

Approved minutes – Regular Meeting 7/11/2023

Approved minutes – Special Meeting _____

Approved minutes – Special/Workshop Meeting _____

Regular Meeting
July 11, 2023
7:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Meyersdale Borough Council was called to order by President Folk, July 11, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Per advice from Solicitor Valentine, President Folk announced that Mrs. Deb Kolb from the audience was video recording the meeting. Mr. Folk made the attendees aware that if there is any issue of not wanting their faces on facebook or other concerns with the video recording to let the Council know. Mrs. Pat Murray from the audience announced that she did not want to be video recorded. Mrs. Kolb assured her that the video camera will be focused on the front of the room.

Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Baer, Mr. Baker, Mr. Folk, Mrs. Gnagey, Mrs. Knieriem, Mr. Parisi, and Mayor Smith were present. Solicitor Valentine was present via telephone. Brion Reiber, Street Foreman and Wright, Police Chief were present.

MINUTES:

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 regular meeting as presented. Mr. Baer seconded. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT/ BILLS:

Mr. Baker made the motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills as presented. Mr. Parisi seconded. Motion passed.

GUESTS:

- A.) Mr. Jeff Christner was present to request that Council consider making some renovations to the playground Pavilion by replacing the door and installing roll downs on the windows. After some discussion, Mr. Reiber was asked to obtain quotes and have them available for the August meeting.
- B.) Mr. Jon Imhoff request use of playground
Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to grant Mr. Imhoff permission to use the playground center field for a bon fire on August 5, 2023 for a religious rally.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A.) Mrs. Deb Kolb commented that the fireworks were fabulous and thanked Mrs. Gnagey, Mayor Smith, the Parks & Recreation Committee and Jeff Christner for their efforts.
- B.) Mr. Bob Munion was present with questions regarding the proposed increase in water rates. Mrs. Gnagey explained why the increase was necessary and that he should take his comments to the Meyersdale Municipal Authority Board.
- C.) Ms. Deb Fisher asked if the Borough has plans for a website where all pertinent information can be found. Mrs. Gnagey reported that she had made contact with the PA Boroughs Association and they have the

capability of building and hosting a website. After some discussion, Mrs. Gnagey and Mrs. Knieriem were to work together on getting pricing. Mr. Parisi also suggested utilizing the police website and he also offered to assist with building a website.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

No report was given.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Smith provided a monthly statistics report. Fines totaled \$757.30.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR:

Mrs. Gnagey reported that the AED unit has arrived. Mr. Louie Martin would like Mr. Reiber to assist with the installation. Mr. Martin will train anyone who is interested.

ENGINEERS REPORT:

No report was given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Valentine reported that he can move forward with the Little League field after he has received the final sketches and drawings from Appalachian Engineering.

Other items for discussion were deferred to executive session.

Request from Gary Romesberg – Change Per Capita and Occupation tax valuation.

Mrs. Knieriem made the motion to change the tax valuation for Mr. Gary Romesberg from laborer to disabled and to notify the tax collector of the decision. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Discussion deferred to executive session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Municipal Authority

No report was given.

Street Foreman

Mr. Reiber reported that Summit Township has shown interest in purchasing the 2002 red cutaway truck. Solicitor Valentine indicated that the Borough can sell to another municipality without bidding. After some discussion, Mr. Reiber was asked to obtain the value. Mrs. Gnagey suggested obtaining assistance from Mr. Gene Mishler to establish the value. A decision will be made at the August regular meeting.

Mrs. Gnagey asked what the time frame was for the installation of three skills units for the playground. Mr. Reiber reported that the items are put together and will be included in the price from Level Acres to install when the playground equipment from the Community Center is moved to the Paul E. Fuller playground. Mrs. Gnagey questioned why this work would be outsourced when there is an additional tableland man hours available. Mr. Reiber explained that the Tableland workers can only do certain things and must be supervised.

Mrs. Gnagey reported that the Farmers Market will be held at the uptown park on Wednesday, July 12 from 4 PM to 7 PM. She requested that the park be mowed for the event.

Public Library

No report was given.

Parks & Recreation

The concert in the park was rescheduled for July 30, 2023.

Wresting Boosters profited approximately \$1,000.00 from concession concession sales.

Fred DiPasquale donated his time as MC for the Independence Day Celebration.

A cashiers check was presented in the amount of \$759.51 for the 2024 fireworks as a result of canvassing the crowd for donations.

The Garden Club has donated \$100.00 for the 2024 fireworks display.

Meyersdale Renaissance

The Group is assisting the Meyersdale Area Merchants Association with a golf tournament fundraiser.

COUNCIL MEMBERS – STANDING COMMITTEES

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

No report was given.

PERSONNEL

No report was given.

FINANCE

Mrs. Knieriem made the motion to switch the refuse account and the building renovation account at Somerset Trust to a higher interest yielding account. Mr. Baker seconded. Motion passed.

