

COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218
January 11, 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 Francis Hutta, and Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey were present. Councilman Ken Hankey Jr and Junior Councilpersons Kaidence Krapf and Hilary Shreffler were absent.

Audience Attendance: 5 members of the public and 1 member of the press were in attendance.

Public Participation:

- Robert Demyanovich, 225 W. Phillips St., asked council why the most qualified person didn't get the position on the Lansford Coaldale Water Authority Board last month. Angela asked him why he felt he was most qualified and asked if he saw any other candidates' qualifications. Mr. Demyanovich said he saw his letter of interest and certificates being handed out by Suzanne before the meeting to which he claimed no one got to see until then. Wayne Figner and Angela Krapf explained to him that his letter and certificates were scanned and sent electronically to each council member with the meeting packet long before the meeting. He had other questions about Jake Adamitis not being able to vote and Angela explained the term for the board position is up December 31, 2021 and Jake wasn't sworn in until the re-organizational meeting January 3, 2022 so he was unable to vote during the regular December meeting. Bob also mentioned 2 council members that were not at the December meeting to vote and Angela stated she can't help who does and doesn't attend meetings to vote. She told him she appreciated him for his time on the board. Angela explained that the gentleman that was appointed will have the same opportunity to learn and earn certificates just as Bob did during his time on there.
- Daniel Weiksner, 1 W. High St., wanted to thank council for appointing him to the Water Authority. He said if council has any questions or wanted him to present at council meetings, he would be happy to do that. Claire asked Bob Demyanovich if he would answer any questions that Dan had, and Bob said yes, he would. Claire thanked Bob for that.

Approval of previous minutes: **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to approve the December minutes. Seconded by Wayne Figner and the motion carried **unanimously**. **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to approve the re-organization meeting minutes. Seconded by Wayne Figner and the motion carried **unanimously**.

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Bills:

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

Police Report: Given by Yvonne Stoffey, Chairperson

- The new police SUV was delivered.
- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to accept the police report. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.

Mayors Report: None

Presidents Report: Given by Angela Krapf, President

- \$5,717.91 collected in December from PLA for delinquent sanitation and \$580.69 in interest.
- \$2,931.20 collected in December from PLA delinquent sewer transmission and no interest.
- \$1,388.53 collected in December from PLA for delinquent real estate taxes and \$5.93 in interest.
- 2021 collected for sanitation is \$21,329.72; ST Fee \$12,443.89; taxes \$41,043.27.
- Requests to carry over unused personal time from 2021 from 2 police officers. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to allow them to carry over the unused personal time. Seconded by Jacob Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**.
- Received a resignation letter effective January 15, 2022, from the tax collector, Cathy Papesh due to health reasons. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to accept the resignation. Seconded by Jacob Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to advertise for the position. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**. Letters of interest will be accepted until January 31, 2022, to fill the unexpired term until the next municipal election in 2 years. The person appointed will also have to attend and pass a tax collector course. The county offered to collect the taxes if no one interested in the position.

Secretary's Report: Given by Suzanne Whildin

- Reverse sub-division for 268, 270 and 272 E. High St. Carl Faust said it was okay and waiting council's approval. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to approve the reverse sub-division. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.
- Dearborn Life Insurance (Life, AD&D and STD) is up for renewal February 1, 2022. There was no change in the rate. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to approve the renewal. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.
- Received a letter Gov. Wolf that he appointed Kevin Soberick as the Emergency Management Coordinator.
- Borough Magazine subscription renewal is due with a cost of \$10 per year per subscription. Suzanne asked who wanted it delivered to their home. Yvonne Stoffey said yes. Wayne Figner also said yes and he will pay the \$10.
- Statement of Financial Interest forms for the year 2021 were distributed and are due back by May 1, 2022.

Solicitor Report: Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak

- The Tax Levy Ordinance was advertised and ready to be voted on. **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to adopt the ordinance. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.

Fire Report: Read by Jacob Adamitis, Chairperson

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: None

Jr. Council Report: Angela wanted to let everyone know that Kaidence and Hilary both play basketball and it is basketball season, which is why they aren't here.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings/Complex:

- Received one bid for the roof from Gonzalez Home Improvements from Nesquehoning. Claire requested to table any action on it. The total bid for labor and materials was \$162,500. The insurance and bond were included. Everyone on council will get a copy of the bid after the meeting.

Demolition/Grants: None

Finance/Utilities: None

Handicap:

- One application was received. The original handicapped spot was in his wife's name, and she passed away. Only the sign was removed, the pole is still there. The husband is now applying for the spot, so this will not be a renewal. Angela suggested to have him pay half of the \$125 fee because the pole is there already. **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to approve the handicap parking space with paying half of the \$125 fee. Seconded by Jacob Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**. The fee will be \$62.50.

Police: None

Police Pension: None

Recreation/Memorial:

Streets: Given by Claire Remington, Chairperson

- 2 applications were received for PT snowplow drivers. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to hire Chad Warman and Lee Stroup as part time snowplow drivers on an as needed basis, pending passing the background check. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.
- There was a discussion about the final 2 payments on the backhoe. Claire wants to do both payments and Angela said it must be voted on due to the amount of the payments. Claire stated the funds will come from the Sewer Maintenance account and each payment is about \$20,000.00. Angela expressed her concerns about making the extra payment of about \$20,000 in case some other sewer problem arises, and money is needed for unexpected repairs. **Motion** made by Claire Remington to make the last 2 payments on the backhoe. Seconded by Frank Hutta and upon voice vote there was one no. Roll call vote. Claire Remington-yes; Jacob Adamitis-yes; Yvonne Stoffey-yes; Frank Hutta-yes; Wayne Figner-yes; Angela Krapf-no. Yesses have it, motion **carried**.

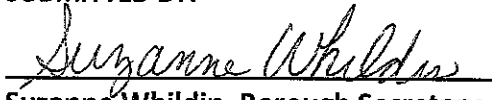
Old Business:

- The available streets position needs to be re-titled and re-advertised. The open position is FT Working Team Lead. **Motion** made by Frank Hutta advertise the position. Seconded by Jacob Adamitis and motion carried **unanimously**. The job description will be included in the advertisement and Claire has a copy of the job description from Tamaqua Borough.
- Someone needs to be hired for the sidewalk maintenance for the winter season for Borough Hall and the complex. It will be posted on the Facebook page. The pay rate will be \$15.00 an hour.

New Business: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Claire Remington at **7:42pm**, seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.

SUBMITTED BY:



Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary

Submitted for approval on

February 8, 2022

