

Minutes February 1, 2021

A regular meeting of the Minersville Town Council was held on Monday February 1, 2021 at 5:00 pm at the Minersville Town Hall.

Council present: Caleb Evans, Kade Blackner, Kalie Stringer, Kolby Blackner and Brandon Wiseman.

Public works supervisor Brandon Davis, Barry Marshall and Town Clerk Cherie Wood.

Visitors: Shannon Terry, Todd Marshall, Chad Marshall, Charlotte Dalton, Chad Hollingshead, David Fairhurst, Tammy Fairhurst, Denice Hillock, David Puffer, Mark Truman, Bryan Hollingshead and Scott Albrecht.

Opening prayer was given by Kolby Blackner

Mayor Caleb Evans opened the meeting at 5:00 pm

Minutes: Kolby Blackner made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2021 meeting with corrections. Kade Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Library Board: Librarian Shannon Terry needs to replace two library board members. Shannon presented the council with five names of people she thinks would be interested and the council would like her to confirm that Robyn Acocella and Kinley Marshall would like to serve on the board and they will appoint them at the next meeting.

Kade Blackner will be building a new home down the field lane. He would like to hook up to the Town water. Kade will be putting in a 2" line with a 1 ½ inch meter. The Council would like Kade to contact the farmers that put the line to get permission to hook into the line.

Kolby Blackner updated the council on the water sales water use agreement that Ken Tuttle from Sunrise and Attorney Kanell is working on. Kolby has also talked to Attorney Leo Kanell and asked him if he would be willing to work on the new ordinance and service boundary map for the town. The council agreed that the water sales and the new ordinance needs to be put in place as soon as possible. Brandon Wiseman has a concern with the water sales use agreement, he would like to see in the agreement that the well property is deeded to the Town.

Kolby Blackner updated the council on the sewer study for the cattle harvest plant. Kolby feels that Paul Davis does not want to pay for the sewer study. Kolby does not want the council to make a decision on the cattle harvest plant until the sewer study is complete, he feels this is something that has to be done before the council can make an informed decision. Kolby is passionate about this study and would agree to pay for the study himself if need be.

Charlotte Dalton asked if she could comment? Mayor Caleb Evans opened the floor up to take questions or comments from the audience. Charlotte asked why the council has not asked the citizens of Minersville if they want this cattle harvest plant? Chad Marshall and Chad Hollingshead both agreed with the question. David Fairhurst feels that it should be the responsibility of the packing plant to pay for the sewer study, it should be their burden of proof not the towns. Chad Hollingshead asked the council to table their decision on the harvest plant until after the pandemic is over and they can hold a public hearing to see what the citizens want.

The council addressed their concerns. Mayor Caleb Evans allowed Scott Albrecht to explain his part in the plant. Scott explained that there are a lot of positive economic impacts to this project, it will bring jobs and growth to our community. Scott addressed some of the concerns the public had.

Kade Blackner would like to be on record saying that he feels that in 1999 when the town expanded the sewer lagoons it was for residential growth, if we allow a business to take up all the room in our system and we have no room for more residential growth, which then the town will need to build more lagoons costing the town hundreds of thousands of dollars and will hurt the town in the long run.

Scott Albrecht would like to let the council know that he has talked to the county and there may be a possibility of them using some economic development funds to help pay for the sewer study.

Kolby Blackner would like to be known that his offer of paying for the study is off the table and he will let the engineers know to hold off on the study until we get clarity of who will pay for it.

Budget review: Town Clerk Cherie Wood reviewed the budget with the council and answered any questions. There were no concerns at this time.

Pay bills: Kade Blackner made a motion to pay the bills. Kalie Stringer seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Other Business:

Kalie Stringer is concerned about the property owners that were addressed at the last council meeting of not following through with what they said they were going to do and would like to know what the next step the council is planning on doing. Mayor Caleb Evans would like the Town Clerk to send certified mail the ordinances that they are not compliant with. Multi family living in single family unit. Littering, and unlawful parking of a vehicle.

Kade Blackner gave Mayor Evans his resignation letter because he is moving and will no longer be living in Minersville Town limits as of February 5, 2021. The council thanked Kade for his service to the town. Kade will be willing to bring the new council member up to speed on the road stuff that he has been over.

Kalie Stringer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kade Blackner seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Cherie C. Wood