

Minutes August 3, 2017

The Minersville Town Council held a regular council meeting on Thursday August 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Minersville Town Hall.

Council present: Mayor Ward Dotson, Barry Marshall, Todd McMullin and Brady Carter. Jared Woolf was absent. Town Marshal Kevin Carter, Town Clerk Cherie Wood  
Visitors: Brandon Davis, Melissa Marshall, Katie Hansen, John Martinez and Sharon Griffiths.

Opening prayer given by Barry Marshall

Mayor Ward Dotson called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm

Minutes: Todd McMullin made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 council meeting without additions or corrections. Barry Marshall seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

The heirs of Michel Skinners estate has reached out to the town to see if there is an interest in purchasing a half share of Minersville Irrigation water from them. The council agreed that it is a good idea to purchase this because if we had this other half share it would be enough to run the entire park on and we would not have to use culinary water at all on the park. Brady Carter questioned why the Town is required to have so many shares when a resident only has to have ½ of a share for their entire lot. Mayor Dotson explained that the council was told a few years back by the irrigation company that because the size of the park we would be required to have 3 shares.

Todd McMullin made a motion to purchase the ½ share of Minersville Irrigation water from the estate of Michel Skinner for \$2000.00 Brady Carter seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Katie Hansen, the Minersville Pool manager, gave the council an update on the Red Cross training/evaluation that the lifeguards and she has participated in. She feels that it has been a good training and review and they learned a lot. Katie would like to know if the council would be willing to purchase another lifeguard chair and umbrella for the shallow end of the pool for next year. There are also a lot of emergency plans that need to be on file at the pool that she plans on working on through the winter so that she has them for next year.

Katie would like to know if the council would like to keep the pool open longer after school starts just in the evenings. The council agreed that Katie could keep the pool open until the Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Sharon Griffiths has a few concerns about the new flooring at the Sr Center. The flooring is separating in places and the trim is coming off. The council explained that Brandon Davis put the trim on because it was not included in the flooring bid and Mayor Dotson has already contacted the place where we got the flooring from to have them come back and fix the places that are separating, they should be here in a couple weeks.

The council discussed what could be done with the trim, they agreed that it would have to be replaced with a solid molding trim that was wide enough to cover the gaps against the walls.

John Martinez would like to give his construction advice to Minersville Town free of charge if the town could make arrangements to have his property lines re-staked, because when the new sidewalk curb and gutter was put in someone removed them.

The Council agreed to have that done for John in return for his advice in correcting the flooring problem at the Sr. Center.

Kevin Carter explained to the council that we are still having problem with the well. It is pumping continuously and they are still having a hard time keeping the tanks full. He suggested looking into the spring project that was presented by Sunrise Engineering more because if we could make the spring more efficient and not lose water from it then we would not be depending so much on the well in the summer months when people are using so much water. Another option is to re-bole the well again, which was done only 3 years ago. Kevin explained how much water is metered leaving the well and the spring and how much is metered and billed for and it's not adding up. The town sold 9 million gals last month and the readings from the well and spring says that over 23 million have been sent to the tanks. Kevin and Brandon will be walking the line to make sure there are not any leaks and checking meters to make sure they are working properly.

Tusher has started on the installation of the curb and gutter on 100 W. There is a problem with the grade and the road being to flat for the water to drain properly. The town is going to have to build up the road approximately 4 inches for the water to drain off to that side and not flood the people across the street. They are also going to have to take up a portion of the new sidewalk to match it to the road cut so everything drains correctly. Kevin is not sure how much more this is going to cost but suggested to the council to consider not chip sealing the roads that they had planned on this year but to use that money to raise the road and to correct this project. The Council agreed that there is no other choice, we do not have an extra 30,000 in the budget to spare so we will have to postpone chip sealing the roads and use the money to finish this project correctly.

The hand held water meter reader is getting worse every month. The last two months there have been major problems and we are going to have to upgrade sooner than we expected. There are a couple different ways we can go, there is a smart phone, a laptop or another hand held option, some options may cost more than the 5000.00 we have budgeted for the new system. Brady Carter made a motion to allow Cherie and Melissa to make the best choice and have Mayor Dotson approve the new system. Barry Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the motion passed.

Brandon Davis would like to have the big trees at the park trimmed or completely removed. He has contacted two tree trimmers in Beaver but has not received a bid back from them yet, he estimates it to be between 6-8 thousand to have them removed. Brandon would be willing to see if the Town would qualify for the tree city grant money again this coming year, it is a matching money grant so the town would have to match what is given to us if we receive it.



The final statement for the year ending June 30, 2017 was reviewed. Cherie asked if there were any questions and explained that each year the money that is rolled over is getting less and less and that the reserve money in the different funds are being used up because of unexpected problems. Mayor Dotson would like to ask each department to watch their spending this year and if they don't need to spend everything in their budget to let it roll over to the next year. We all need to be a little more conservative.

Todd McMullin has been approached with the question why does the Town not have a notary in the office? He would like Cherie and Melissa to become notaries. Todd asked Cherie to check into the process more and let the council know what will have to be done and how much it will cost.

Barry Marshall made a motion to pay the bills, Todd McMullin seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Other Business:

Mayor Dotson explained that he was going to a walk through of the new firehouse Monday and that the open house will be held on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Brady Carter made a motion to adjourn, Barry Marshall seconded, all voted in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 9:10 pm

Cherie C. Wood