

COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

221/223 Third St., Coaldale, PA 18218

September 10 , 2024 7:00pm

Call to Order 7:08pm

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

Roll Call: Council President Claire Remington, Angela Krapf Jacob Adamitis, Kim Gavornik, Francis Hutta, Wayne Figner, Mayor Eric Ramirez, Solicitor Robert Yurchak

Audience Attendance: 21 members of the public were in attendance.

Public Participation:

- Bob Demyanovich –225 W Phillips St. - Would like to know how and why 40 Bull Run St. property was soto JPMJPM holdings. JMP holdings was told that he was not allowed to purchase another property. Who on Council voted to council voted for this house to be sold for a \$1. Response: explanation of the lien process that the county puts on the property. It sits with a lien for years until it goes up for a private sale like this. We would have never seen fair market value on the property. This was done in the best interest of the borough to start aiding in the blighted properties around town.

Letters of interest for open council set read out loud 5 letters received – Steven Polishchak, Thomas Polishchak, Tristan Blasko, Michael Radocha, Daniel Weiksner.

Nomination by Angela Krapf for Thomas Polishchak

Nomination by Kim Gavornik for Daniel Weiksner

Nomination by Wayne Figner for Michael Radocha

Nomination by Jacob Adamitis for Steven Polishchak

ROLL CALL VOTE Steven Polishchak: Wayne Figner NO, Francis Hutta NO, Kim Gavornik NO, Jacob Adamitis YES, Angela Krapf NO, Claire Remington NO.

ROLL CALL VOTE Thomas Polishchak: Wayne Figner NO, Francis Hutta NO, Kim Gavornik NO, Jacob Adamitis YES, Angela Krapf YES, Claire Remington NO.

ROLL CALL VOTE Michael Radocha: Wayne Figner YES, Francis Hutta YES, Kim Gavornik NO, Jacob Adamitis YES, Angela Krapf NO, Claire Remington NO

ROLL CALL VOTE Daniel Weiksner: Wayne Figner NO, Francis Hutta YES, Kim Gavornik YES, Jacob Adamitis NO, Angela Krapf NO, Claire Remington YES

New Council seat appointed to Michael Radocha – Given his packet of information to be notarized and advised that he would need to have all items back to the office within 10 days or his seat can be reappointed.

Approval of previous minutes: Motion made by Francis Hutta Second by Claire Remington to approve the August minutes. **Roll call vote:** Wayne Figner NO, Francis Hutta NO, Kim Gavornik NO, Jacob Adamitis YES, Angela Krapf Not voting, Claire Remington NO. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report/Approval of Bills

- Motion by Francis Hutta second by Kim Gavornik to approve the bills to be paid. **Motion passed.**
- Motion by Francis Hutta second by Jacob Adamitis to approve the treasures report. **Motion passed.**
- Motion made by Francis Hutta second by Jacob Adamitis to select the financial requirement and minimum municipal obligation for 2025 with Thomas J Anderson. State recommendation is to select line 10 which is a total of \$86,448. To be paid by the end of 2024. **Motion passed.**

Mayor's Report:

- Trick or Treat Night October 31st 6- 8pm

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

- Police to start enforcing quality of life ordinance, junk cars parked in yards. Ticketing tagging and towing process reviewed.
- Looking into the signage for wall on W Miner St something that says that "Stay Off".

Secretary's Report: Given by Beth Martinico

- System design does not have the 2021 property maintenance code available to us yet and they would like for us to adopt the 2108 property maintenance code. **Advised** by Attorney Yurchak to wait until they have the 2021 ready and not to waste time doing two different ordinances.
- Motion by Francis Hutta second by Jacob Adamitis to send a letter of support Nesquehoning and Summit Hill for a grant proposal with Blueprint Communities for a holiday beatification project. **Motion passed.**
- Motion by Francis Hutta Second by Jacob Adamitis to except the 7-year franchise agreement with Blue Ridge Communications. After the review of Attorney Yurchak. **Motion passed.**

Police Report: Given by Francis Hutta.

- Motion by Wayne Figner second by Jacob Adamitis to approve the police report: District justice fines \$393.81, Parking tickets \$300.00 Moving permits \$135.00 Accident Reports \$

97.00. Total miles patrolled 1,391 Miles, Calls or service 109, Traffic enforcement 10 Parking tickets, 5 traffic citations 5 criminal arrests involving misdemeanors and or felony charges
Motion Passed.

- Motion made by Jacob Adamitis second by Wayne Figner to except the resignation of Joesph Krebs. **Motion Passed.**
- Angela Krap wanted to Thank officer Youngbear for coming to the school and bus stops and showing a police presence.
- Revised Committees – Kim Gavornik will take over as committee chairperson replacing Yvonne Stoffey on the Police Committee.

Solicitor Report: None

Fire Report: Given by Jacob Adamitis.

- Motion by Francis Hutta Second by Wayne Figner to approve the fire report 1 dwelling fire, 1 structure fire 2 rubbish fires 3 automatic aid calls 3 false alarms 2 public service calls 1 pump detail 12 calls for service. Total calls for year 160. **Motion passed.**

Code Enforcement/Zoning Report: None

Jr. Council Report: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration: Given by Kim Gavornik.

- Sewer maintenance second round of shut offs will be on September 17th houses will be posted 5 days prior. You must be current on our bill/ contract.

Building/Complex: Given by Claire Remington

- Expert roofing gave a tentative start date for the complex window project – This will be the end of October weather permitting.
- Donation made from Francis Hutta to side the remaining of the Complex building to match the Expert roofing project for the second floor to make the building appear to be aesthetically pleasing from the outside.

Demolition/Grants: Given by Claire Remington.

- Nonsense will be filed by attorney Yurchak on the remaining property we are trying to recover for the demolition.

Financing/Utilities: Given by Kim Gavornik.

- Motion made by Francis Hutta second by Wayne Figner to relive all nonprofits from their responsibility of all future sanitation bills in coaldale. **Motion passed.**

Handicap: (Figner)

- Handicap application was received and approved by Officer Sniscak; however, committee chair did not get a chance to view the location this application will be up for approval at the next meeting.
- Motion made by Wayne Figner Second by Francis Hutta to rescind the application that was previously approved at our July due to ample parking with driveway. **Motion passed.**

Police Pension -None

- Discussion on Officer in charge with out pay increase was decided that this should be put on hold until labor attorney can be notified. To ensure the proper procedures are followed Attorney Yurchak advised that until an officer in charge or chief is established that Mayor Rameriz would advise over the police department.
- Motion made by Francis Hutta second by Angels Krapf to advertise for the Civil service commission, this is needed once you have three full time officers within the borough. **Motion Passed.**

Recreation (Krapf)

- Motion by Francis Hutta second by Jacob Adamitis to approve 2 more cameras for the Complex Park, Through North Eastern Security totaling \$2,169.43. **Motion passed.**

Streets:

- Motion by Francis Hutta second by Jacob Adamitis to advertise for snow plowing for the 2025 winter season. **Motion passed.**
- Update on Street milling has been moved up will be starting on Thursday September 12, 2024.
- Motion by Angela Krapf second by Jacob Adamitis to except the quote given by Peter Radocha and sons for snowplow driving and removal.

Old Business:

- Motion made by Angela Krapf second by Jacob Adamitis to not pay the Carbon Engineering bill for overdue balance for 2024/ 2025 grant writing. **Motion passed.**

New Business:

Adjournment 8:12pm

Motion made to adjourn by Angela Krapf and seconded by Kim Gavornik. Motion passed.

SUBMITTED BY:

Submitted for approval on September 10, 2024