

Minutes August 6, 2018

The Minersville Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday August 6, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Minersville Town Hall.

Council present: Mayor Caleb Evans, Todd McMullin, Kade Blackner, Kolby Blackner and Barry Marshall. Town Marshal Kevin Carter and Town Clerk Cherie Wood.  
Visitors: Sharron Griffiths, Les Whitney and Wanda Howard

Prayer was given by Barry Marshall  
Mayor Caleb Evans called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

Todd McMullin made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2018 council meeting without additions or corrections, Barry Marshall seconded the motion, all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Wanda Howard is interested in service projects that she could help get funds for or organize groups to better the town. She is interested in sidewalks and also a sign for the library. The Council explained to Wanda that sidewalks are something that the town would love to have but are very expensive and if she would be interested in searching out grants they would appreciate her help. Council member Kolby Blackner also mentioned to Wanda that she might be interested in the planning and zoning meetings and maybe she could also get involved with them in improving the master plan for Minersville. The council thanked Wanda for her interest in wanting to help make improvements to our community.

Library courier services: Kolby Blackner made a motion to approve the county wide library courier service raise in cost from 570.31 to 855.50 with the condition that Beaver give us a break down of the cost so that we know what we are paying for. Todd McMullin seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Hiring for new Librarian: Interviews for this position were held on Thursday August 2, 2018. Barry Marshall made a motion to hire Shannon Terry as librarian at the pay rate of 10.00 per hour. He would like to make sure Jamie Costello stays on as the assistant. Todd McMullin seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Sharron Griffiths had some complaints about the weeds around town and if any more spraying was going to get done. Mayor was told that Brandon has already sprayed 3 times this year. The council is aware that the rain has made the weeds grow a lot lately and they will see what can be done. Sharron also has some strips of land that border properties and Minersville Town roads. She is working with Jeremy Gail trying to get it straighten out and deeded to property owners or to the town so that she will not have to pay taxes on it. She will come back to the council when she has more information.

Les Whitney explained to the council that it is his understanding that the emergency equipment fire house building behind the Town Hall belongs to the fire district and is not



Minersville Towns. He was out of the office when the new fire house was built and the fire districts secretary made a mistake calling Minersville Town Clerk Cherie Wood and telling her to put the utilities in Minersville Towns name now because the building is no longer needed. Both Les and Cherie has been trying to find documentation of who the building actually belongs to but all that can be found is minutes and unsigned leases that really don't name either as the actual owners. The building was built with grant money and it is on Minersville Town property. The Council will give Les a couple more months to see if he can come up with any more proof that the building belongs to the fire district. Kolby Blackner made a motion to give Les Whitney and Cherie Wood until the first Council meeting in October 2018 to see if they can come up with any more documentation on the building, Todd McMullin seconded the motion, all voted in favor the motion passed.

The fireworks purchased for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July were not set off and the council would like Les Whitney to find out if Minersville Town can get refunded for them and return them or if is possible to save them safely until next year.

Kade Blackner would like it to be know that if the Town Council has any issues with the fire department they are to take it up with Clay Carter or Les Whitney. He will no longer be the spokesperson form the council and the fire department. He does not want his position on the council to interfere with his position on the volunteer fire department.

County wide Law Enforcement resolution: Kade Blackner made a motion to table any decision on this resolution until after the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the Public Hearing that will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August. Todd McMullin seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Brandon Davis was not able to be here tonight. Mayor Evans talked to him earlier and he wanted to discuss an increase for the mayor and council members. The council all agreed that they do not want more money they feel it is a service that they provide to the community. The council discussed the use of town vehicles used for personal use when the employee is out of town on town business. The council does not have a problem if the employee runs a personal errand, as long as it is a short stop and is not taking hours from employee working time.

The matter of Brandon's job responsibilities/wages will be put on the next agenda when Brandon is able to attend.

