

**COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218
May 13, 2025 7:01pm**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Council President Claire Remington followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Solicitor Robert Yurchak, Council President Claire Remington, Mayor Eric Ramirez, Councilman Michael Radocha, Councilwoman Kim Gavornik, Councilman Wayne Figner, and Treasurer Catherine Papesh. Councilwoman Angela Krapf, Councilman Francis Hutta, and Councilman Jacob Adamitis were absent.

Audience Attendance: 14 members of the public were in attendance.

Public Participation:

- Greg Kurtz, Advanced Code Consultants, a third party code consulting firm serving 10 local municipalities spoke about his business' code enforcement experience.

Approval of previous minutes: Motion made by Kim Gavornik and seconded by Wayne Figner. Motion passes **unanimously**.

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Bills: Given by Catherine Papesh.

- **Motion** made by Wayne Figner to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Kim Gavornik, the motion passed **unanimously**.
- **Motion** made by Wayne Figner to accept Approval of Bills. Seconded by Michael Radocha and motion passes **unanimously**.

Mayor's Report: Given by Eric Ramirez.

- Mayor requested to have two speakers from DCED: Jonas Crass and David Mettin, to address police grant monies.

President's and Secretary's Report: Given by Claire Remington, President.

- Veterans banners will be put up starting in the middle of town and work outwards. All of those in good condition will be hung, and those that are weathered, families will be contacted to see about replacing the banner.
- Scott Gerber is officially Emergency Management Coordinator.
- LVCC summer usage request where classes will be held over the summer, schedule and date are there.
- Borough Handbook was brought to attention specifically regarding Marijuana related to insurance and liability including medicinal Marijuana.
- Bull Run Street has an area that is a dirt road with issues. This will not be blacktopped as it belongs to the Coal company and Borough does not receive liquid fuel money.
- Refund for 112 6th Street for tax sale at the County. **Motion** by Kim Gavornik to refund the tax transfer. Seconded by Michael Radocha and motion passes **unanimously**.

- Gym rental refund due to miscommunication on who was opening and closing the building. **Motion** made by Michael Radocha to refund gym rental. Seconded by Kim Gavornik and motion passes **unanimously**.
- Coaldale Council invited to Coaldale Rural Hospital Media Event on June 2, 2025 @ 11:30am.
- Memorial Day services date for Legion and VFW on Sunday May 25, 2025
- Kline Hill project going out on bid.
- CHOSE covering backboards. Clyde will drop off paperwork with total cost.
- Schuylkill County Tax Claim Borough are private sale offers. If satisfied with the bid amount, Council doesn't do anything. There are three in total. Anyone not in good standing in the borough cannot bid. Liens will be forgiven.

Secretary's Report: None.

Police Report: Given by Kim Gavornik.

- Letter of intent going out in regard to hiring Tamaqua Police Department via contract.

Solicitor Report: None.

Fire Report: None.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: Given by Kim Gavornik.

- Potential of hiring outside sources to do Code Enforcement outside of System Designs.

Jr. Council Report: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration: Given by Kim Gavornik.

- In the process of setting up interviews for the Secretary position. There were 62 applicants, so 14 will be interviewed.

Buildings/Streets/Handicap: Given by Michael Radocha.

- Insurance Issues to address:
 - Police coverage \$20k to be removed
 - Pickup truck can be taken off, there will be no discount.
 - Need additional insurance as there are buildings not covered like CHOSE building.
 - Unsure of liability with basketball incident.
- Play at your own Risk signs needed.
- Complex window busted. Chris covered it up.
- Demolition on High Street has issues. Michael Radocha and Attorney Yurchak will need to discuss further.
- PennDOT didn't fix drainage issues on Route 209.
- Flag donation at Complex. Someone wants to donate a flag for Complex flag pole and will need to know about lights for the flagpole.
- Street sweeping schedule to be posted, it starts May 20, 2025 by Tamaqua with multiple dates & will be doing alley ways. Dates are 5/20, 5/22, 5/27, 5/28, 5/29.
- Boards for benches in the park which will be worked on.

- Two lawnmowers are needed. **Motion** made by Michael Radocha to buy 2 Stihl lawn mowers. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion passes **unanimously**.

Recreation/Memorial/Complex - Given by Wayne Figner.

- Need signs for people to pick up their dog poop. An extra bin will be placed for the dog poop.
- Two benches by the baseball field will be moved up to the Complex.
- Claire is looking at a grant to be able to upgrade cameras at the playground for clearer pictures due to history of incidents.
- Damaged pieces at the playground will not be replaced.
- Fundraiser for an additional bench swing at the Complex.

Police Pension - Given by Claire Remington

- Waiting to hear back from Thomas Andersen.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Mayor Ramirez mentioned the Letter of Intent regarding the police monies. **Motion** to fill out the Letter of Intent to help with police monies by Kim Gavornik. Seconded by Michael Radocha and motion passes b..
- Residents who want to use Borough equipment can call the Borough Office if they want to use trucks. There is no fee if it's dirt, trees and you don't have to go to the Transfer Station.
- **Motion** to advertise for replacement for Zoning Hearing Board member & also meeting to determine who will be used for code enforcement by Kim Gavornik and seconded by Wayne Figner and motion passes **unanimously**. Anyone can put in a letter of interest. May 28, 2025 a special meeting to discuss Zoning hearing board & code enforcement.

Executive Session: 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm Personnel Issues were discussed.

Motion made at 8:10 pm to adjourn by Kim Gavornik and seconded by Wayne Figner. Motion passes **unanimously**.

SUBMITTED BY:

Submitted for approval on May 20, 2025