

Minutes June 2, 2016

The Minersville Town Council held a regular council meeting on June 2, 2016 at the Minersville Town Hall.

Council present: Ward Dotson, Jared Woolf, Barry Marshall, Brady Carter and Todd McMullin. Town Marshall Kevin Carter and Town Clerk Cherie Wood.

Visitors: Janis Martin, Matt Martin, Shay Goff, Cherstie Woolf, Duke Hollingshead, Jill Hollingshead, Tammy Fairhurst, Bret Albrecht, Amy Albrecht, Sherisse Coombs, Lyle Coombs, Seth Davie, Jetta Robinson, Denise Hillock and Tony Fusco.

Mayor Ward Dotson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m

Minutes: Todd McMullin made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2016 council meeting without additions or corrections. Jared Woolf seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

The Council skipped over the first item on the agenda because they would like to wait until Tony Fusco, the animal control officer, arrived so that he could address the concerns of the citizens.

Second item skipped because Larry Bailey was not in attendance.

Janis Martin addressed the council asking if they would consider letting her use the room here in the City hall building to hold TaVaci School of Performing Arts classes. Janis explained to the council that since the school does not offer any band or signing classes she is concerned that the children in our area will not have the opportunity to develop their talents. She would have approximately 25 students 7-10 in each class and would like to use the room September thru December 2016 a 4 hour block on Mondays starting at 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm. The council agreed to let her use the room at no charge and no cleaning deposit unless a problem comes up, then it will be readdressed.

Animal Control concerns: Jill Hollingshead addressed the council and asked them to explain to her what exactly the ordinance for a dog at large is. Mayor Dotson turned this question over to Tony Fusco the Beaver County animal control officer to explain. Tony stated that as soon as a person lets their dog out of its kennel/house that the person must be in control of that dog, even on their own property, they must be with the dog or the dog must be on a leash. If the dog is not being monitored at all times, the owner of the dog observed running at large may be cited. Jill asked what is the amount of the citation. Tony asked Jetta Robinson, the Minersville precinct Judge to explain the process of the amount that is charged.

Jetta explained that on the first offence there is a \$25.00 fine in which she waves \$20.00 if the person will sign a form saying that they will not let it happen again. The second offence the fine doubles and she does not wave any of it and the dog is also taken by the animal control officer and the owner also has to pay the fees associated with impoundment, which is paid to the animal control officer.

Mayor Dotson asked Tony what the difference is between a dog at large and a vicious dog at large. Tony explained that there is a big difference with a vicious dog. That dog

is quarantined for 10 day at the shelter and the citation issued for this is a \$75.00 fine. The owner also has to pay for the shelter fees which for 10 days are usually around \$125.00. Vicious dogs are usually put down.

There was a lengthy discussion and questions asked about when is Tony here in Minersville, Tony explained that he is the only animal control officer in the county and he has to try to cover 3 communities. He asked the concerned citizens to please take pictures with their cell phones and send them to him with the owner's name of any dogs at large, or vicious dogs that they are having problems with. He gave out his cell number and has asked that they send them to him or call dispatch with any problems and dispatch will contact him.

Lyle Coombs said that he tried to log an incident on the County website but has not has a response. This incident was over a month ago. Tony explained that the website is not checked that often and the best thing to do is call him directly or dispatch.

Duke Hollingshead asked the council if they would try to be more proactive and get the ordinance out to all the citizens of Minersville so that everyone can read and know that this is going to be enforced. Mayor Dotson and the council agreed to get a flyer out and have a scout group deliver it to each household in town. Mayor Dotson thanked Tony Fusco for coming and for his service to the community.

The back hoe contract from John Deere has not been sent yet. Kevin has been in contact multiple times with the John Deere dealership and they can not give him a set date when there will be an agreement on the price of the government rate. Kevin is afraid that if we let the lease with Century Equipment expires and do not have the contract set with John Deere the town will be with out a back hoe for six to eight weeks, and we would have to hire a back hoe if there were any burials, road or water problems. The Council discussed the price of the Century Equipment contract and agreed to go with the Century Equipment contract this year and see next year if John Deere had things worked out and was cheaper. Jared Woolf made a motion to sign the contract lease with Century Equipment in the amount of \$4340.00 for this year. Todd McMullin seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Brady Carter made a motion to approve the URS retirement rates for 2016-17. Barry Marshall seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

The council made a final review of the FY June 30, 2017 Minersville Town Budget. No changes were made. The budget hearing is scheduled for June 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Minersville Town employee's pay rate increase was tabled until the next meeting.

Todd McMullin went over a few of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration secluded events. Valirie Short will be in charge of the Parade; Caleb Evans will be in charge of the foot races and games at the park. Todd has a company from Cedar bringing over bounce houses some with water and some dry, the fireworks have been ordered. There were some concerns about the program; Todd is having a hard time getting anyone to volunteer to help and the flag raising ceremony. Todd would like all the council to be at the park the night before the 4<sup>th</sup> to set up.



Park restrooms: There are some concerns that Riley's Construction did not put countertops for the concession area in their bid. Also the plumber does not want to put the fixtures in without doors so that it can be locked. Mayor Dotson explained that Doug Riley is planning on being here this weekend and will make sure what is in need of completion. Mayor Dotson explained that the Town may need to make arrangements to have counter tops installed. The council also talked about having a sidewalk from the pavilion to the restrooms so that it is handicap assessable.

Barry Marshall made a motion to pay the bills, Jared seconded the motion, all voted in favor. The motion passed.

Other Business:

Shay Goff would like to know if the Town could pave the road in front of his house. The Council will have to check on property lines before they can give Shay and answer.

Ward Dotson would like to present a name for the teen rep. for the Library Board, Kaleen Reddington. The council agreed to accept the teen rep. to set on the library board.

Barry Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jared Woolf seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned 9:55 p.m.

Cherie C. Wood