

**COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 13th, 2016 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, Council President Angela Krapf, Councilman Harry Hontz, Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey, and Councilwoman Claire Remington were present. Councilman Mike Doerr, Councilman Thomas Keerans, Councilman Frank Hutta and Mayor Joel Johnson were absent.

Executive Session

Public Participation:

- Anne Girard, resident of 228 W. High St, Coaldale, has problems with an unoccupied home next to her at 224 W. High St owned by Randy Frick. Attorney Yurchak will check on status of mortgage foreclosure. **Motion** was made by Harry Hontz to board up and secure ground level entry points. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion was **carried**. Attorney Yurchak recommended keeping track of the costs to put a municipal lien on the property. Damien Quick will be notified of this property.
- Bob Perrin resident of 235 First St. gave updates on the trophies that were moved to Lansford Historical Society Museum, donations of items he received relating to the history of Coaldale as well as items for the WWII Memorial. **Motion** was made by Claire Remington to auction off stained glass window he removed from Fisher Avenue demolition and the money will go to the CHOSE playground fund. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion was **carried**.
- Herb Whildin, resident of 139 E. High St, commented positively on how better lit the streets are with the new PPL LED lights.

Approval of minutes: August minutes tabled to next meeting due to secretary being absent.

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Bills:

- **Motion** to approve Minimum Municipal Obligation for non-uniformed and uniformed pension plan for 2017 by Claire Remington. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion was **carried**.

- **Motion** made by Harry Hontz to accept treasurer's report. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion was **carried**.

Streets Report:

- Asphalt Zipper purchase with shared services not a direction we can go in
- Attorney Yurchak opened and read two proposals for 2016 Materials Bid Contract. Lehigh Asphalt and Pottsville Materials provided bids. Tabled action until later in the meeting so bids can be further looked at.
- **Motion** to purchase of tires for the backhoe by Harry Hontz. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion was **carried**.
- **Motion** to take 1997 GMC 6500 to Bergey's Truck Center in Souderton for diagnostics and repairs up to \$2500. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion was **carried**. Bob Perrin offered to follow truck in his own vehicle and bring our borough worker back.
- Attorney Yurchak looking into designating the bus stop at Sixth and High Sts. a no smoking area.
- Kenny Hankey will be attending a weed identification class on September 15, 2016 in Kennett Square to obtain credits toward herbicidal spray license.
- **Motion** by Claire Remington to ratify the hiring of Kevin Duke on as needed basis. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion was **carried**.
- Shared services are finished in Coaldale and Claire Remington discussed the upcoming projects. First is fixing street in front of the Russian Club on First St. and then fixing potholes around town.

Police Report: Sgt. Krapf's August report was read by Yvonne Stoffey.

Mayors Report: None

Presidents Report:

- **Motion** by Harry Hontz to purchase exercise equipment up to \$500. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion was **carried**.
- **Motion** by Claire Remington to offer Trunk or Treat at the complex along with regular trick or treating. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion was **carried**. There will also be a contest with various categories and prizes (\$25 gas cards) for the vehicles participating at the complex.

- Angela Krapf read the response from Mr. Fleck regarding his intentions for 223 Ridge St. **Motion** by Claire Remington to deny the repository sale of property to Mr. Fleck. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion was **carried**.

Secretary's Report:

- The documentation for Snowstorm Jonas reimbursement was submitted to FEMA.
- November meeting date is also Election Day. **Motion** to advertise change of date for November meeting to November 15, 2016 made by Yvonne Stoffey. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion was **carried**.
- Fall Clean Up will be September 26, 2016
- Letter from Dave Argall asking for feedback on the Downtown Locations Law he sponsored
- The sewer maintenance check will be returned to Goldstein Couriers LLC as the borough will not forgive the late fees.
- Regina Pavlovich sent Coaldale borough two plumber bills for her sewer line that was damaged during the Phillips St. project. They will be forwarded to water company.

Solicitor Report:

- Set up meeting with property owner to discuss issue at bottom of 6th St.
- **Motion** by Harry Hontz to turn grievance over to insurance company as recommended by solicitor. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion was **carried**.
- Received the court order to demolish 146 Fisher Avenue. **Motion** by Harry Hontz to pass a resolution to demolish 146 Fisher Ave. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion **carried**.

Fire/Ambulance Report: Harry Hontz read the report from the fire company and gave updates on upcoming fundraisers. There was no ambulance report.

Code Enforcement Report:

- Angela Krapf read Damien Quick's report. **Motion** to reimburse Damien Quick for pictures printed at Wal-Mart by Harry Hontz. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion was **carried**.
- Damien Quick will hold a Town Hall Meeting to introduce himself to residents and address any concerns on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. Included in the meeting will be Bob Perrin's presentation.

Zoning Report:

- Letters were sent to some residents with violations.
- Zoning hearing scheduled for September 29, 2016 at 6pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings: None

Complex:

- Update on installation of bathroom stalls.
- Met with Joe Hutta regarding the outside lights that need to be replaced.
- Claire Remington will be meeting Mrs. Domestics to discuss cleaning services they are providing.
- Updates on repairs/closing up windows. Roof will not be done until next year.
- Discussion on dumpster prices.
- Tabled action on purchasing snow blower and spreader until more prices are checked for comparison.
- **Motion** made by Claire Remington to purchase salt from Northeast Chemical (pallet of 48 - 50lb bags for \$909.60). Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion was **carried**.
- **Motion** made by Claire Remington to have Joe Hnat paint the beams and give him a deposit. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion was **carried**.
- Rental fees/insurance referred to committee for review
- **Motion** made by Harry Hontz to have Bob Perrin take anything of value to museum with Coaldale maintaining ownership of all items and anything that is sold from there, the money goes to playground fund. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion **carried**.

Demolition:

- Discussion about getting prices for removing trees from 138-140 Fisher Avenue
- Claire Remington will be taking the 146 Fisher Ave demolition paperwork to Pottsville

Finance/Utilities:

- Next budget meeting is September 27th.
- Angela Krapf received information on the collection of delinquent sanitation bills from Portnoff Law and gave Attorney Yurchak the information for his review.

Grants: None

Handicap:

- Discussion about other boroughs policies as compared to ours. Our policy will be re-visited.

Personnel:

- Yvonne Stoffey handed out evaluations to employees and supervisors. The union will be notified about evaluations.
- **Motion** by Claire Remington to remove Brian Breiner from the part time borough work force. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion **carried**.

Police:

- Committee meetings going well and will continue to meet monthly.
- Update on getting the breathalyzer back in use.
- Items for the budget including new cameras around town.
- Ordering written tests for Civil Service Commission testing.

Police Pension: None

Recreation:

- Bench swing was broken from kids standing and jumping on it. It has since been fixed.
- At the last Movies in the Park, school supplies were handed out and the extras donated to PV schools and Headstart.
- Upcoming chose events include a Murder Mystery Dinner at Fire Company October 1st and Monster Mash Halloween Party on October 15th.
- Calendar posted in Borough Hall for community events in the area. It for all area communities to post their events.

Streets:

- **Motion** by Claire Remington to award 2016 Materials Contract to Lehigh Asphalt. Seconded by Harry Hontz and motion was **carried**.
- **Motion** by Claire Remington to set pay rate for part time snow plow drivers at \$14.00 per hour. Seconded by Yvonne Stoffey and motion **carried**.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Look into getting additional seating for council room.

Adjournment: Motion made by Harry Hontz to adjourn at **10:05pm**. Claire Remington seconded and the motion **carried**.

SUBMITTED BY:

Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary

Submitted for approval on October 11, 2016