Kade Blackner wanted to give the council an update on the Wild land fire program with the state land and county wide preparedness plan. The County wide plan would be made up as separate city plans but combined into a county plan. Kade would like the council members to be thinking of fire prevention or preparedness plans that Minersville could implement in the coming years. Kade would like to have the ideas by the first meeting in October 2018.

Mayor Evans would like to have the council members all meet after council meeting on Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> to help him finish removing the trees from around the bridge coming into town.



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

Other Business:

Todd McMullin would like to have something done with the side of the road in front of his store, it is all coming up and there was a person that fell in the hole. Kevin and Brandon will patch it as soon as possible.

Kade Blackner has been looking for a snow plow and found one at a price range he thinks the town could afford but it is not a four wheel drive. He will check into the price of a blade that can be attached to Kevin's old truck.

Kade Blackner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barry Marshall seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Cherie C. Wood



Minutes August 20, 2018

The Minersville Town Council held a PUBLIC HEARING on Monday Aug. 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Minersville Town Hall.

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

Visitors: Les Whitney, Kalie Stringer, Natalie Rollins, Rachel Anderson, Eve Jensen, Cameron Noel, Dale Craw, Tyler Schena, Alan Wood, Tammy Wood, Ward Dotson, Heidi Eyre, Leo Kanell and Neil Craw.

Mayor Caleb Evans opened the public hearing at 5:01 and explained that this public hearing is to discuss the hereby petition to Beaver County Commission to set up a county wide tax levy for law enforcement and collect enough tax revenue to pay for police protection within the County. It is presumed Beaver County will have to increase the tax rate approximately .00035 percent in order to collect sufficient tax revenue to pay for law enforcement and the council will look into reducing the Minersville Town tax rate an equal amount. Mayor Evans asked Attorney Kanell if he would like to explain in a little more detail.

Leo Kanell explained how the tax base works. He also emphasized how hard it is for the cities and towns to afford the increasing police protection contracts with the county.

Minersville has a different contract with the county because Minersville employs their own Town Marshal, but as Kevin is getting close to retirement in the next year and a half, this is an option for Minersville police protection.

Sherriff Cameron Noel also spoke about working in Beaver County for 27 years and how he wants to be able to keep officers working in the county but must be competitive with wages to keep them here, there is a continued increase in calls and crimes committed in the county which is keeping officers working long hours, this is one reason why they are needing more money to run the department. Sherriff Noel handed out call log records to the council and explained that the average incident response time for the Beaver County Sherriff's Office is 26 minutes and the average response time for the Minersville Police Department is 12 minutes to respond to a call in Minersville.

Response time is a concern that many Minersville Town citizens have.

Kolby Blackner asked what kind of coverage Minersville will have? Sherriff Noel answered that Minersville will not receive 24 hour a day coverage but will be given the same coverage as the rest of the county, he will be putting officers where they are needed and feels that Minersville will have the coverage that is needed. There are always 2-5 officers on during the day and 2-3 on at nights.

There were lots of concerns about police coverage at the school and how long it would take to get an officer there if there was an incident.

Other concerns were of the tax increases and citizens tired of being taxed for everything.

Attorney Kanell explained that the Town residents will not see a difference if the Council agree to drop the Town Taxes at the same rate.

Sherriff Cameron Noel ended saying that he is here for the citizens and hope we are all trying to do the best thing for them and that he will work with Minersville and do the best for them.

Mayor Evans asked if there were any more comments and closed the hearing at 6:30 p.m.



The Minersville Town Council held a regular Council Meeting following the Public Hearing on Monday August 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Council present: Mayor Caleb Evans, Todd McMullin, Barry Marshall, Kade Blackner and Kolby Blackner. Town Marshal Kevin Carter and Town Clerk Cherie Wood. Visitors: Leo Kanell, Les Whitney, Kalie Stringer, Natalie Rollins, Rachel Anderson, Ever Jensen, Tyler Schena, Dale Craw, Tammy Wood, Alan Wood and Neil Craw.

Mayor Caleb Evans opened the meeting

Minutes: Todd McMullin made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 council meeting without additions or corrections. Barry Marshall seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Mayor Evans would like to skip over the first couple of items on the agenda and go to the items that have people here to present because they have been waiting through the public hearing.

