

**COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218**  
**February 8, 2022 7:04pm**

**Executive Session: 6:30pm-7:02pm** Personnel issues 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 Ken Hankey Jr, Councilman Francis Hutta, and Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey were present. Junior Councilpersons Kaidence Krapf and Hilary Shreffler were absent.

**Audience Attendance:** 8 members of the public, 1 police officer and 1 member of the press were in attendance.

**Public Participation:**

- Kirk Waidell, 124 W. Ruddle St., wanted to discuss having chickens. He is considering doing a farm to table restaurant using the eggs from the chickens. Council advised him to talk to Carl Faust, the zoning officer, to discuss the zoning guidelines before he proceeds. After the meeting Suzanne will give him the permits to complete as well as contact information for Carl Faust.
- Ed Girard, 228 W. High St., one of the candidates for the tax collector position, wanted to introduce himself to council and offered to answer any questions council may have.
- James Metsopulos, property owner in Coaldale, had 2 items to discuss.
  - He gave updates on some of the properties he is renovating. 25 E. Lehigh is done, the roof on 23 E. Lehigh is redone and it will be cleaned out and used for storage, 54 5<sup>th</sup> St. is being painted and 43 W. Howard Ave. will be done by the end of the month. He will get the rental applications from Suzanne. 59-61 E. Phillips St. is next, and he is hoping to have it done by April. He will apply for permits to pave an area on the parcel for a parking lot.
  - James also asked if Coaldale was ever a part of a Landbank Governmental Agreement. He explained that PA has a Landbank Act that allows municipalities to work together, after meeting certain requirements and become an entity and that entity would be granted money from the state each year. That entity would be able to purchase properties to address blight in the community. The entity would have its own board with 5-11 members, which would include one council member and meets monthly. He is currently working with a landbank that includes Minersville, Shenandoah, Mahanoy City, West Mahanoy and Frackville. He can provide more information if there is any interest.
- Chris Devers, Carlisle Construction Materials, and Tom Ferrentino, of Versico Roofing Systems presented information on replacing the Complex roof through the PA CoStars program and talked about TIPS USA, a national co-op program.
  - Tom said that CoStars can be used for roofing projects. Carlisle Construction Materials has a CoStars contract for each of their brands with Versico Roofing Systems being of the one of them. The CoStars contract has a ceiling price that cannot be exceeded, which is updated and is in place with the state. The job does not need to be advertised due to it going through CoStars.
  - TIPS USA is a national co-op contract, like CoStars, that can be used in PA and can be piggy backed with CoStars for additional work such as masonry, plumbing, etc. on a project. Any trade, labor, or material can be used on a project when using TIPS. Both programs have independent oversight to make sure pricing for labor and materials are at fair market value. Tom offered to help Suzanne sign up for TIPS program and it is free to sign up.

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- Chris has a list of contractors that have been verified and certified to do the CoStars jobs. Council would choose how many contractors off that list they would like to have provide a quote for the roof. After reviewing the price quotes, council would choose the contractor to do the Complex roof.
- Tom suggested getting a price for the roof from CoStars and get a second price quote from TIPS for the roof and any additional work that might be done at the same time and do it as a package. If the pricing doesn't work for the package, just the roof can be done through CoStars. There are also trained inspectors that come out when the job is finished to be sure it was done correctly before the warranty is issued.
- There were questions about the warranty, and Chris and Tom explained it depends on the type of roofing system that is chosen and the available warranty options with it. Currently, materials are very hard to get, and pricing is very hard to pin down as it changes monthly. Chris has the scope of the project started but asked to go back up on the roof before he proceeds. Frank will meet with him on Monday.

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

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

- Motion made by Frank Hutta to approve the bills. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.
- Motion made by Frank Hutta to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Police Report:** None

**Mayors Report:** None

**Presidents Report:** Given by Angela Krapf, President

- \$1,927.88 collected in January from PLA for delinquent sanitation.
- \$2,855.60 collected in January from PLA delinquent sewer transmission.
- \$1,125.51 collected in January from PLA for delinquent real estate taxes.
- Angela called the PSAB to ask what course would need to be taken after someone was appointed tax collector and was told by PSAB that as of 2017, anyone interested in being appointed must have already taken the required tax collector course before they are eligible to be considered. Angela will try to find out more about course. Ed Girard asked to speak, and he said it is Act 48 and is an online course and exam, at a cost of \$200, and is taken after the person is elected. Angela said the PSAB told her differently and she will go by what PSAB told her. The Tamaqua Tax Collector offered to help until someone is appointed and she also confirmed what PSAB told Angela about the course being needed to be taken first. Motion by Frank Hutta to authorize Angela Krapf to negotiate an agreement with the Tamaqua Tax Collector. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**. Angela will contact her next week because she is out of town until Monday. The candidates will be contacted to let them know about the required course after Angela gets more information about it.

**Secretary's Report:** Given by Suzanne Whildin

- A homeowner on Sixth St. completed and paid for zoning and street opening permits to fix a blocked sewer lateral line. A second roto-rooter type company unblocked the lines without digging anything. They asked for the permit fees, (\$250 street opening and \$50 zoning) to be refunded due to nothing being dug up. Motion made by Frank Hutta to refund the fees of \$300. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.

**Solicitor Report:** None

**Fire Report:** Read by Jacob Adamitis, Chairperson

**Code Enforcement/Zoning Report:** None

**Jr. Council Report:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Buildings/Complex:** None

**Demolition/Grants:** None

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**Finance/Utilities: None**

**Handicap: None**

**Police: None**

**Police Pension: None**

**Recreation/Memorial: None**

**Streets:** Given by Claire Remington, Chairperson

- **Motion** made by Claire Remington to ratify the hiring of Mike Horan as part time snowplow driver and part time borough worker on an as needed basis. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.
- Interviews have not yet been done for the team lead position. Angela asked everyone to review the applications after the meeting to get the interview process going.

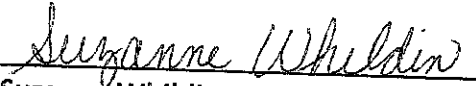
**Old Business:**

- Ron Neher, KCE Engineering, contacted Suzanne regarding the survey of the 11-acre parcel and that he will meet with council to discuss it. Suzanne will contact him to see if he is available to attend the March 8, 2022 meeting.
- Claire met with St. Luke's and the engineers about the Kline's Hill project two weeks ago. The project will not go out on bid until the fall, and it won't get paved until next spring. It was supposed to be paved last year. Angela expressed concerns that the road is not made for the weight of the vehicles that are going back and forth to the hospital. Angela will reach out to the engineer, Ron McMullen to discuss the project. She will also reach out to hospital about the damage being done to the road by the big vehicles using the road. While she is grateful for the grant to fix the road, she feels the borough should not have to pay the full expense of repairing the road again due to the grant repair work not happening until 2023 now.

**New Business: None**

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Jacob Adamitis at **8:06pm**, seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary

Submitted for approval on March 8, 2022

