

**COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**221/223 THIRD ST., COALDALE, PA 18218**  
**APRIL 11, 2023 7:00 PM**

**Executive Session: 6:30pm – 7:00pm** Personnel matters were discussed

**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, Councilman Jacob Adamitis, Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey, Councilman Ken Hankey Jr., Councilman Francis Hutta, and Councilman Wayne Figner were present. Councilperson cadence Krapf was absent.

**Attendance:** There were 9 members of the public and 1 reporter in attendance.

**Public Participation:**

- Dan Wieksner, 1 W. High St., inquired about the money from the 1% Real estate Transfer Tax being used for demolition of blighted homes by applying some of the funds toward acquiring a grant for that purpose. Claire Remington acknowledged this as a good idea, but that she is unaware of the current funding available. She also pointed out the increasing costs and potential liabilities for the borough regarding conjoined properties when demolition occurs.
- Bob Demyanovich, 225 W. Phillips St., addressed several issues.
  - He expressed concern and presented images of blighted properties. Angela Krapf, Claire Remington, and Francis Hutta acknowledged his concerns and provided additional examples of blighted properties.
  - He inquired about the completion and cost of the Complex roof. Angela Krapf acknowledged that the roof was paid for with grants, loans were not necessary. She will get the specific information from the Treasurer.
  - He inquired about the rental of the Complex by Pathstone and Lehigh Valley. Angela Krapf explained that Pathstone rented the entire downstairs for 12 months and Lehigh Valley rents 3 rooms for 10 months.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** **Motion** made by Frank Hutta. Seconded by Jake Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Treasurer's Report / Approval of Bills:**

- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to accept Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.
- **Motion** made by Claire Remington to pay the bills. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Police Report:** Read by Yvonne Stoffey.

- March 2023: Total money collected was \$424.66; Total miles patrolled were 2,418; and Total number of calls for service was 71.
- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to accept Police Report. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Police Report:** Given by Herb Whildin, Mayor.

- A letter from Senator Agrall's office regarding upcoming construction projects on Rte. 209 will continue and will affect the Fire Company, Police, and Ambulance vehicles.

**President's report:** Given by Angela Krapf, President

- \$1,662.78 collected in March from PLA for delinquent sanitation.
- \$1,439.12 collected in March from PLA for delinquent sewer transmission.
- \$1,902.35 collected in March from PLA for delinquent real estate taxes.
- 2023 Spring Clean -up and Community Yard Sales:
  - Community Yard Sales: Friday 5/6 and Saturday 5/7.
  - Spring Clean-up: Trash out Friday night 5/12 for pick-up Saturday 5/13.  
Items accepted include 4 tires, 10 bags, and furniture.  
Normal trash pick-up: Trash out Sunday night 5/14 for Monday 5/15 pick-up.
  - **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to accept Spring Clean-up & Community Yard Sale. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.
- Reminder: Straw Votes are only for absolute emergencies.
- Items should be ordered through the Borough Secretary to ensure awareness and accuracy for Treasurer.
- Borough Secretary's Salary to be determined. Currently at \$12.00 per hour for Jill Figner.
  - **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to set salary at \$15.00 per hour, retroactive to start date. Seconded by Jake Adamitis. There was one abstention. Roll call vote needed. Angela Krapf-yes, Claire Remington-yes, Jake Adamitis-yes, Yvonne Stoffey-yes, Ken Hankey-yes, Frank Hutta-yes; Wayne Figner abstained.

**Secretary's Report:** Given by Jill Figner.

- Conservation District is conducting mosquito surveillance and West Nile Virus monitoring. There is not a problem in the area. The traps are set around town for monitoring.

**Solicitor's Report:** Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak.

- The Police Pension Ordinance has been advertised and is ready for adoption.
  - **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to adopt Police Pension Ordinance. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.
- The Portnoff Ordinance for increasing fees needs to have a legal advertisement placed in the newspaper.
  - **Motion** made by Claire Remington to place a legal ad for Portnoff Ordinance. Seconded by Jake Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Fire Report:** Given by Jake Adamitis, Chairperson.

- Fire Chief reports 12 calls for March 2023 and 35 calls YTD. It is brush fire season, so the fire company has been busy.

**Code Enforcement/Zoning Report:** None

**Jr. Council Report:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Building/Complex:** Given by Angela Krapf.

- President Krapf needs notification as to when people will be entering and leaving the Complex because it is being rented from the hours of 7:00am to 4:30pm.

**Demolition/Grants:** None

**Finance/Utilities:** None

**Handicap:** Given by Claire Remington.

- Application for Handicap Parking Space needs to be approved for 143 E. High St.
  - **Motion** made by Claire Remington to approve Handicap Parking Space. Seconded by Jake Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Police:** None

**Police Pension:** None

**Recreation/Memorial:** None

**Streets:** Given by Claire Remington.

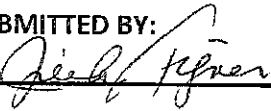
- The Streets Committee has a tentative list of street repairs. 489 tons of blacktop will be needed for repairs. Shared services should make the work doable, but there is more work than is possible to complete this year. The hope is to finish by September.
- Line painting will also be done.
- An account needs to be opened with Monarch Precast Concrete needs to be opened to order sewer inlets.
  - **Motion** made by Claire Remington to approve Monarch Precast Concrete account. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** **Motion** made by Frank Hutta at 7:20pm. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Jill Figner, Borough Secretary

Submitted for Approval on May 9, 2023

