

COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218
March 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, Councilwoman Yvonne Stoffey, and Junior Councilperson Kadence Krapf were present. Councilman Ken Hankey Jr. and Hilary Shreffler were absent.

Attendance: There were 4 members of the public and 2 reporters in attendance.

Public Participation:

- Robert Demyanovich, 225 W. Phillips St., brought up the Light Duty Policy again and that he doesn't feel it is fair to Coaldale taxpayers. He also questioned various agenda topics, to which Angela Krapf responded that each would be addressed as the respective topics were discussed.
- Clyde Bachert, 183 E. Greenwood St., inquired about a sewer hook-up for a possible new construction of a utility building on Greenwood St. Claire Remington confirmed that there is a moratorium on new sewer lines or reconnecting an existing line that had been disconnected and Claire stated she does not know when the moratorium will be lifted.

Approval of previous minutes: **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to approve the previous minutes. Seconded by Wayne Figner 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 Frank Hutta to accept the police report. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.
- Chief Keith Krapf submitted a letter of recommendation to hire Joseph Krebs as full-time police officer pending completion of all MPOECT requirements. He also requested to waive all salary steps per CBA for Joseph Krebs.
 - **Motion** made by Claire Remington to hire Joseph Krebs as a full time police officer per the recommendation of the Chief and to waive the salary steps per the CBA. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.

Mayors Report: None

Presidents Report: Given by Angela Krapf, President

- \$3,051.16 collected in February from PLA for delinquent sanitation.
- \$3,850.00 collected in February from PLA for delinquent sewer transmission.
- \$3,138.96 collected in February from PLA for delinquent real estate taxes.
- Suzanne Whildin met with Diversified regarding the new utility software. The cost for the cloud-based system was \$8,480.00 for the first year and \$3,780.00 for the subscription and license renewal each year going forward. A recommended add-on would be a Bar Code Scanner for a onetime fee of \$190.00 to reduce operator error.

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Diversified will be able to bill and collect for the 2nd quarter. The worst case scenario would be a billing delay of a few weeks.

- **Motion** made by Frank Hutta to approve Diversified's cloud-based system with the scanner as an add-on. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.
- The Sewer Authority Representative position is open. Joe Hnat and Frank Hutta III submitted Letters of Interest.
 - **Motion** made by Claire Remington to reappoint Frank Hutta III as the representative. Seconded by Jake Adamitis. Upon voice vote, there was one abstention. Roll call vote needed. Angela Krapf-yes; Claire Remington-yes; Jake Adamitis-yes; Yvonne Stoffey-yes; Frank Hutta abstains; Wayne Figner-yes. Motion carries.

Secretary's Report: Given by Suzanne Whildin with Trainee Jill Figner observing.

- 2023 Fees Resolution packet changes were reviewed. Solicitor Robert Yurchak approved to eliminate Water Turn-on Fee, Sewer Gallon Usage Fees, and Tax Collector Fees because Coaldale doesn't set those fees.
 - **Motion** made by Jake Adamitis to increase Line Painting Fee from \$20.00 to \$25.00. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.
 - **Motion** made by Claire Remington to adopt 2023 Fees Resolution with the changes. Seconded by Frank Hutta and motion carried **unanimously**.
- Subscription renewal at \$10 per year for home delivery of PA State Association of Borough News magazine requested only by Frank Hutta and Yvonne Stoffey.

Solicitor Report: Given by Attorney Robert Yurchak

- The police pension with Master Plan & Trust for PA State Association of Boroughs Municipal Retirement Trust passed by resolution in 2016 must now be adopted as an Ordinance. The ordinance is written and must be advertised.
 - **Motion** to advertise the Police Pension Ordinance made by Frank Hutta. Seconded by Jake Adamitis and carried **unanimously**.

Fire Report: Given by Jacob Adamitis, Chairperson

- 13 Fire Calls YTD.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: None

Jr. Council Report: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings/Complex:

- The complex roof construction is complete.
- Inspection to be completed on 3/16/2023.
- Ceiling tiles are starting to be replaced as of 3/14/2023.
- The complex flag pole was painted gratis by Frank Hutta.

Demolition/Grants: None

Finance/Utilities: None

Handicap:

Police: None

Police Pension: None

Recreation/Memorial: None

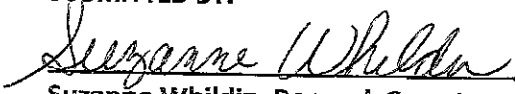
Streets: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Motion made by Frank Hutta at 7:33pm. Seconded by Wayne Figner and motion carried **unanimously**.

SUBMITTED BY:



Suzanne Whildin, Borough Secretary

Submitted for approval on April 11, 2023

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