

COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218
February 14, 2023 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 Wayne Figner, Councilman Francis Hutta and Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey. Councilman Ken Hankey Jr., Junior Councilpersons Kaidence Krapf and Hilary Shreffler were absent.

Attendance: There were 4 members of the public and 1 reporter in attendance.

Public Participation:

- Robert Demyanovich, 225 W. Phillips St., wanted to bring up the Light Duty Policy again and that he doesn't feel it is fair to Coaldale taxpayers. He also mentioned the demolition of 224 & 226 W. Phillips St.

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

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Bills:

- **Motion** made by Claire Remington to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.
- **Motion** made by Claire Remington to pay the bills. Seconded by Jake Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.

Police Report: Read by Yvonne Stoffey

- **Motion** made by Jake Adamitis to accept the police report. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.
- **Motion** made by Yvonne Stoffey to add a motion to the Police Report. Seconded by Claire Remington and motion carried **unanimously**.
- **Motion** made by Yvonne Stoffey, on the recommendation of Chief Krapf, to hire Kevin Soberick as a part-time police officer. Seconded by Jake Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.

Mayors Report: None

Presidents Report: Given by Angela Krapf, President

- Angela discussed getting a price for a camera at the entrance door of the complex where parties and basketball go in and also one to go down the Phillips St. side. These areas are not covered by cameras. Claire asked about adding one in the hallway where they enter that door. **Motion** made by Claire Remington have Angela get prices for 3 cameras. Seconded by Jake Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**. Angela will contact the company that put the other cameras in.
- Angela wanted to confirm with council that they are comfortable with the committees they are currently on. Everyone agreed they were. She asked to keep the committees updated with information.
- **Motion** made by Jake Adamitis to accept the resignation of the previous secretary. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.
- **Motion** made by Claire Remington to add a motion. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.
- The resignation came in after the last meeting and the advertisement had to be run for the vacancy. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to ratify the advertisement for a new secretary. Seconded by Jake Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.
- **Motion** made by Claire Remington to appoint Jill Figner as the borough secretary, pending background check. Seconded by Frank Hutta and upon voice vote, there was one abstention. Roll call vote needed. Angela Krapf-

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yes; Claire Remington-yes; Jake Adamitis-yes; Yvonne Stoffey-yes; Frank Hutta-yes; Wayne Figner-abstains.
Motion carries.

Secretary's Report: Given by Suzanne Whildin

- One of the Sewer Authority Representatives terms was up 12/31/22. **Motion made by Claire Remington to advertise for the representative. Seconded by Jake Adamitis and motion carried unanimously.**
- Coaldale need to appoint a delegate to the Carbon County Tax Collection Committee for 2023. Council chose Ken Hankey to be the delegate.
- Statement of Financial Interest were distributed to everyone. Suzanne asked for them to be filled out and returned to her.
- Dearborn renewal was received after the last meeting and renewed February 1, 2023 with no change in the rates. **Motion made by Claire Remington to ratify the Dearborn renewal, Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.**
- 2023 Fees Resolution was included in the packet. Claire asked to table any action until council further reviews it.
- There is an information session on the re-assessment of Schuylkill County on Thursday February 23 at 5pm. Please let Suzanne know if you would like to attend.
- Munibilling, who we use for sanitation and sewer transmission billing is going to a subscription service. Currently the fee is \$98/month. Munibilling is going to a required 3-year subscription beginning April 1, 2023. The first year, the fee will be \$500/month; the second year \$875/month; and the third year \$1,000/month per the quote received on December 1, 2022. The sewer and water authorities looked into other providers and each had a demo by Diversified out of Bloomsburg. **Motion made by Claire Remington to have Suzanne meet with Diversified for a demo. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.**

Solicitor Report: Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak

- The Tax Levy Ordinance is ready to be adopted. **Motion made by Claire Remington to adopt the ordinance. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried unanimously.**

Fire Report: Given by Jacob Adamitis, Chairperson

- The poles that hold the siren might need to be updated or changed as some of them are rotted. Claire will meet with Lacey to see if the ARPA Grant money can be used.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: None

Jr. Council Report: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings/Complex:

Demolition/Grants: None

Finance/Utilities: None

Handicap:

Police: None

Police Pension: None

Recreation/Memorial: None

Streets: Given by Claire Remington, Chairperson

- Claire requested to table any action on hiring the FT employee.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Frank Hutta at 7:27pm, seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:



Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary

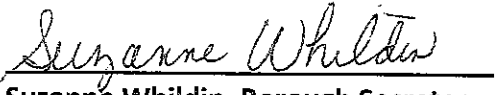
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8:28pm Council President Angela Krapf called the meeting back to order. Personnel issues were discussed.

Adjournment: Motion made by Claire Remington at **8:29pm**, seconded by Jake Adamitis and motion carried unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:



Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary

Submitted for approval on February 14, 2023

January 10, 2023



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**CONFLICT OF INTEREST
ABSTENTION MEMORANDUM**

TO: Council Secretary, Coaldale Borough
FROM: Wayne Figner Council member
DATE: 2/14/23

Pursuant to Pennsylvania's "Public Official and Employee Ethics Law" I hereby declare that I am required to abstain regarding the following issue/motion:

Hire Jill Figner as borough secretary

My conflict/reason for abstaining is as follows:

May be seen as a personal gain

Wayne S. Figner
-Signature of Council Members

Note: Section 3(J) requires the following procedure:

"Any public official or public employee, who in the discharge of his official duties, would be required to vote on a matter that would result in a conflict of interest shall abstain from voting and, prior to the vote being taken, publicly announce and disclose the nature of his interest as a public record in a written memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes for the meeting at which the vote is taken"