Minutes February 18, 2020

A regular meeting of the Minersville Town Council was held on February 18, 2020 at 5:00 pm at the Minersville Town Hall.

Council present: Mayor Caleb Evans, Kalie Stringer and Brandon Wiseman. Kade Blackner and Kolby Blackner were excused. Town Clerk Cherie Wood and Public Works Supervisor Brandon Davis. Visitors: Sharon Griffiths, Neil Craw, Eileen Craw, Destry Balch, Pam McMullin, Ashley Bastian, Riley Bastian, Chelsea Thompson, Walter LeBaron, Shakell LeBaron, Jody Heaps and Trayton Carter.

Prayer was given by Caleb Evans
Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm

Minutes: Kalie Stringer made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2020 council meeting without additions or corrections, Brandon Wiseman seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Walter and Shakell LaBaron would like to apply for a building permit for a new home at 267 East 200 South in Minersville. There has already been a home on the property so it has water and sewer hook up as long as the new home can use the same connections there will not be any impact fees due.
The council went over the set backs and reviewed the property measurements with them and explained that Brandon Davis will have to inspect the connections and the set backs when they start building. Kalie Stringer made a motion to approve Walter and Shakell LaBaron's building permit, Brandon Wiseman seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Boys State: Riley Bastian and Trayton Carter have come to the council to ask for funding to go to Boys State where they would spend the week learning about the government and how it works. Mayor Evans explained to the boys that the town can not just donate money that they would have to provide service to the town and would like them to work on the horse shoe pit at the town park. The boys agreed that they would be willing to do that. There are two other boys that will be going to boys state also but was not able to make it to the meeting tonight. The Council would like the others to come ask at one of the next meetings. Kalie Stringer made a motion to give Trayton Carter and Riley Bastian each $50.00 towards their boys state tuition, Brandon Wiseman seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Ashley Bastian representing the Minersville FFE would like to know if the Town would be willing to donate the property for the placement of a marquee that the FFE will be purchasing. They feel that the marquee will be more beneficial and visible here on center street than up by the school. Ashley and Mrs Heaps said that they are not asking for any money from the town to place the marquee only for the town to donate the property to place it on and pay for the electricity to run it, which would be 10-20 dollars a month. In return the town would be allowed to post their notices on it also.
Brandon Wiseman made a motion to donate the property and the electricity for the new school marquee Kalie Stringer seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Kalie Stringer has asked the Planning and Zoning Board to come to the Council meeting tonight to voice their concerns and meet with the council. The Council would like to have a functioning and active planning commission. Eileen Craw spoke about how many years she and Pam McMullin has been on the board and explained what they accomplished when they actively met at least once a month. Eileen is sorry to inform the council that she is going to have to step down from the board because of

health reasons with her husband. Pam McMullin also feels that she needs to step down also. Destry Balch will be moving soon and will need to be replaced also. Sharron Griffiths is not sure if she will stay on. Neil Craw would consider staying on the board but would like to ask the council where do we even begin? Destry addressed the council with a concern of his. His biggest concern is that the council needs to update the general plan and designate which direction they would like to see growth. The concerns of growing out to the West is that the sewer would have to be pumped and that is a huge expense for the town. If the council allowed people to build that direction they would all have to put in their own septic tanks. If the Council would annexed property South or East of town it would be better. Destry believes that this would be a good place to have the planning and zoning board start to work on. Also the Planning and Zoning board and the Council need to work together to enforce the zoning ordinances.
The council will start asking community members if they would like to serve on the Planning and Zoning board so that we can get a functioning board set up as soon as possible.

Brandon Davis would like to inform the council that the emergency spring generator is not working again. He has contacted CAT to come work on it they will not charge us for parts but they will charge $1300.00 for travel and labor. Mayor Caleb Evans would like to ask Jade Wayman if he would be willing to look at it and see if he could fix it for us at a more reasonable price. Kalie Stringer asked if it would be cheaper to look into a solar generator to replace it.
Brandon also has received a letter from the state approving the request to put the spring chlorination building and improvements in with our spring project and the town will not receive the points on our next review.
Brandon would also like to bring to the councils attention that the Minersville Feed Store has not been metered for years because apparently the meters were difficult to read and they never went over the minimum. They have always been billed the minimum charge. He would like to put in new meters and read each month so that we can detect a leak if there happened to be one. Kalie Stringer made a motion to put in new meters, Brandon Wiseman seconded the motion; all voted in favor the motion passed.

The council also discussed the water usage at the new firehouse. The fire district is not charged for water or sewer. There is two different water connections one that fills the firetrucks which is not metered and the fire district will never be charged for. The other connection is to the building and the grounds which is metered but still not billed for, the problem that the council is having with this is that the usage is very high during the summer months. Brandon Wiseman made a motion to table this matter until the next meeting when they can question the fire district on why so much water is being used. Kalie seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Brandon Wiseman would like the council to review the clean up letters that the clerk has ready, he would also like them hand delivered. Kalie Stringer has had complaints on one other property that she would like to have a letter sent to also.

