stoffey to approve the handicap parking spot. Secended by Claire Remington and motion **carried unanimously**.

**Police:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Chairperson
• **Motion** made by Yvonne Stoffey to end Officer Bonner’s probation period retroactive as of March 1, 2019. Secended by Anne Girard and motion **carried unanimously**.
• Chief Krapf asked to place an ad for part time officers. **Motion** made by Yvonne Stoffey to advertise for part time officers. Secended by Anne Girard and motion **carried unanimously**.

**Police Pension:** None

**Recreation/Memorial:** Given by Yvonne Stoffey and Anne Girard
• Anne Girard will schedule a Saturday to have the boy scouts from Coaldale spruce up the Memorial Garden.
• Claire Remington will be fertilizing the garden before the next rainstorm. Odess Remington volunteered to check out the lights and changed some lights. While checking them, many of the sockets were found to be bad. After a discussion about where to get the money to cover the repair and upkeep costs of the Memorial Garden as well as the memorial in Seek, it was suggested to set up an account for donations to cover theses costs. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to set up a Coaldale Memorial Fund account. Secended by Anne Girard and motion **carried unanimously**. Claire Remington and Anne Girard each pledged $50.00. Claire Remington asked Yvonne Stoffey to put it on the borough’s Facebook page.

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• Fire Company events
  o Red Cross Blood Drive April 13th
  o Fish Fry April 19th
  o Chinese Auction May 5th
• CHOSE Events
  o Earth Day Cleanup April 14th
• CHOSE and the Fire Company will hold an Interactive Horse Race at the complex April 27th at 3pm. Cost of ticket is $10 for food and non-alcoholic drinks with BYOB. This benefits Rock the Block.
• Legion has unbaked pizza sales Fridays during Lent after 2pm for $9.00; Russian Cub is having a Spring Fling May 3rd, 7pm-10pm. Councilman Chad Gerber will be the MC; Knights of Columbus will have an Easter Egg Hunt April 20th at 9am; next Crime Watch meeting is at the VFW April 24th at 6:30pm.
• Spring Community Yard Sale will be June 1st and 2nd from 8am-4pm each day. Residents can contact the borough office to be put on the list of participants.

Streets: Given by Claire Remington, Streets Chairperson
• Motion made by Claire Remington to ratify the hiring of Frank Rodriquez as a part time seasonal worker on an as needed basis. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.
• Claire Remington stated that the borough is getting ready for summer. Will start posting the street sweeping schedule once Lansford finishes theirs. Intersections are being swept and if anyone puts piles out, they will be picked up. Residents can contact Suzanne or message through Facebook if a pile isn’t picked up.
• A hole opened up on Kline’s Hill and has been filled in. Claire will have to bring in the engineer to properly fix the bottom of Kline’s Hill.

Old Business: Anne Girard provided everyone with a copy of a winter parking proposal. She asked members of council to review it and provide any suggestions, additions or retractions.

New Business: Claire Remington expressed concerns about bonfire type burning in the borough. There is a burn ban issued by the county until May 22, 2019. Chief Krapf should be notified if there is any burning of that kind.

Adjournment: Motion made by Chad Gerber at 7:48pm, seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:

Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
Submitted for approval on May 14th, 2019