

**COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 15th, 2016 7:00pm**

6:30pm through 7:00pm council was in executive session.

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, Councilman Harry Hontz, Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey, Councilman Thomas Keerans, Councilwoman Claire Remington were present. Councilman Frank Hutta arrived during second executive session. Councilman Michael Doerr arrived at 8:18pm. Mayor Joel Johnson was absent.

Public Participation:

- Francis Hutta III, 32 E. Howard Ave., Coaldale is interested in buying a borough owned property behind the Coaldale Rod & Gun Club, parcel 40-01-0005.001.

Executive Session: 7:07pm until 7:35pm The police lawsuit was discussed.

Approval of minutes:

- **Motion** made by Claire Remington to accept October minutes. Yvonne Stoffey seconded and motion was **carried unanimously**.

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Bills:

- **Motion** made by Thomas Keerans to accept treasurer's report/bills. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion was **carried unanimously**.

Streets Report:

- Work is completed on the street in front of Russian Club.
- Purchased an additional key for new truck and received proper directions for the spreader.
- Meeting with Mr. John Davis of PennDot to discuss Road Program for next year.
- Attorney Yurchak will check into whether or not an ordinance is needed for trimming trees that obstruct street signs.
- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to add Mike Mundy and Mike Pasqualucci as snow plow drivers. Both passed background check done by Chief Krapf. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion **carried unanimously**. Claire Remington will be having

a pre-snow meeting to be sure all the necessary paperwork is completed by the snow plow drivers.

- Claire Remington asked to have borough workers informed by the police when street signs are stolen so the borough workforce can install new ones.
- Kenny Hankey requested to attend Weed Identification class in Kennett Square May 17, 2017. **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to not approve this class for Kenny Hankey. Seconded by Thomas Keerans and motion **carried unanimously**.

Police Report:

- Chief Krapf's October's report was read by Yvonne Stoffey. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to accept police report. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion **carried unanimously**.
- **Motion** made by Harry Hontz to advertise to hire additional part time officers on an as needed basis. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion **carried unanimously**.
- The police department has not been using the 2003 Ford Explorer. The streets department has at times been using it. Chief Krapf recommended selling it if the streets department doesn't need it.

Mayors Report: None

Presidents Report:

- Discussion about purchasing basketballs and basketball racks for the Complex for the groups that rent the facility. **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to buy one rack with a limit of \$125. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion **carried unanimously**.
- Received 2 "repository for unsold properties" from Schuylkill County Tax claim Bureau. **Motion** by Claire Remington to accept the East Alley property sale. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion **carried unanimously**. **Motion** by Claire Remington to not accept the 208 West Phillips St. sale. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion **carried unanimously**.

Secretary's Report: None

Solicitor Report:

- Execute a reverse subdivision on Mr. and Mrs. Getz's property on Fisher Avenue. **Motion** made by Yvonne Stoffey to accept reverse subdivision. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion **carried unanimously**.
- Ordinance for delinquent sanitation collection was advertised and is ready for adoption. **Motion** made by Thomas Keerans to adopt the ordinance and have

Portnoff do our delinquent sanitation collection. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion was **carried unanimously**.

Fire/Ambulance Report: Harry Hontz read the report from the fire company. There was no ambulance report.

Code Enforcement Report: Angela Krapf read Damien Quick's report. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to accept report. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion **carried unanimously**. Angela Krapf will be meeting with Damien Quick later this week to discuss things.

Zoning Report: None

- There was a discussion on the status of the dumping on West Ruddle St.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings:

- Discussion on adding a lockbox outside the borough building to collect payments. During the discussion, the late hours every Tuesday and the online sanitation payment option were satisfactory to accommodate the residents who can't make it during the day. If residents are having issues with paying taxes, arrangements will have to be made with the tax collector.
- The light on the main flag outside Borough Hall needs to be fixed.

Complex:

- 2 toilets need to be fixed.
- Still working on getting the GFI outlets fixed.
- The light on the flag outside needs to be fixed.
- Snow blower is the shed and the spreader is under the steps at the back door.

Demolition:

- Bids for the demolition of 146 Fisher Avenue are being accepted at Schuylkill County Controller's office until December 5, 2016 and will be opened on December 7, 2016.
- 2017 demolition guidelines were outlined in a letter from Michelle O'Connell. Claire Remington would like to add 7 properties to our 2017 demolition list that include: 132 W. Ridge St., 34/36/38 W. Water St., and 3 properties on E. Ridge St. **Motion** made by Frank Hutta for Claire Remington to add the 7 properties to 2017 demolition list. Seconded by Harry Hontz and the motion **carried unanimously**.

Finance/Utilities:

- Received letter from Blue Ridge Communications notifying us the franchise fee agreement expires June 9, 2017. They will be contacted to draft a new contract for review.
- There are Christmas lights that were donated to Coaldale by another municipality. Kenny Hankey will look into the cost of the sensor residents will have to purchase if they would like one of the Christmas lights to be placed near their home or business. There was a discussion about having members of C.H.O.S.E. help with the preparation and storage of the lights.

Grants: None

Handicap: None

Personnel:

- Secretary agreement ready for review by council.

Police:

- Reviewed inventory list at committee meeting.
- Discussion on options for the old computers and printers. Claire Remington preferred to not have them placed in garage. Donating them was considered after Chief Krapf cleans the hard drives. Yvonne Stoffey will have detailed list of the items that are no longer used.
- The title to the van down at Luberight was located. The van will be towed.
- Damien Quick and the police will work together in a coordinated effort to enforce the Quality of Life Ordinance.

Police Pension:

- **Motion** by Harry Hontz to authorize actuary to do the police pension study. Seconded by Claire Remington and the motion **carried unanimously**.

Recreation:

- Trunk or Treat and Monster Mash were a success. Upcoming CHOSE events include the annual tree lighting November 27 at 5:00pm at Borough Hall and children's Christmas party Who-Dale brunch with a Grinch theme at the Complex December 11.
- Borough Christmas party December 3 from 2pm-8pm at the fire company.
- Swing was broken again and is in storage for the winter.
- The memorial sign in the park is rotted and taken down for safety concerns. The borough workforce will be rebuilding it.
- Donations will be accepted for the Giving Tree that is available in Borough Hall for anyone who needs a hat, scarf or gloves.

Streets:

- Recycle truck went back to Bergey's in Souderton for inspection, fix wiring and a new power steering box.
- **Motion** by Frank Hutta to advertise for sale in The Times News the F800, International, and Ford Explorer as well as some new parts. Seconded by Mike Doerr and the motion **carried unanimously**.
- Claire Remington thanked Frank Hutta and his son for picking up 11.5 ton of cold patch for the borough with his truck.

Old Business:

- Next budget meeting is November 29th at 6:30pm.

New Business:

- Bill Moyer from St. Luke's Miners emailed Angela Krapf asking to have a get together with council to visit the hospital on November 28th. Angela Krapf will notify everyone of the time.
- The Legion is responsible for taking the American flags down.
- Frank Hutta will donate the tree for Borough Hall.
- Borough workers cordoned off an area around a sinkhole on a property Water St. Attorney Yurchak will contact BET to see who owns property. It is not borough property. Attorney Yurchak stated it a notice provision, putting people on notice there is a problem and to stay away from the area.

Adjournment: Motion made by Mike Doerr to adjourn at **9:04pm**. Harry Hontz seconded and the motion **carried unanimously**.

SUBMITTED BY:

Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary

Submitted for approval on December 13, 2016