Bills: The Itron bill was discussed but the council would like more information before making a decision. The bill from Blackner Trucking for welding the cattle guard was discussed.

Kalie Stringer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Brandon Wiseman seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm Cherie C. Wood

Minutes February 3, 2020

A regular meeting of the Minersville Town Council was held on February 3, 2020 at 5:00 pm at the Minersville Town Hall.

Council present: Mayor Caleb Evans, Kolby Blackner, Kade Blackner, Kalie Stringer and Brandon Wiseman. Town Clerk Cherie Wood was also present.
Visitors: Trina Robinson and Michele Evans.

Opening prayer was given by Caleb Evans

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm

Minutes: Kade Blackner made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting without additions or corrections. Brandon Wiseman seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Trina Robinson, Minersville swimming pool manager would like to ask the council to start the job application process for hiring lifeguards for the upcoming season. They are offering a class in Beaver to certify lifeguards this month but Trina is not sure if they will be offering another class. Trina knows that two of the lifeguards from last year still have another year before they have to re-certify will be coming back and her daughter is planning on re-certifying. Trina feels like she needs at least 5 lifeguards to work at the pool. The Town Clerk will post the job opening this week.
Trina would also like to discontinue the morning swim because last year there was only one person that came and it was not very often, she doesn't feel like it is worth the expense. The bench in the boys locker room needs to be fixed and the sand filters need to be cleaned and the sand replaced. The crack seal on the pool deck also needs to be done this year. Trina asked the council when could she start working on these things. The Council said as soon as it was warm enough and Mayor Evans said he would talk to Brandon and make him aware of the things that are needed.

Michele Evans gave a presentation on the new branding for Beaver County. The new branding name will change from Beaver Country to Ramblers. Michele told the council how the committee came up with the name and what the plans for tourism are over the next 10 years. Michele explained that some of the things they want to target in Beaver County is fishing, skiing, hiking, camping and biking and of course ATV trails. Michele answered questions the Council had concerning the ATV Jamboree May 12-15th and what Minersville could do to be involved. Michele said that guides are needed and she would appreciate volunteers from Minersville that knew the trails. Also signage is a big need for the trail rides.
Michele explained that this Destination development plan for tourism in Beaver County will be split into 3 phases and they will be working on it for the next 10 years. She encouraged Minersville Council to stay in contact with her and she would love to come back anytime and give them updates on the progress of this plan.

Town Clerk Cherie Wood went over the financial review with the council and answered questions. The budget as of this time is good and on track, only the police department is slightly over budget. The last bond payment for the sewer will be made this month so that will free up some reserve money in the sewer fund. The council discussed rates and what improvements if any are needed for the sewer system.

Brandon Wiseman would like to discuss some complaints that he has received about yards with trash and debris in and around them and blowing into neighboring yards and the streets. The Clerk has already sent out one letter asking them to clean up months ago, but the citizens have not complied. Brandon gave each council member a copy of the nuisance ordinance about weeds and trash, he would like each council member to go over the ordinances and see if they think there could be anything changed or revised. Brandon would like to start going over the Minersville ordinance book and update a lot of the ordinances and if possible put them in a program on the computer so that they can be easily accessible to everyone.
Kolby Blackner would like to have an active planning and zoning committee that could be involved in helping with this process.
Brandon made a motion to send a second letter to the citizens that have complaints about their yards with a copy of the ordinance attached to the letter stating that they are in violation of town ordinances and they will be cited if they do not comply. Kade Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Kade Blackner has a bid on replacing the cattle guard on Thermal road form Rasmussen Excavation LLC. A used cattle guard will be placed up the road from where the old one is as requested from Minersville Land and Livestock, and the old cattle guard will be removed and filled in. The cost of the removal and filling in of the old cattle guard will be $15,000.00 To furnish and install the new used cattle guard along with traffic control, back fill, compact area and asphalt repair would be $38,480.00 This company would do this completely in 1 day so that traffic on the road would only be disrupted and detoured the one day possibly two at the most.
Minersville Land and Livestock would be willing to put $9000.00 into the project if we were to move the cattle guard to benefit them. Kade will be going to the County Commissioners tomorrow to ask if they can do anything to help.
Kolby Blackner made a motion to accept the proposal from Rasmussen Excavation in the amount of $53,480.00. Brandon Wiseman seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Bills: Kolby Blackner made a motion to pay the bills, Kade Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Kade Blackner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kallie Stringer seconded the motion, all voted in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Cherie C. Wood