

COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218

June 11, 2024 7:00pm

Executive Session: 6:30pm

Call to Order 7:06pm

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

Roll Call: Solicitor Robert Yurchak, Council President Claire Remington, Council Vice President Yvonne Stoffey, Angela Krapf, Kim Gavornik, Francis Hutta, Wayne Figner, Treasurer Catherine Papesh, Mayor Eric Ramirez **Absent** Jacob Adamitis,

Audience Attendance: 14 members of the public were in attendance.

Public Participation:

Terry Wargo, 111 Bull Run St; Wanted to thank Claire Remington and Chief Krebs for listening to him about the animal abuse that was going on for years, wanted to express his gratitude.

Robert Demyanovich, 225 W Phillips Street; Confirmation that the bleachers are coming back, happy to the public for all the attention that this received.

Approval of previous minutes: Motion made by Frank Hutta second by Angela Krapf **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Bills: (Cathy Papesh)

- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta second by Kim Gavornik to approve the treasurers report **Motion carried.**
- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta second by Wayne Figner to approve the bills to be paid, With the correction of the April and May payments Not the May and June payments for the sanitation Bill, also to include a check to the Tamaqua Area Animal hospital **Motion carried.**

Mayor's Report: (Eric Ramirez)

- Addressed concerns about the line painting at Ridge Terrace with the streets department. Will be setting up dates for all line painting in town, Handicaps renewals and Ridge Terrace.

- **Motion** made by Yvonne Stoffey Second by Kim Gavornik for the mayor to attend the mayor's conference at the cost of \$250. **Motion carried.**

President's Report: (Claire Remington)

- Clarification of a comment made at the last meeting. The Trophies are on loan to the Historical Society and that they belong to the coaldale borough and we would be able to ask for them back. This was read from 2016 Minutes.
- Supplemental Code enforcement for Quality-of-Life Ordinances, Claire and Kim will start preparing letters to assist System Design on the days that they are not in the area.

Secretary's Report: (Beth Martinico)

- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta Second by Kim Gavornik to approve Portnoff Law Associates to continue with writ of execution for three properties, for delinquent sanitation bills. **Motion carried.**
- PIRMA is up for renewal recommendation to possibly look around and see if there is better pricing from different companies.
- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta Second by Wayne Figner to accept the LVCC 2-year contract. **Roll Call Vote:** Wayne Figner **Yes**, Frank Hutta **Yes**, Kim Gavornik **Yes**, Yvonne Stoffey **Yes**, Claire Remington **Yes**, Angela Krapf **Abstain.**
- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta second by Kim Gavornik to send a letter of support to Lansford Borough in reference to a grant proposal for shared services items. **Motion carried.**
- Suggestion made to start streaming the borough council meetings, this will not be a live stream to FB this will be recorded and added to the Website.
- Diversified online billing will only be for sanitation payments. At this time they only allow for us to add one bank account and at this time Cathy and I feel it best to keep that to one account and down the line if it becomes available we will add the Sewer Transmission payments. You will be able to find this information on our website under utilities and sanitation.

Police Report: Given by Yvonne Stoffey.

- **Motion** made by Angela Krapf Second by Kim Gavornik to accept the police report. District Justice Fines \$418.86 Parking Tickets \$1200.00 Moving Permits \$50.00 Accident / Reports \$40.00 Total Revenue \$1708.86 Total Miles patrolled 2,304 Miles, calls for service 166, Traffic enforcement 80 parking tickets, 1 non traffic citation, 40 Traffic citations, Arrest activity 6 criminal arrests involving misdemeanors and /or non-felony charges. **Motion carried.**
- **Motion** made by Yvonne Stoffey Second by Angela Krapf to purchase the batteries for the cops' radios at the cost of \$300. **Motion carried.**
- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta seconded by Wayne Figner to purchase new laptops, and desktop for the police department total cost \$3,354.55. **Motion carried.**

Solicitor Report: (Attorney Robert Yurchak)

- **Motion** made by Kim Gavornik seconded by Frank Hutta to advertise the amendment to the 2009 – 4 ordinances to require liability insurance on all rental properties in the borough. **Motion carried.**
- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta Seconded by Wayne Figner to accept the resolution that allows 6 weeks to pay your Sewer Transmission fees before water is shut off. **Motion carried.**
- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta seconded by Wayne Figner to adopt the new Ordinance for the Police pension. This was previously a 2016 Resolution per and audit finding this has been re written as a resolution. **Motion carried.**

Fire Report (Jacob Adamitis)

- **Motion** made by Kim Gavornik and Frank Hutta to accept the fire report. Dwelling fires 1, Automatic Aid calls 6, Public Service calls 1, QRS 6, Tree down 1, Heating Unit Malfunctions 1, Landing Zone 2, Total Man hours on call 80, Training hours 84, total fundraising hours 2425, total man hours Maint. on equipment and building 2715.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: (Luis Negron)

- **Motion** made by Kim Gavornik seconded by Frank Hutta to approve sending out letters to landlords and tenants advising them that if they do not comply with the rental process that their rental license will be revoked, and their tenants will need to vacate the premises until the property has been approved. **Motion carried**

Jr. Council Report:(Yvonne Stoffey)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration:(Kim Gavornik)

- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta Seconded by Wayne Figner that all employees should have a background check, this includes all current and future employees. **Motion carried**

Building/Complex: (Francis Hutta)

Demolition/Grants: (Wayne Figner)

- Currently have 3 deeds for the demolition, 1 property on high street and 2 houses on 6th street. For the demolition. Waiting on inspection of one property to make sure that it is structurally sound that is attached to another property. Next meeting we should have more to update.

Financing/Utilities: (Kim Gavornik)

- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta Seconded by Wayne Figner for Kim and Beth to attend the Budget and finance training on 9/17/24 at the cost of \$125 per person. **Motion carried**

Handicap (Wayne Figner)

- 2 Applications were received for handicap parking spots however requirements of having a handicap license plate were not met both applications are denied at this time.

Memorial: (Angela Krapf)

- Donation was made of \$1,000 for the lighting in the Memorial.

Police: (Yvonne Stoffey)

- **Motion** made by Yvonne Stoffey Second by Wayne Figner to appoint Joesph Krebs as the new Chief of Police for Coaldale Borough. **Motion carried.**
- **Motion** made by Yvonne Stoffey second by Frank Hutta to accept the contract for Chief of police through the end of 2024. **Motion carried.**

Police Pension:

Recreation: (Yvonne Stoffey)

- Legion auxiliary - Clam back on July 29th

Streets:(Francis Hutta)

- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta seconded by Wayne Figner to advertise for the 2024 street milling projects. **Motion carried.**

Old Business:

- Bleachers will be picked up on Thursday 6/13/24, the bleachers will not be going back inside the building, they will be on the basketball court for the children to use at the park.

New Business:

- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta seconded by Wayne Finger to have the solicitor create a resolution that will instruct any new driveways being created to be concrete or black topped 20 ft from the street inwards to prevent debris washing into the street, causing dangerous road conditions. **Motion carried.**

Claire Remington adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm

SUBMITTED BY: Beth Martinico