

Coaldale Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
May 12th 2015
19:00

Meeting Called to order by Council President Thomas Keerans followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Harry Hontz Present; Brenda Hosler Present; Angela Krapf Absent; Mayor Joel Johnson Present; Council President Thomas Keerans Present; Solicitor Robert Yurchak Present; Michael Doerr Present; Francis Hutta Present; Yvonne Stoffey Present; Secretary Elizabeth Hosler Present; and Treasurer Anissa Nunemacher Present.

Before the meeting is opened up to public participation Council President Keerans and Mayor Johnson would like to open the floor to District Attorney Christen Holman.

Christen Holman held a discussion about the drug problem in the area, crimes filed, retail theft, and dui. Christen handed out packets “combating the war on drugs” and “DUI-costly”. Schuylkill county drug task force is made up of two full time officers and then they recruit other officers. They work on deterring crime, they serve warrants at dawn and they serve about 25 of them at a time. She then stated heroin is one the biggest problems in our area. Spoke about the act known as the controlled substance, drug, device and cosmetic act- drug overdose response immunity (Act of September 30 2014, P.L. 2487, No. 139).

Thomas Keerans opened the floor to public participation

James Rickert (American Legion): Stated that there is lack of participation for flags. Flag Committee is asking borough council for donation for flags Motion made by Francis Hutta to donate \$500.00 for flags 2nd by Michael Doerr. James also mentioned that in the year 2019 there will be a 100 year celebration for the American legion.

Matt Marchalk 112 Phillip St. Coaldale: Stated he called Keith Krapf for a complaint Keith Krapf did not do anything. Neighbors are parking in his back yard.

Michael Murphy 158 Second St. Coaldale: Spoke about the sewage issue between him and his neighbor. Also stated there is a cat pee odor coming through the walls. Murphy stated that the landlord who owns the house next to him put carpets down to hid the odor then ripped the carpets up and painted over the wooden floors to cover up the odor.

Bob Demovitch from the sewer authority stated that there will be a \$695,000 improvement done to the sewer line, the project will start after the last day of school but unsure of the date.

Melody Wright 114 West Phillip St Coaldale: Complaints about 112 West Phillip Street; tires in front of property hedges were not trimmed and also there is garbage piled up behind and on side of the house.

Matt Marchalk 112 Phillip St Coaldale: Stated that they had complaints about 114 West Phillip St Coaldale with her dogs barking also stated another officer was going to write a complaint and officer Krapf said not to.

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James Kessler 130 East Phillip St Coaldale: Thanking members of council for fixing the problem across the street from him and the borough workers.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Motion made to accept meeting minutes from April Council meeting by Michael Doerr 2nd by Harry Hontz all in favor motion carried.

Approval of Bills: on file. New server for the computers is ordered. Motion by Francis Hutta 2nd by Michael Doerr to pay the bills all in favor motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: on file. Michael Doerr made motion to hire Lettich and Zipany 2nd by Francis Hutta all in favor motion carried. Brenda Hosler made motion to accept treasurer's report 2nd by Michael Doerr all in favor motion carried.

Mayor's Report: Will be working with Christine Holman. Michael Doerr had also asked for two months of Police Schedules.

Chief of Police Report: Need batteries for tasers. 59 still at body shop. Brenda Hosler made motion to accept report 2nd by Harry Hontz all in favor motion carried.

President's Report: Solicitor Robert Yurchak looking for a \$3000.00 retainer and \$100.00 per hour and would not charge for phone calls Brenda Hosler made motion to approve 2nd by Michael Doerr all in favor motion carried.

Secretary's Report: on file. Brenda Hosler made motion to purchase a new fax/copier/scanner/printer 2nd by Yvonne Stoffey all in favor motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Buildings: N/A

Utilities: Francis Hutta stated that there is a huge problem with the sewer plant and it has to be fixed by July 31st 2015. There will be a meeting in June all are welcome to attend.

Recreation: N/A

Police: on file

Fire/Ambulance: fire report on file. Jonathan Oakes thanked council for the use of the chairs for the Chinese Auction.

Grants: N/A

Streets: Francis Hutta made motion to pave East Phillip Street (pool road) 2nd by Michael Doerr all in favor motion carried. Francis Hutta made motion to purchase concrete saw in the amount of \$1,750.00 as well as a plate compactor in the amount of \$1,750.00 2nd by Brenda Hosler all in favor motion carried. Francis Hutta made motion to purchase storm inlet replacements {3} 2nd by Brenda Hosler all in favor

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motion carried. Francis Hutta made motion to purchase 1980 International in the amount of \$5,500.00 2nd by Brenda Hosler all in favor motion carried. Brenda Hosler made motion to have Moser Ave. sewer line checked with a camera not to exceed \$2,000.00 2nd by Harry Hontz all in favor motion carried.

Police Pension: N/A

Handicap: N/A

Finance: Budget meetings will begin in August.

Complex: Changed locks

Demolition: N/A

Revitalization: N/A

Personnel: N/A

Code Enforcement: on file. Harry Hontz made motion to accept the report 2nd by Michael Doerr all in favor motion carried. Yvonne Stoffey will be doing some ride along with Mike O'Hara.

Solicitors Report: Garbage contracts, Motion made by Brenda Hosler to give Tamaqua Transfer a 5yr contract 2nd by Francis Hutta all in favor motion carried.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Yvonne Stoffey said about having light snacks and drinks after the memorial service.

Executive Session:

Adjournment: Michael Doerr made motion to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Harry Hontz all in favor motion carried meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Hosler

Borough Secretary