

Coaldale Borough Council

Meeting Minutes

221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218

December 13, 2022, 7:00pm

Executive Session: 6:30pm – 7:00pm

- Personal matters discussed

Call to Order at 7:00 pm

- Meeting was called to order by Council President Angela Krapf followed by the Pledge of Allegiance,

Roll Call

- Council President Angela Krapf, Council Vice President Claire Remington, Council man Jacob Adamitis, Councilwomen Yvonne Stoffey, Councilman Ken Hankey Jr., Councilman Francis Hutta, Councilman Wayne Figner, Solicitor Robert Yurchak were present. Jr Councilperson Kaidence Krapf Absent, Junior Councilperson Hilary Shreffler Absent, Mayor Herb Whildin Absent

Audience Attendance

- 4 members of the public, and 1 reporter.

Public Participation

- James Metsolpouls PO 5134 PHILLIPSBURG NJ 08865 the issue of his attempt to purchase private sale being disapproved at the last meeting. James went on to stated that he would be willing to have members of the council hold him to a 3-month probation period. Meaning that he would fix 2 of his homes every 3 months. For a sign of good faith that he would not just purchase properties to sit. James also invited the council to walk some of his completed homes and see that as you cannot see from the outside the inside of the properties have been under renovation. Council agreed to drop the objection to the private sales.
- Robert Demyanovich 225 W. Phillips Street. Addressed the fact that he miss spoke at the last meeting, with the address that he would like reviewed for condemnation. He advised that the proper addresses are 224 and 226 West Phillips Street. Secretary advised that these addresses will be put on inspection list for January.

Approval or previous meeting minutes:

Motion made by Francis Hutta to approve the previous minutes. Second by Wayne Figner and motion carried Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/ Approval of Bills:

Motion made by Francis Hutta to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Wayne Figner and motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Claire Remington to pay the bills when money becomes available. Second by Jacob Adamitis. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Report: Read by Yvonne Stoffey

Motion made by Francis Hutta to accept the Police report Second by Wayne Figner motion carried unanimously.

Mayors Report: None

Presidents Report:

Portnoff delinquent update – Month of November -Sanitation \$1,922.34 Interest \$176.27, Sewer Transmission \$735.00 Interest \$76.79, Taxes \$985.88 interest \$63.69 yearly totaling Sanitation \$18,627.46, Sewer Transmission \$9,112.60, Taxes \$39,005.65.

Council Women Angela Krapf brought up raising the rental Space for the tax Collector. **Motion made by Frank Hutta to raise the rate from \$150 per month to \$200 per month to include lean able utilities. Second by Wayne Figner. Motion carried unanimously.**

Secretary's Report:

PIRMA has added A Cyber Liability Sublimit under Legal Liability for General Liability Claims. Full liability limit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/1,000,000 annual aggregate limit. Also adding Communicable Disease Sublimit under Leal Liability for General Liability Claims and Employment Practices Wrongful Act. This endorsement contains a sublimit of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/ 1,000,000 annual aggregate for limit general liability and employment practices liability claims that involve communicable disease.

System Design Engineering Which does our rental inspections has increased their fees for the 2023 year. Talk about increasing our rental fees to \$100 for both inspections and re inspections was brought up and tabled until January when we discuss all fees for the year of 2023.

Looking into new websites for the borough. Advised the board that I was in contact with Civic Plus. Reviewed fees and gave them sample live sites that they can review. Advised that I am looking into other companies that may be more cost effective and meet the certain standards. Treasure stated that this could be considered infrastructure and that we could utilize ARPA money to get started. This will be tabled until January.

Solicitors Report:

Act 57 Resolution which is a wave of late fees for owners that purchase properties and did not receive tax bills. **Motion to except Act 57 Resolution made by Frank Hutta. Second by Wayne Figner. Motion carried Unanimously.**

Attorney Yurchak provided a copy of the Towamensing Kennel ordinance for review of council to see if they would like to use this as a foundation for updating our own kennel ordinance.

Attorney Yurchak is in contact with BET. The purpose for his conversation with them is the selling of Coaldale Borough property without our approval. They would like to swap out property to correct the mistake that was made. We will have a follow up at the next meeting.

Attorney Yurchak has reviewed the Portnoff Ordinance. **Motion on the floor by Frank Hutta to except the increased fees for next year. Second by Wayne Figner. Motion carried unanimously.**

Fire Report:

Report read by Jacob Adamitis total of 18 calls for the month of November. Year to date 176.

Currently the fire alarm is not working. Fire dept is working on replacing the parts that are needed.

Code Enforcement/ Zoning report: None

Jr Council Report: None

Committees' reports

Buildings/ Complex

Demolition / grants

Looking into grant for a new truck. Current grant proposal is due by the spring we can apply for 55% or 50,000 whichever ever is less. Interest rate on that would be 3.5%. This is just being looked into nothing is finalized at this time.

Finance/ utilities

Handicap

Police

Police pension

Recreation memorial

Streets:

New application was received from Christopher Turner. Would require background check. Chris would be hired for snowplow driver and possible pick up. Motion Made by Claire Remington to hire Chris Turner pending background check. Second by Jacob Adamitis. Roll call vote Angela Krapf : NO Claire Remington : YES Jacob Adamitis : YES Yvonne Stoffey : YES Ken Hankey : YES Frank Hutta : Abstaining Wayne Figner : YES Motion Carried.

Old business

Secretary has completed her 90-day period. **Motion made by Frank Hutta for Secretary pay rate to be raise to her full rate of \$15 per hour. Second by Jacob Adamitis. Motion carried unanimously.**

New business

Light Duty Policy was brough up and will be tabled until the January meeting, so there can be changes made to the wording of the policy.

Motion Made by Frank Hutta To add a motion. Second by Wayne Figner. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to except the Treasures Agreement made by Frank Hutta. Second by Wayne Figner. Motion carried Unanimously.

Adjournment

Motioned made by Francis Hutta at 8:57PM to adjourn and seconded by Wayne Figner motion carried unanimously.