

**COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218  
August 12, 2025 7:00 pm**

**Call to Order**

The 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, Councilman Michael Radocha, Councilwoman Kim Gavornik, Councilman Wayne Figner, Councilman Jacob Adamitis, Councilwoman Angela Krapf, Councilman Francis Hutta and Treasurer Catherine Papesh. The mayor seat is **vacant** as of 08/11/2025.

**Audience Attendance: 10 members of the public were in attendance.**

**Public Participation:**

- Marcia Teeno, of 51 W. Lehigh St., concerned about the building at 257/259 High Street falling over. Luis has authority to get property torn down. **Motion** by Kim Gavornik to have Solicitor Yurchak to work on getting the building torn down, seconded by Jacob Adamitis. Motion passes **unanimously**.
- Bill McNavagan, of 107 E. Ruddle St., regarding who the Code Officer is, who is responsible for rental inspections and how often are they completed, vehicles parked on sidewalks, and Panther Valley tax millage being adjusted.

**Approval of previous minutes: Motion** made by Jacob Adamitis and seconded by Francis Hutta. The motion passed **unanimously**.

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

- **Motion** made by Jacob Adamitis to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Wayne Figner, motion passed **unanimously**.
- **Motion** made by Angela Krapf to accept Approval of Bills. Seconded by Michael Radocha and motion passes **unanimously**.
- PIRMA bill of \$47,921.00. **Motion** to pay by Francis Hutta, seconded by Jacob Adamitis. Motion passes **unanimously** upon clarification of \$1,560 being an appropriate charge.

**Mayor's Report: Vacant**

- Letter read in Executive Session to fulfill the seat of Mayor from now to the end of year.
- **Motion** made by Angela Krapf to advertise for Mayor position, seconded by Jacob Adamitis. The motion passes **unanimously**.

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

- **Motion** by Angela Krapf to ratify cell phone and computer purchase for Code Officer up to \$500 and seconded by Jacob Adamitis. Motion passes **unanimously**.
- Written contract with Intermediate Unit increased by \$10.

- C. Jackson Park donation of book about Coaldale history and the late Andrew Maholick for the 200th anniversary, waiting for confirmation.
- Line painting fee correction from \$20 to \$25.
- Actions of committees were discussed in the executive session.
- The new secretary is Emily Krajenak.

**Police Report: Given by Kim Gavornik.**

- Tamaqua Police Department meeting Tuesday 8/19, expected to have a start date, and expected to set a date for Meet and Greet with the Officers.
- The borough will owe \$56,000-57,000 with MMO.

**Solicitor Report: Given by Attorney Yurchak.**

- Formal request to Schuylkill County to exonerate back taxes on demolished properties on 6th & Phillips Streets.

**Fire Report: Given by Jacob Adamitis.**

- Request to block off only High & 6th Streets for Saturday of Rock the Block.
- **Motion** made by Francis Hutta to purchase Medals of Valor for the 11 Firefighters that entered that building to rescue the 13 year old boy & seconded by Michael Radocha. Motion passes **unanimously**.
- Report:
  - 1 dwelling fire in the borough
  - 1 dwelling fire out of the borough
  - 1 structure fire in the borough
  - 1 vehicle fire
  - 1 rubbish fire
  - 5 automated aid calls
  - 1 false alarm
  - 2 public service
  - 2 wires down
  - 1 hazmat incident
  - 1 landing zone
  - 1 elevator rescue
    - 18 calls this month
    - 89 calls for the year

There was no motion/vote to accept.

**Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: Given by Kim Gavornik.**

- Working with System Designs moving forward to condemn unsafe properties within the borough.
- Dumpsters on the street are required to have permits posted on the street-side. The borough office has a copy of them. Public and council expressed interest regarding how these permits are being tracked, solution pending.
- Blocking off sidewalks illegally/ public access ways like the Viennese Villa property has been blocked for months. Citations as well as regular inspections need to occur throughout the borough. Need to find written law whether state or Borough to enforce.
- Rental inspections have begun.

