

**COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218**

**August 13 , 2024 7:00pm**

**Call to Order 7:08pm**

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

**Roll Call:** Council President Claire Remington, Vice President Yvonne Stoffey, Mayor Eric Ramirez, Councilwoman Angela Krapf, Councilman Jacob Adamitis, Councilwoman Kim Gavornik, Councilman Wayne Figner, and Treasurer Katherine Papesh - **Absent: Councilman** Francis Hutta, Solicitor Robert Yurchak

**Audience Attendance: 9 members of the public were in attendance.**

**Public Participation:**

- Daniel Praschnik - 26 E Lehigh St Coaldale. Would like to thank everyone for what they do on council and the community. My Main goal is to get a status update on the adjacent properties. With the water leak that is happening in my basement. Respond: Clairee Remington Stated that we will have the inspector and a council member inspect the home and see what we can do to help.

**Approval of previous minutes: Motion** made by Kim Gavornik Second by Jacob Adamitis to approve the July minutes. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

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

- **Motion** made by Jacob Adamitis Second by Kim Gavornik to approve the bills. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion** made by Angela Krapf Second by Kim Gavornik to accept the Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Motion** made by Kim Gavornik second by Wayne Figner to relieve Portnoff of the collection of the real estate taxes and have the county retake over our collection effective immediately. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor's Report:**

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

- Office will correspond with our Solicitor to see if there is a distinction between service dogs and emotional support dogs as it pertains to restricted areas. We want to make sure that we are being fair to everyone and keeping all the children safe in the playground.
- Council will reach out to the owners of current banners in town when they are removed this year for the winter, to see if they would like to relocate their banner for next year to a different part of town or if they would like them back and hang on their own property.

**Secretary's Report:** Given by Beth Martinico

- Motion Made **Wayne** Figner for Private sale on property address 44 Bull Run St Coaldale Pa 18218. ROLL CALL: Wayne Figner YES, Kim Gavornik NO, Yvonne Stoffey YES, Angel Krapf YES, Claire Remington YES. **Motion Carried unanimously.**
- Portnoff Sheriff Sale 1 October 25th, 3 December 20th addresses are on the county website.
- Motion made by Angela Krapf second by Jacob Adamitis to allow Portnoff to continue with Delinquent judgements on 4 properties. **Motion Carried unanimously.**
- Motion made by Angela Krapf second by Jacob Adamitis to approve the PIRMA Renewal costs of \$64,088.
- Budget dates to be advertised as October 14 th and 21st as public budget meetings.
- Bus stops will not be changed at this time a discussion with the school will take place Between Angela Krapf and the school to see if they can find a better solution to the change of the bus stops.
- Complaints update - complaint made that there is not a stop sign on East Street coming down the hill Council will address this with the police to make sure that this is not a concern in the winter months.
- Text My Gov is a web-based company that allows you to interact with your residents, giving updates through text messages, this can be used in an emergency situation or for reminders of street cleaning and snow removal. The program would cost \$2,500 for the year with an initial startup of an additional \$1,000. -tabled at this time

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

- 550.46 total revenue, 813 Total miles patrolled in January 2024 were 3,817.
- There were 70 calls for service, 1 parking ticket, 4 traffic citations, 4 non-traffic citations, 3 criminal arrests. **Motion** to accept police report Jacob Adamitis second by Kim Gavornik.  
**Motion Carried unanimously.**

**Solicitor Report: None**

- Letter was sent to the Coaldale Historical Society to advise that we would like correspondence by July 29th for the return of the Coaldale Trophies. . Kim Gavornik suggested that we reach out to the Lansford Historical Society to see if we can have an extension for the removal of the trophies and see if we can negotiate a time frame for the trophies to be removed.
- Motion made by Angela Krapf second by Kim Gavornik to file a Nuisance act against property owner of 226 W Phillips St. **Motion carried Unanimously.**
- **Motion** made by Angela Krapf second by Jacob Adamitis to adopt the demolition grant resolution number 2024-8 pending the approval by the county for our application for properties currently in boroughs possession. **Motion carried Unanimously.**

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

- 5 mutual aid calls, 1 automatic aid, 2 false alarms, 2 public service calls, 2 QRS calls, 1 EMS assist, 1 Equipment Fire 13 total calls for July 2024.
- Motion made by Kim Gavornik Second by Wayne Figner to approve shutting down the 100 block of W high st and 200 Block of 2 6th st. on sept 7th for parade route and Block party.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: Given by Luis Negron**

**Jr. Council Report: None**

- Council will reach out to the Panther Valley High school to see if they would like to host any children for the open Jr council seats.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration:** Given by Kim Gavornik.

- Would like to look into the System design billing, The cost is not covering the cost of some of the fees for the zoning and the code enforcement. Advised that payment will be held until we can get answers on the billing.
- Water shut off update: We started with an outstanding balance of \$32,000. Billed out \$92,475 and in total collected \$ 116,923 leaving a balance of \$16,200 this is a mixture of properties that already have their water shut off or are on a payment plan. There will be another round of shut offs in September for the people that do not follow through with the contracts on file.

**Building/Complex:** Given by Claire Remington

- Sealed bid for window removal and building - Only one bid was received, the bid awarded to expert roofing for the amount of \$33,000. Motion made by Angela Krapf Second by Jacob Adamitis. **Motion carried Unanimously.**

**Demolition/Grants:** Given by Claire Remington.

- Awaiting the county for demolition grant.

**Financing/Utilities:** Given by Kim Gavornik.

**Handicap:**

- Motion made by Wayne Figner second by Kim Gavornik to approve handicap application. **Motion carried Unanimously.**

**Police Pension(Stoffey)**

**Recreation ( Krapf )**

- Would like to look into the purchase of 2 covered garbage cans for the playground.

**Streets:** Given by Claire Remington

- Howard Ave updates the road work should be concluded within the week and there is no other road work scheduled at this time.
- **Motion** made by Wayne Figner second by Jacob Adamitis to award the milling project to Lehigh Asphalt for the amount of \$19,500. **Motion carried Unanimously.**
- **Motion** to ratify seasonal DPW worker made by Angela Krapf second by Jacob Adamitis. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- Look into ordering “Do not enter” signs and “one way” signs
- Fall cleanup will be scheduled for Saturday October 26
- Community yard sale will be scheduled for October 5th and 6th
- **Motion** made by Angela Krapf second by Kim Gavornik to accept the letter of resignation from Council women Yvonne Stoffey **Motion carried unanimously.**
- Motion made by Jacob Adamitis second by Wayne Figner to advertise for the open council seat. **Motion** carried unanimously.

**Adjournment 8:12pm**

**Motion** made to adjourn by Angela Krapf and seconded by Wayne Figner. Motion passed **unanimously.**

SUBMITTED BY:

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Submitted for approval on September 10, 2024