

Minutes December 3, 2018

The Minersville Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday December 3, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Minersville Town Hall.

Council present: Mayor Caleb Evans, Kolby Blackner, Kade Blackner and Barry Marshall. Todd McMullin was excused. Town Marshal Kevin Carter and Town Clerk Cherie Wood.

Visitors: Shannon Terry, Scott Albrecht, Caleb Rees, Richard Wohlleb and daughter.

Barry Marshall gave the prayer

Mayor Caleb Evans called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Minutes: Kade Blackner made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2018 council meeting without additions or corrections. Kolby Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Scott Albrecht is not here at the moment so the council will come back to him when he arrives.

After School Program: Mayor Caleb Evans explained to the council that Wendy Yardley contacted him last week and told him that the grant that they were expecting for the after school program did not come through and that the Beaver County Commissioners have tentatively committed to contributing \$30,000 towards keeping the after school programs going. This commitment is contingent upon her being able to get commitments of funding from the rest of the Council of Government entities. Mayor Evans visited the program in Minersville and feels there is a need for this program in our town. Mayor has also talked to Librarian Shannon Terry to see if it would be possible for the Minersville Library to provide something similar to this program if the after school program can not get funded.

Barry Marshall gave his opinion that he agrees that it is a great program but it should not be the town's responsibility to fund a school/state program that has always been funded by grants. Barry feels that the program just outgrew its funding and maybe they should go back to the way it used to be run and only allow the kids in that really need the program and not open it up to everyone.

Kolby Blackner is also concerned that there are a lot of kids in the program and what kids really need it and what ones do not. How many kids will it affect if the program is cut? The Council all agree that the Town does not have money that can be contributed to the program but if the program is ended the town library would be a good solution to help the kids with homework and somewhere to go that they would be supervised.

Capital Improvement List updates: The council agreed that the spring improvement project should be the first priority on the 1 year plan. On the 2-4 year plan the council would like to put a drainage study as priority one, community center as priority 2 and a walking path as 3.