- Proposition to put together a move in packet for new Coaldale Residents as well as landlords outlining expectations within the municipality.

**Jr. Council Report:** Looking to advertise this Fall.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Administration:** Given by Kim Gavornik.

- **Motion** by Kim Gavornik to ratify \$150.00 fee for PSAB Municipal Secretary Administrator for Emily Krajnak to attend from 10/23/25-11/2/25, seconded by Claire Remington. Motion passes **unanimously**.
- It is against the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law to ask for something that is a non-emergency purchase outside of a meeting.

**Buildings/Streets/Handicap:** Given by Michael Radocha.

- Application for handicap application has issues of plate not being in possession before providing application. There are also a number of off street parking spots already on property.
- Line painting to be done ASAP.
- Looking at the end of September for milling/paving, must be done by 10/31/25.

**Recreation/Memorial/Complex - Given by Wayne Figner.**

- Claire Remington purchased solar cameras for other locations, interested in testing them for Complex to have better recording capability.
- Bill for basketball hoops and work for Angela Krapf is paying Borough, Borough then expected to pay Michael Radocha.
- Dumping is happening in the dumpster behind the Complex which includes household refuse and recycling. Appointment needed with Northeast to come down and get access back to cameras because we currently cannot access camera facing dumpster.
- The complex is left dirty and unlocked after rentals. **Motion** by Jacob Adamitis to hire Jeff Gangawear as Caretaker to the Complex not to exceed 10 hours per week, seconded by Wayne Figner.
  - **Roll Call Vote:**
    - Yes: Angela Krapf, Wayne Figner, Kim Gavornik, Jacob Adamitis, Francis Hutta, Michael Radocha
    - No: Claire Remington
      - **Motion passes**

**Finance/Grants/Utilities - Given by Kim Gavornik.**

- Wasteful spending by Council.
- Water shutoff for non-payment will occur on 9/16/25, and payments will be accepted until close of business on 9/15/25.

**Old Business:**

- System Designs only to speak with the Borough, not property owners. A letter will be sent to System Designs addressing this. Bills are to be sent to property owners, not Coaldale Borough for calls made by property owners to Systems Design directly.

- Phillips Street parking issue with a truck with trailer on the street. Tamaqua Police Department will be enforcing towing as well as attempting to set a new street ordinance (similar to Lansford and Hazleton) either allowing off-street parking for trucks with trailers in specific areas, or restricting it altogether.
- Livestock and zoning question/issue as there are chickens, turkeys, and roosters in town. Proposed to add this question to the ballot in November.

**New Business:**

- Addressing the zoning issue of homeowners turning property into apartments without applying for a zoning permit, like Ridge Street. Buildings turned into three units or more will become commercial vs residential property.
- Complaint was filed regarding pool drainage, clarification from Solicitor Yurchak it is a Civil matter.
- Rock the Block is September 5th, 6th, and 7th. They will need insurance. Entertainment each night, food, fire truck parade on Saturday, basket raffles, etc.
- Council needs phone numbers of property owners in the event of a fire and the property needs to be boarded up for safety concerns.
- Fall Cleanup will be Saturday, September 27th
- Fall Community Yard Sale will be on September 20th & 21st. **Motion** by Kim Gavornik, seconded by Jacob Adamitis. Motion passes **unanimously**.
- **Motion** by Francis Hutta to amend Resolution 2-2025 for moving permits to be \$10, senior moving rate to be \$5, handicap fees of \$125, and \$25 for line painting, seconded by Jacob Adamitis. Motion passes **unanimously**.
- Line painting: unsure on how many inches on either side of the cut should the line appear. Will be addressed at next month's meeting. Solicitor Yurchak will look at vehicle code.
- Joe Hutta Plumbing estimated \$8,794.84 regarding the thermostat issue.

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

**Motion** made at 8:42 pm to adjourn by Angela Krapf and seconded by Michael Radocha. Motion passes **unanimously**.

SUBMITTED BY:

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