

COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218
August 09, 2022 7:00pm

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, Councilman Ken Hankey Jr., Councilman Francis Hutta, Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey, Junior Councilperson Kaidence Krapf, and Junior Councilperson Hilary Shreffler were present. Councilman Wayne Figner was absent.

Audience Attendance: 13 members of the public, 1 police officer, and 1 reporter.

Public Participation:

- Glen A. Focht, 44 E. High St., had questions about zoning and off-street parking for his leased land on Lehigh Street. Claire explained that he needed to get permits and go through the process with zoning. He then asked for the office hours, which the secretary provided.
- Michele Solem, 136 W. Sixth St., voiced concerns of neighboring properties with quality of life violations. She has been in contact with Senator Argall's office about this issue and she will contact them again for more information for help with demolition of these type of properties. Angela explained that we are waiting and continually checking for the county grants for help with these properties again like they used to have.
- Robert Demyanovich, 225 W Phillips St., stated he was available to clean the complex if needed. Angela stated as far as she knows the janitors would be handling that, but she would let him know if that information changes.
- Steven Polischak, Coaldale Fire Company Chief, wanted to discuss the feasibility study for a possible merger between the Coaldale Fire Company and Lansford Fire Company. He explained it was free and there was no obligation to follow the suggestions that come from it. He also stated that this is just the first step and this wouldn't be something that would happen overnight. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to approve the feasibility study. Seconded by Francis Hutta and the motion carried **unanimously**.

Approval of previous minutes: **Motion** made by Francis Hutta to approve the previous minutes. Seconded by Jacob Adamitis and the motion carried **unanimously**.

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Bills:

- **Motion** made by Francis Hutta to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Jacob Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.
- **Motion** made by Francis Hutta to pay the bills. Seconded by Jacob Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.

Police Report: Read by Yvonne Stoffey

- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to accept the police report. Seconded by Jacob Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.

Mayors Report: None

Presidents Report: Given by Angela Krapf, President

- Suzanne Whildin will stay on as assistant secretary, on an as needed basis, at her current rate. **Motion** made by Francis Hutta. Seconded by Jacob Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.

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- Accept the terms in the letter of engagement for Eckert Seamans Labor Attorney. **Motion** made by Claire Remington. Seconded by Francis Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.
- \$1,211.19 collected in July from PLA for delinquent sanitation with \$405.05 interest.
- \$1,183.58 collected in July from PLA delinquent sewer transmission with \$198.58 interest.
- \$3,780.39 collected in July from PLA for delinquent real estate taxes with \$164.03 interest.
- Solicit letters of interest for a zoning officer. **Motion** made by Claire Remington. Seconded by Jacob Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.
- Junior Councilmembers will take charge of the Facebook Page to help keep up with everything going on in town and to help keep the page active. **Motion** made by Francis Hutta. Seconded by Jacob Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.

Secretary's Report: Given by Casey Johnstone

- PIRMA renewal will go into effect 09/01/22 with an increase of 12%. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to approve the renewal. Seconded by Francis Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.
- McGriff Broker agreement and invoice for SWIF renewal. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to approve the renewal. Seconded by Francis Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.
- UCC Dental renewal will go into effect 09/01/22-08/31/2024 **Motion** made by Claire Remington to approve the renewal. Seconded by Francis Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.

Solicitor Report:

- Materials Bid approval needed from July 12, 2022 meeting. **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to approve the bid. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried **unanimously**.
- Collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and Municipal Claims Ordinance was advertised and needs approval for amendment to the agreement plus the ordinance. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to approve the Amendment to the agreement and the Ordinance. Seconded by Francis Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.

Fire Report: Read by Jacob Adamitis, Chairperson

- **Motion** made by Jacob Adamitis to shut down 6th and High Streets for the Block Party Fire Parade Saturday September 10, 2022. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried **unanimously**.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: None

Jr. Council Report: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings/Complex:

- Ratify TAYS field use request. **Motion** made by Francis Hutta to approve the renewal. Seconded by Jacob Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.

Demolition/Grants: None

Finance/Utilities: None

Handicap: None

Police: None

Police Pension: None

Recreation/Memorial: Given by Yvonne Stoffey

- Legion and VFW will hold their Spaghetti Dinner 08/14/2022 from 11am-1pm.
- Rock the Block will be September 9th, 10th, and 11th.
- On behalf of the Crime Watch Yvonne thanked the Borough Council for use of the field, tables, and chairs for National Night Out. They also wanted to thank the Borough workforce for all their hard work. She personally thanked the council members that attended and helped with the event.

Streets: Given by Claire Remington, Chairperson

- Received quotes for Tack Coat Machines but will be tabling that for the time being.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Claire Remington made a motion to add a motion to the agenda. Seconded by Francis Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.

- **Motion** made by Claire Remington to replace the tank above the furnace at the complex. Seconded by Francis Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.

Adjournment: Motion made by Frank Hutta at **7:36pm**, seconded by Jacob Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.

SUBMITTED BY:

Casey Johnstone, Borough Secretary
Submitted for approval on September 13, 2022

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