Mrs. Knieriem made the motion to consolidate the CD's at Somerset Trust to a higher interest yielding account. Mr. Parisi seconded. Motion passed.

REFUSE

No report was given.

STREETS/BUILDINGS

Mrs. Gnagey requested a time line for the repair to a storm drain on Second Street. After some discussion, Mr. Baker and Mr. Reiber will work together to either unplug or replace the storm drain.

FLOOD CONTROL

Solicitor Valentine was asked to contact Mr. Robert Graves from the Army Corp. regarding the Flood Control rip rap replacement. Solicitor Valentine suggested that a survey and engineering drawings be obtained in an effort to calculate the amount of rip rap to be replaced.

FARMERS MARKET

No report was given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A.) Patrolman police agreement/handbook
Mayor Smith reported that the document has not been signed.
- B.) Discuss pay increase for Borough workers
Discussion was deferred to executive session.
- C.) Council Member to represent the Borough – Sesquicentennial Celebration
Mrs. Deb Kolb reported that she may be able to report on the activities planned by the next regular meeting.
Mrs. Gnagey asked what the Borough was going to do monetarily for the celebration. Solicitor Valentine was to research if the Borough can contribute.
- D.) Open Bids on sale of 345 Main St.
Mr. Ackerman made the motion to accept a bid of \$10,000.00 from the Cornerstone Apostolic Church.
Mr. Baer seconded. Motion passed. There was only one bidder. Solicitor Valentine will prepare the transfer documents.
- E.) Open Bids on Sale of 614 Grant Street.
No bids were received. Mr. Parisi made the motion to advertise for reasonable offers and to enlist the assistance of the Wendy Kelly Group to find a buyer for the same. Mrs. Gnagey seconded. Motion passed.
- F.) Appointment to Zoning Hearing Board (Aaron Thomas term up 7/2023)
Mrs. Knieriem made the motion to pass resolution #9-2023 to appoint Mr. Eric Hunsberger to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed.
- G.) E-Bike charging station grant update
Mrs. Gnagey reported that the grant application was submitted and that a decision may be made by the end of July.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Announcements
There were no announcements.
- B.) Moving playground equipment from Community Center to the Paul E. Fuller playground
Mr. Parisi made the motion to accept an estimate of \$1,000.00 to \$1,400.00 from Level Acres to move the playground equipment. Mr. Baer seconded. Motion passed.
- C.) Traffic light repairs
Mr. Parisi made the motion to approve Kuharik Electric to complete the necessary repairs to the traffic light push buttons and to the loop system if necessary. Mrs. Gnagey seconded. Motion passed.
- D.) Ambulance Services

Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to reach out to the other municipalities, school board and the ambulance association to set up a meeting to discuss the concerns regarding ambulance service coverage. Mrs. Knieriem seconded. Motion passed.

E.) A workshop meeting will be held on July 26, 2023 to discuss the budget. Mrs. Gnagey requested year to date figures be available at the meeting.

GOALS FOR 2023

Ordinance Review
No report given.

Zoning Review
No report given.

New Building
No report given.

Emergency Access Road Meyers Ave.
No additional report given.

Control Spending
No report given.

Flood Control rip rap
No report given.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

There were no additional items to be discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:25 PM. Mr. Baer seconded. Motion passed.

The items to be discussed were: Code Enforcement and pay increases for Borough workers.

Mr. Ackerman made the motion to return to regular session at 8:54 PM. Mr. Baer seconded. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION/MOTIONS:

There were no discussions or motions made.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Gnagey made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM. Mr. Ackerman seconded. Motion passed.

Patricia C. Ackerman

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Borough Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 9-2023

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MEYERSDALE,
SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING A RESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH
TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE ZONING HEARING BOARD

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the Office of the Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, Section 705 B of the Meyersdale Borough Zoning Ordinance #377 charges the Borough Council with filling such vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania has chosen a resident of the Borough to fill the vacancy; and


NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, that Eric Hunsberger, be appointed to fill the vacancy that exists on the Zoning Hearing Board.

BE it further resolved, that the above-named individual shall assume the duties as a Zoning Hearing Board Member immediately.

Be it further resolved, that the term of the above individual shall continue as provided by the Zoning Ordinance.

Duly resolved, this 11th day of July, 2023, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

BOROUGH OF MEYERSDALE

By 
President of Council

ATTEST:


Borough Secretary

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	NAME	ADDRESS	TOPIC
1	Jeff Christner	207 N. Street	Pavilion
2	Jacarie Peloguin	308 Broadway #2	
3	John Timpane	331 MAIN ST.	Barricade
4	Tom MacNeil	336 MAIN ST	
5	Eugene + Rishi Mishler	M. DALE	
6	Deborah Fisher	301 Meyers Ave	
7	Wendy Kelly		
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