

**COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218
October 8, 2024, 7:00pm**

Call to Order 7:06pm

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

Roll Call: Council President Claire Remington, Mayor Eric Ramirez, Councilwoman Angela Krapf, Councilman Jacob Adamitis, Councilman Michael Radocha, Councilwoman Kim Gavornik, Councilman Wayne Figner, Solicitor Robert Yurchak and Treasurer Katherine Papesh - **Absent:** Councilman Francis Hutta,

Audience Attendance: 12 members of the public were in attendance.

Public Participation:

- Clyde Bachert - Inquired about the past due fees along with Portnoff fees and letters from Attorney Yurchak. Also asking for Council's approval to hire systems design to assist with DEP and sewer hookup on new property build, on Greenwood Street. **Response:** Claire Remington asked council if anyone had an issue with Clyde utilizing System Design engineers at his own expense to aid him in his project. No objections from council. Claire also stated that she would investigate the new property that was built in Summit hill. To see what avenues they took that could help in his situation.
- Jeff Gangware - 226 W Howard Ave. – Jeff wanted to advise the council how badly the 5th street project was directed. Stated that they should have had a police presence. People were running through the cones that were out cursing at them, and they were struggling to control everything. **Response:** Claire Remington asked if they had signs on the road. She also stated that the hospital was notified to route traffic in a different direction. Wayne Figner stated that as soon as the cars started going through the cones, they should have called the cops to help control traffic.
- Robert Demyanovich - 246 W Phillips Street. - Robert advised that Tamaqua zoning has an ordinance set for demolition ordinance that says that any other buildings on the property would be demolished. **Response:** Claire Remington stated that the county said they will not give us the money to tear down the house until we get ownership of it. Advised that we do have a nuisance act ready to be filed against him.

Approval of previous minutes: Motion made by Jacob Adamitis Second by Michael Radocha to approve the September minutes. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Bills:

- **Motion to approve Treasurer's Report** made by Angela Krapf Second by Jacob Adamitis to approve the bills. **Motion passed.**
- **Motion to approve bills to be paid** made by Jacob Adamitis. Angela Krapf stated that she was not in favor of the payment for the additional DVR that was purchased. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Wayne Figner **Yes**, Kim Gavornik **No**, Jacob Adamitis **No**, Michael Radocha **Yes**, Angela Krapf **No**, Claire Remington **Yes**, Mayor Eric Ramirez: **Yes, Motion Carried.**

- **Motion** made by Angela Krapf Second by Jacob Adamitis to approve non uniform pension payment for 2025 of \$3,140. **Motion passed.**

Mayor's Report: Nothing currently.

President's Report: (Remington)

- Chain of command - review for staff and council, since we are without a chief of police next in line is the mayor, if the mayor is unavailable at that time reach out to the Borough president.
- Our 200th celebration is coming up soon and we are still looking for ideas and will be planning committees soon.

Secretary's Report: (Martinico)

- Motion made by Angela Krapf second by Jacob Adamitis Writ of execution from Portnoff for one property in town. **Motion passed.**
- IWORQ program - wanted to provide the council with information on a program that we could use to track rentals and use for our own code enforcement officer to track fines and permits. Cost for that section of the program was \$2,500. Just keep it in mind while planning for the future.

POLICE: (Gavornik)

- **Motion** by Wayne Figner second by Jacob Adamitis to approve the police report: District justice fines \$991.69, Parking tickets \$50.00 Moving permits \$150.00 Yard sale \$10.00 Accident Reports \$15.00 Total miles patrolled 1045 Miles, Calls or service 108, Traffic enforcement 4 Parking tickets, 5 traffic citations 4 criminal arrests involving misdemeanors and or felony charges Officer Todd Weiss returned on 10/6/2024. **Motion Passed.**

Solicitor Report: None

- Nunsense act has been filed against Gemini Lake Property. We are waiting for them to get served. Provided them with both addresses that we have on file, and we are now waiting.

Fire Report: (Adamitis)

- Motion made by Wayne Figner second by Michael Radocha to accept the fire report. - 4 mutual aid calls, 1 automatic aid, 1 public service calls, 1 EMS assist, 2 fire requests, 1 heat investigation, 1 old investigation 11 total calls for October 2024. **Motion passed.**
- Questioning the electrical issues within the new Laundromat and possible fire safety issue before reopening.

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: (Luis Negron)

- **Motion** made by Jacob Adamitis Second by Michael Radocha to allow Attorney Yurchak to advertise for the 2021 property maintenance code at his satisfaction of the proposed ordinance. **Motion passed.**
- 259 High St Demolition property update. Luis had spoken with the property owner and walked the property, and he has talked to other engineers within system design. Luis stated that he is not a structural engineer so he cannot deem it safe. Attorney Yurchak will be sending a letter to the property owner.

Jr. Council Report: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration: (Gavornik)

Building/Complex: (Remington)

- Complex second floor window update from Expert roofing, delayed until Mid-November due to weather.
- Chucks HVAC Estimate for \$7900 for 2 ductless HVAC units for the complex.

Demolition/Grants: (Remington)

- Awaiting the county for more information on the demolition grant.

Financing/Utilities: (Gavornik)

- First budget meeting will be on October 7th at 7pm, open to the public.
- Finance department is requesting that all contractors be accountable for Itemized bills going forward.
- Questioning the illegal dumping on Borough property by contractors doing work in town. Police will be looking into the allegations. Quotes to be gathered to change locks on gates and borough buildings.
- Finance department requested that all departments start filling out purchase orders to be signed by the committee chairperson and finance committee chairperson. All orders under \$200 can be ordered without immediate approval.

Handicap: (Figner)

- All action tabled on current handicap application until next meeting

Police (Gavornik)

- **Motion** made by Wayne Figner second Claire Remington to appoint Mike Sniscak Chief of Police with no pay increase for the remainder of the year. **ROLL CALL Vote:** Wayne Figner YES, Kim Gavornik NO, Jacob Adamitis NO, Michael Radocha NO, Angela Krapf NO, Claire Remington YES. **Motion Denied**
- Mayor Rameriz will stay in charge of the police department and has appointed Officer Mike S. as officer in charge of the daily dues and administration, until another arrangement has been made.

Police Pension

Memorial (Krapf)

- Angela will gather a list of supplies needed to repaint the bench in the spring.

Recreation (Krapf)

- CHOSE will have the Concession stand open for trick or treat night, will also be doing a pumpkin decorating contest, with top 3 prizes.
- **Motion** made by Wayne Finger Second by Kim Gavornik to remove the backboard and hoop on the other basketball hoop due to being a liability. **Motion Passed.**

Streets: (Figner)

- Paving on all streets has been completed. Radocha recommends adding risers to the Manholes on Greenwood St.
- Parking reminders that Nov 1st to April 1st winter parking no trailers non-motorized vehicles on the street.

Old Business:

New Business:

- **Motion** made by Kim Gavornik Second by Jacob Adamitis to move select council meetings to the complex to allow for more people to attend the public meeting. ROLL CALL Vote: Wayne Figner NO, Kim Gavornik YES, Jacob Adamitis YES, Michael Radocha YES, Angela Krapf YES, CLaire Remington NO. Motion passed.
- Would like to host informational nights at the complex to help aid the public with questions that they may have within the borough.

Adjournment 8:12pm

Motion made to adjourn by Jacob Adamitis and seconded by Wayne Figner. **Motion passed.**

SUBMITTED BY:

Submitted for approval on November 12, 2024