

**COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218
July 8, 2025 7:00 pm**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Council President Claire Remington followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Solicitor Robert Yurchak, President Claire Remington, Council members Michael Radocha, Kim Gavornik, Wayne Figner, Jacob Adamitis, Angela Krapf and Treasurer Catherine Papesh. Councilman Francis Hutta and Mayor Eric Ramirez were absent.

Audience Attendance: 8 members of the public were in attendance.

Public Participation:

- Rose Hoben, 16 W High St. mentioned that the trees between 2nd St. & 3rd St. are a mess. Borough takes responsibility for trimming them, and Claire will make calls on pricing & scheduling maintenance.

Approval of previous minutes: Motion made by Angela Krapf and seconded by Jacob Adamitis upon corrections. Motion passes **unanimously**.

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Bills: Given by Catherine Papesh.

- **Motion** made by Jacob Adamitis to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Wayne Figner, motion passed **unanimously**.
- **Motion** made by Jacob Adamitis to accept Approval of Bills. Seconded Kim Gavornik by and motion passes **unanimously**.

Mayor's Report: Given by Kim Gavornik

- Mayor Ramirez submitted a Letter of Resignation effective August 11, 2025. Motion by Jacob Adamitis to accept resignation letter, seconded by Wayne Figner. Motion passes **unanimously**.

President's and Secretary's Report: Given by Claire Remington, President.

- Need to ratify escalator clause. Motion by Jacob Adamitis to ratify the Escalator Clause, seconded by Angela Krapf. Motion passes **unanimously**.
- For Zoning, there is Zoning S-1 and S-2 BET, however S-2 was deleted from the maps. Coal company getting their permits.
- Pirma Renewal which renews in September 2025. Pirma is liability & insurance on all machines. **Motion** made by Jacob Adamitis to renew Pirma, seconded by Wayne Figner. Motion passes **unanimously**.
- There is an abuse of properties in town regarding quality of life. Code Enforcer needs the following: phone, computer laptop, email & tickets/citations to do his job. **Motion** made by Angela Krapf to set a \$500 limit for Code Enforcer to buy a laptop & cell phone, seconded by Kim Gavornik. Motion passes **unanimously**.
- Building permits are to be enforced, and all permits go through the Borough office.

Police Report: Given by Kim Gavornik.

- Interviews are being held through Tamaqua PD. Expected to have officers by end of August.

Solicitor Report: Given by Attorney Yurchak.

- Casella bought out Tamaqua Transfer, but Larry Wittig will be involved for up to three more years.

Fire Report: Given by Jacob Adamitis.

- June Report:

1 boiling fire in the borough
2 boiling fires out of the borough
1 structure fire in the borough
1 vehicle accident
2 automatic aid calls
1 false alarm
2 public service
1 QRS/EMS assist
11 calls total
Year-to-Date: 71 calls

Motion by Angela Krapf to accept June Fire Report, seconded by Wayne Finger. Motion carries **unanimously**.

- Letter received from Fire Department for donation to borough garage. Everyone gets them.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: None

- Rental inspections start next week. **Motion** made by Kim Gavornik to have rental inspections to be every year instead of every two years, seconded by Claire Remington. Motion carries **unanimously**.

Jr. Council Report: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration: Given by Kim Gavornik.

- Department of Agriculture taking over inspections for organizations that sell food and/or beverages.
- Secretary update: narrowed down to one person.

Buildings/Streets/Handicap: Given by Michael Radocha.

- Upcoming street repairs for Summer which is being addressed this week with Brian.
- Tree at the Complex may have to be removed due to the roots.
- New basketball area for smaller children should be done next week.
- High Street demolition situation, Michael spoke with Attorney Yurchak.
- Handicap spots: nothing painted as of yet with the rain.

Recreation/Memorial/Complex - Given by Wayne Figner.

- Complex needs broken windows to be replaced. Discussion to take place with borough workers; possibility of plexiglass to prevent further damage.
- **Finance/Grants/Utilities - Given by Kim Gavornik.**
- **Motion** made by Jacob Adamitis to accept cash less than \$10.00 for moving permits, seconded by Kim Gavornik. Motion passes **unanimously**.
- Sewer transmission bill has gone out.
- Payment for Sanitation bills should be received this week. If you want a receipt through the drop box, leave a self-stamped envelope for the Borough to send out the receipt.
- **Motion** made by Jacob Adamitis to adopt Water shut off admin Fee of \$25. Seconded by Wayne Figner. Motion passes **unanimously**.
- IU increased to \$10 per month for 2025-2026.

Police Pension - Given by Claire Remington

- No change in status

Old Business:

- Coaldale's 200th Anniversary and local organizations were reached out to in order to be involved.
- Dogs at the playground- no solution was found at this meeting.

New Business:

- 9/11 Trail PV BluePrint meeting - 9/11 Trail in PV Boroughs. 7/14 meeting and they are looking for people from the Council to attend the meeting at 7pm at PV High School Auditorium.
- Mural on Borough Building has not been touched since it's been discussed at March 2025 meeting. Council said maybe reach out to person & see if its still getting done. Name of person was not mentioned in March;s minutes.
- Weapons in the Police Department: options to have Boyer's buy them off of us/give us a quote. This will be done when everything is official with Tamaqua Police Department.
- Police vehicles: Council wait until everything is official with Tamaqua Police Department before doing anything.

Executive Session: 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm Personnel Issues were discussed.

Motion made at 7:52 pm to adjourn by Kim Gavornik and seconded by Angela Krapf. Motion passes **unanimously**.

SUBMITTED BY:

Submitted for approval on July 13, 2025

