

COALDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
221/223 THIRD ST., COALDALE PA 18218
September 9th, 2025, 7:00PM

Call to Order

The 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, Councilman Michael Radocha, Councilwoman Kim Gavornik, Councilman Wayne Figner, Councilman Jacob Adamitis, and Councilwoman Angela Krapf. Treasurer Catherine Papesh and Councilman Francis Hutta were absent. The mayor seat is **vacant** as of 08/11/2025.

Audience Attendance: 15 members of the public were in attendance.

Introduction: Brian Connelly and Chief of Police Hobbs signing of contract with Tamaqua Police Department to begin 24/7 police coverage.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion made by Angela Krapf and seconded by Jacob Adamitis. The motion passed **unanimously** upon correction of CHOSE paying instead of Angela Krapf.

Treasurer Report / Approval of Bills: Given by Claire Remington

- Clarification of \$1,500 PIRMA bill covers open cases still within Coaldale Borough until transferred to Tamaqua Borough.
- 2026 MMO \$109,075, Coaldale's obligation is \$59,463. **Motion** to accept payment by Kim and seconded by Jacob Adamitis. Motion passes **unanimously**.
- Treasurer's Report **TABELED** until next month's meeting.
- Approval of Bills **TABELED** until next month's meeting.

Mayor's Report: Vacant

President's Report: Given by Claire Remington

- Fee increases Code Enforcement. Looking to update in January. Fees will remain the same for now.
- **Motion** to hire DCED Barbara Fairchild for the budget by Michael Radocha, seconded by Jacob Adamitis.
- Roll Call:
 - YES- Claire, Michael, Jacob
 - NO- Angela, Wayne, Kim
- **Motion** dies.

Secretary's Report: Given by Emily Krajnak

- CourseVector website will be updated with \$550.00 in excess funds before expiring in January 2026.

Police Report: Given by Kim Gavornik

- Police agreement signed with Tamaqua. Tentative start date of 9/14/2025.

- All Coaldale Police gear and files are to remain in office until Tamagua gives directive.

Solicitor's Report: Given by Attorney Yurchak

- Blocking of sidewalks is a criminal offense. Looking to enforce with Police.
- Dumpsters and large vehicle parking examples of ordinances given to Secretary.
- Curb cuts are under municipal control, no requirement by PennDOT. Attorney Yurchak to draft a resolution per request of council.

Fire Report: Given by Jacob Adamitis

- Report:
 - 1 Dwelling Fire
 - 1 Vehicular Accident
 - 4 Search and Rescue
 - 1 Pump Detail Call
 - 5 Wires Down
- For a total of 12 calls this month, and 101 calls for the year.

- Bill for Medals of Honor received from Councilman Jacob Adamitis.

Motion by Angela Krampf to accept the fire report, seconded by Kim Gavornik. Motion passes unanimously.

Code Enforcement / Zoning Reports: Given by Claire Remington

- Towing policy to be updated following police coverage.
- No Code Officer Report received at this time.

Jr. Councilperson Report: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration: Given by Kim Gavornik

Buildings / Streets / Handicap: Given by Michael Radocha

- Approval for handicap spot: **Motion** to approve application by Wayne Figner seconded by Mike Radocha.
- Roll Call:
 - YES: Wayne, Claire, Mike
 - NO: Angela, Jake, Kim.

Motion to approve application dies.

Snow removal plans: **Motion** by Kim Gavornik to advertise for snow removal, seconded by Mike Radocha. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion by Angela Krampf to advertise for Snowplow Drivers, seconded by Kim Gavornik. Motion passes unanimously.

Teams' upcoming negotiations discussed.

Recreation / Memorial / Complex: Given by Wayne Figner

- Jeff Gangware has been consistent since being designated to care for the complex.
- Bathroom window in complex needing replacement. Angela Krampf to look for estimates.

Finance / Grants / Utilities - (Gavornik)

Police Pension (Remington)

- Review expired pension (July 2025).

Old Business

- Summit Hill Christmas Lights: streets department to get in contact with Secretary to set up date and time.

New Business

- Changing street signs to correspond to town colors: not applicable according to MCTD.
- Fee Schedule for purchase of EDU; engineers from System Design to make that calculation.
- Hutta properties end of 6th street on Lehigh and Moser Ave. **Motion** to excavate by Mike seconded by Jake. Motion passes **unanimously**.

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Public Participation

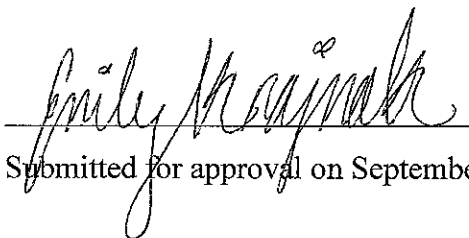
- Michael Reed – inquired about squatter’s rights in Pennsylvania, and the need for moving permits.
- Kriss Waidell- inquired about conditions for single person needing moving permit.
- Bob Demanovich- inquiring about MMO Police pension for previous officers wondering why we will pay it if we have no officers. Attorney Yurchak clarifies that it was a pre-approved contract and will last for life. Also inquired about Kleins Hill project, on our end plans have been signed and approved.
Dennis Vavra- interested in breakdown of previous police contract and current contract, feels that citizens want to know how much was saved not having cops versus how much we are spending now that we are with Tamaqua.

Executive Session 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM: Personnel issues discussed

Adjournment

- **Motion** to adjourn by Angela Krapf, seconded by Kim Gavornik. Motion passes **unanimously**.

SUBMITTED BY:



Submitted for approval on September 12th, 2025