Tyler Schena: Tyler is our Beaver County School Resource Officer, he has brought Ordinance 8.20.18 for Minor Daytime Curfew that he would like the council to adopt. It is an ordinance stating that it is unlawful for any minor subject to loiter or remain in any public place, any restricted dwelling, or any unsupervised place within the unincorporated area of the County during the normal school hours for the school said minor is required to attend. So in short Officer Schena or any other officer in the county would be able to question or pick up any student that is not in school during school hours (sluffing) a violation of this section shall be a class C misdemeanor. The first offence will be a warning second will be a minimum fine of \$50.00 and subsequent violations will receive a minimum fine of \$100.00 and is not intended to be a limitation of any other penalty, probation, community service requirements, or other fine which may be imposed by the applicable court.

Kolby Blackner made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 8.20.18 MINOR DAYTIME CURFEW**, Todd McMullin seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Natalie Rollins would like to thank the Council and Minersville Town for all they do to help the seniors with the nice Sr. Citizen building that is provided by the town and taking care of the utilities and maintance. Natalie would like to know if the council has any ideas for help to raise money for the seniors to have extra money to buy prizes for their bingo or any suggestions to get more people to support them. The yearly bazaar has not been very successful the last few years. The council agreed to help advertize by putting the dates of the bake sale and drawings on the water bills next month.

Allen Wood would like to know what the council would like him to do about getting a fence variance. He was sent to the planning and zoning but found that there are not enough people on the committee to hold a meeting. The council is aware that they must get some more members called to the committee. Alan would like to know if the council can give him a variance because he is in need of covering up some vulgar language that is



painted on a building next to him that the property owner is not willing to paint over or remove. He is putting in a new fence and would like a variance to build the fence two feet higher in that area to cover the words so when he and his grandkids are in his back yard they don't have to look at it. The council would like to see the property owner be reasonable and take care of the problem by painting over the words or removing them. Eve Jensen the property owner spoke and said she is willing to buy a sign to cover over it but she hasn't found exactly what she wants. The council, Allan and Eve agreed to put up some plywood over the words until a planning and zoning committee was called and could make a suggestion on a variance or until a sign could be purchased to cover the words.

Brandon Davis was not able to come to the meeting but Mayor Evans is aware of his concerns. Brandon says he is overloaded with work this summer and would like to know if he could get some help. The council discussed setting up a meeting with Brandon, Kevin and the Mayor to see what could be worked out.

Kade Blackner has received a bid for \$5431.10 from Semi Service Inc. for a snow plow that can be attached to a pickup truck. Barry Marshall made a motion to purchase the snow plow, Todd McMullin seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Attorney Leo Kanell explained the Transportation Tax Resolution. This tax is one quarter of 1% that would be added to non food items. The tax would be distributed by the state and be added to the B&C road funds that we already get.

Kolby Blackner would like to make a motion to table the resolution until the council is able to read it and understand it better. Kade Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor the motion passed.

The council held a discussion about the Law Enforcement Tax Resolution 8.20.2018. Leo Kanell stated that this tax will not be voted on; the County Commissioners will make the final discussion after the proper steps are taken and public meetings are held. Barry Marshall made a motion to adopt the Law Enforcement Tax Resolution, Todd McMullin seconded the motion; Kade Blackner voted aye, Todd McMullin voted aye, Kolby Blackner voted nay, Barry Marshall voted aye and Caleb Evans voted nay. The motion passed.

#### Other business:

Kolby Blackner would like to submit some names for the council to consider asking to be on the Planning and Zoning committee. Cassie Crumb and Buck Stringer, Mayor Evans would also like to ask Jared Woolf. The Council agreed.

Todd McMullin would like to know if the council would like him to still purchase prizes for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The council agreed on a \$1500.00 budget and would like to help pick what is being purchased.

Kade Blackner made a motion to adjourn Barry Marshall seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Cherie C. Wood