

# COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2016 at 7pm

**PRESIDENT KEERANS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

**IN ATTENDANCE WERE:** Thomas Keerans(*Council President*), Michael Doerr(*Council Vice-President*), Joel Johnson(*Mayor*), Robert Yurchak(*Solicitor*), Yvonne Stoffey, Angela Krapf, Francis Hutta, Harry Hontz, Claire Remington, Michael O'Hara(*Code Enforcement*), Carl Faust(*Zoning Officer*), Anissa Nunemacher(*Treasurer*)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Terry Duebler (19 Bull Run St) addressed Council regarding the status of 88 Miner St. where her daughter resides. Solicitor Yurchak is trying to expedite a repository sale for the property so the Borough can purchase it and either repair the home, or tear it down if necessary.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Councilman Doerr motioned to accept the minutes. Councilwoman Remington seconded motion. Motion Carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** (1) Councilman Doerr motioned to pay bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Hutta. Motion carried. (2) Councilman Hontz made a motion to accept the Police Trust Fund for 2016. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stoffey. Motion carried.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Mike O'Hara requested an assistant for issuing Occupancy Permits and handling complaints. Claire Remington and Frank Hutta believe O'Hara should ask the officer on duty if he feels he needs any assistance. They do agree Code Enforcement should receive an official badge to identify himself, along with a shirt or jacket to do the same. Carl Faust suggested carrying a small tape recorder, like he does, when he goes to complaints or inspections. Frank Hutta made motion to purchase business cards, a jacket, a badge and a small tape recorder for O'Hara. Remington seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Joel Johnson would like to have another Town Hall meeting sometime in February. The Mayor has invited Governor Wolfe to attend.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** President Keerans would like to make changes to the buildings committee. Councilwoman Remington will be chairman, followed by Hutta and Doerr. President Keerans also made Council aware of the upcoming arbitration notice from the Teamsters regarding Kenny Hankey grievance.

**ZONING REPORT:** Carl Faust believes the Borough is losing money with the current fees for Zoning Permits and Zoning Hearing Board requests, and feels they should be raised before approving the 2016 Schedule of fees. Frank Hutta and Mike Doerr will work with Faust on changing the fee schedule to present to Council at the February meeting.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:** As of this date there is no existing Civil Service Committee, but if and when needed, one can be appointed. Council needs to appoint terms to the Zoning Hearing Board members, which will be done by the Solicitor and Secretary.

**FIRE/AMBULANCE REPORT:** Harry Hontz brought Council the 2016 Fire Company Officer list. The Secretary will send a letter to the Tamaqua Ambulance to request a monthly report of Ambulance calls.

**COMPLEX REPORT:** Councilwoman Remington made a motion to purchase two sets of bleachers and 25 wall mats for the Complex gym. Councilman Hontz seconded the motion. Motion carried with an agreed upon \$10,000 cap, for total costs.

**GRANT REPORT:** Councilman Hontz made a motion to reappoint Mary Linkovich as the Borough's grant writer. Frank Hutta seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**DEMOLITION REPORT:** Councilman Doerr made a motion to advertise for bids to demolish the property at 146 Fisher Ave. The bids must be sealed. The ad will be run for 3 days, with a deadline of February 5<sup>th</sup> 2016. Motion was seconded by Frank Hutta. Motion carried.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:** (1) President Keerans suggests hiring two part-time Police officers to help the police department enforce the Quality of Life Ordinance. Mayor Johnson said he will address the department about starting to enforce the Ordinance while they are out driving around during their shift. Keerans would like the ad for two part-time officers, to run for 3 days. (2) A decision needs to be made about a permanent location for the trophies at the Complex to be stored and displayed. The case will have to be replaced. The goal date to have this issue resolved is Memorial Day. (3) Frank Hutta motioned to reelect Harry Hontz as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Claire Remington seconded the motion. Motion carried. (4) Thomas Macenka requested that Council re-elect him as a Sewer Authority Board Member. Councilwoman Remington motioned to re-elect Macenka. Hutta seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mike Doerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Yvonne Stoffey.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:32PM**