COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA  18218
March 12, 2019   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, 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, Councilman Thomas Keerans and Councilman Michael Doerr were absent.

Executive Session: 7:01pm-7:17pm  Contracts and personnel issues were discussed

Public Participation: None

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
• Auditor General’s Report on the pension is included.  There were 2 findings.  The first was with the police pension, which required an ordinance that Attorney Yurchak has prepared.  The second was a credit from a pension that was cashed in a few years ago.  Due to the credit, more money was received from the state than should have been.  A check will be sent to the state in the amount of the excess that was received, which is approximately $2,700.00.
• USDA Grant representative asked if the quote for the new police vehicle is still valid.  Kovatch’s was contacted and the information was forwarded to the representative.
• Finalizing the 2017-2018 Liquid Fuels audit.
• Motion made by Claire Remington to accept the treasurer’s report.  Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.
• Motion made by Anne Girard to approve the bills.  Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.

Police Report:  Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Chairperson
• Chief Krapf’s report for February 2019 was read.
• Received a resignation letter from Officer Charles Blesse in order to further his career as a Trooper with the PA State Police.  Chief Krapf stated Officer Blesse has been an asset to the department and wishes him the best of luck in the future.  Motion made by Yvonne Stoffey to accept his resignation.  Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.  Yvonne Stoffey will send a letter to Officer Blesse thanking him for his service.
• Motion made by Anne Girard to accept the police report.  Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously.

Mayors Report:  Given by Mayor Whildin
• Claire Remington was the only one in attendance at Meeting with the Mayor on March 5th.

Presidents Report:  Given by Angela Krapf, President
• $2,762.28 collected in February from PLA and collected to date is $63,449.99 for delinquent sanitation.
• $2,548.09 collected in February from PLA and collected to date is $7,601.62 for delinquent sewer transmission.
• $978.08 collected in February from PLA for delinquent Real Estate Taxes.
• Pathstone put in a request for a new bus stop at 5th and Ruddle Sts. and one at East and Phillips Sts.  The East and Phillips Sts. bus stop has already been approved.  A stop at 5th and Ruddle Sts. bus stop was discussed prior and it was not recommended because of the amount of traffic that goes through including ambulances, employees and people going to the hospital and it is also on the snow emergency route.  It was suggested to use 5th and Phillips Sts. as the additional stop.  Pathstone will be contacted with this suggestion.
2 “repository for unsold properties” bids were received. The first is for 228 W. Earley Ave. There was another bid last year that was denied due to the condition of the property and wanting to get it on the demolition list. The party that placed the bid spoke about renovating the property. It was recommended that they get permission from the county to get inside the property to see the condition of it. They can re-submit a bid after that. The second is a vacant lot at 7th and Ruddle Sts. 

Motion made by Anne Girard to accept the bid for the lot at 7th and Ruddle Sts. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Anne Girard to not accept the bid for 228 W. Earley Ave. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.

Secretary’s Report: Given by Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
- Spring Clean-up will be Saturday April 6, 2019.
- Legion made a request for additional heavy duty flag brackets and a speaker for the Memorial Day Services because Mayor Whildin is unavailable. Junior council person Jacob Boyle was asked if he would consider speaking and he said yes. Motion made by Claire Remington nominating Jacob Boyle to speak at the Memorial Day Services. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously. Motion made by Anne Girard to spend $300 on the flag brackets. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.

Solicitor Report: Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak
- Provided the Pension Ordinance from the actuary to address the issues with the pension plan audit and it needs to be advertised. Motion made by Anne Girard to advertise the ordinance. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried unanimously.
- There is an ordinance in place addressing dangerous animals/dogs. Council will review the existing ordinance.
- Provided a copy of Lansford’s snow plowing ordinance for review.

Fire Report: Read by Anne Girard, Chairperson

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: None

Jr. Council Report: Jacob Boyle recapped what he has learned so far as a junior councilperson.
- Everyone comes prepared to the meeting which makes for an efficient meeting.
- Social media impacts everything and could be good to pass along information. But it also it used to voice things that should be brought to council. Also misinformation can get people fired up with rumors being spread such as what happened with the complex.
- Jacob stated he appreciates everything he has learned so far and can’t wait to learn more.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings/Complex: Given by Claire Remington and Angela Krapf
- Pathstone has all their things out of the complex. There is still some work that needs to be done. The extermination services were stopped in order to save money. Thermostats were also turned down to save money. The gymnasium and kitchen area are open and available to rent.

Demolition/Grants: None

Finance/Utilities: None

Handicap: None

Police: None

Police Pension: None

Recreation/Memorial: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Chairperson
- Fire Company events
  - Fish Fries on March 22nd, April 5th and 19th
  - Vendor Show April 7th
  - Red Cross Blood Drive April 13th
  - Chinese Auction May 5th
- CHOSE Events
  - Bunny Olympics April 7th
  - Earth Day Cleanup April 14th
- CHOSE and the Fire Company will hold an Interactive Horse Race at the complex April 27th.
- 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 Seth Harkins as a part time seasonal worker on an as needed basis. Seconded by Anne Girard and motion carried unanimously.
• Claire Remington would like to advertise for part time seasonal workers over the age 18 in order for
them to be able to use tools such as chainsaws, large weed whackers, etc. Attorney Yurchak
recommended to advertise as 18 years or older preferred. Motion to advertise for part time seasonal
workers, 18 years of age or older preferred, made by Claire Remington. Seconded by Anne Girard
and motion carried unanimously.
• Tentative street repairs include completing First St. between Phillips and Ridge Sts., Moser Ave.
between 3rd and 4th Sts. and that area also needs sewer done work first, Kline’s Hill, Ruddle St.
between 6th and 7th Sts. lines of traffic only. Claire Remington will meet with John Davis to finalize
the list.

Old Business: None
New Business: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Anne Girard at 7:59pm, seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion carried
unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary
Submitted for approval on April 9th, 2019