Minutes April 5, 2021

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

Council present: Caleb Evans, Kalie Stringer and Brad Eyre. Kolby Blackner and Brandon Wiseman were excused. Public works supervisor Brandon Davis, Barry Marshall and Town Clerk Cherie Wood.
Visitors: Ben Coray, Kent and Maryfaye Marshall, Ward Dotson, Tom and Shirlee Bess, Sylvia Thompson, Trisa Carter, Rodney Carter, Tammy and David Fairhurst, Betty Walker, Guyla Curtis, Charlotte Dalton, Mitch Dalton, Chelsea Thompson, Jordan Hillock, Chad Hollingshead, Brandon Yardley and Shane Greenfield.

Prayer was given by Brad Eyre
Mayor Caleb Evans called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.
Minutes: Brad Eyre made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2021 council meeting without additions or corrections. Kalie Stringer seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion passed.

Mitch Dalton requested that Ben Coray be first on the agenda.
Ben Coray from Sunrise Engineering was contracted by Beaver County to perform a capacity analysis for the Minersville sewer lagoons. Ben explained that Minersville sewer consists of 5 ponds having a combined capacity of approximately 39.3 million gallons. Based on the current operating conditions, the estimates of annual precipitation, evaporation, and infiltration, we estimate the daily design capacity of the lagoons to be approximately 134,000 gallons per day or 484 ERC's.
Currently there are 331 ERCs on the wastewater system. This equates to approximately 68% of the total system capacity. The current excess capacity of the lagoons is approximately 153 ERCs. By 2041 we have projected a total daily wastewater flow of 123,500 gpd or 446 ERCs. This represents 92% of the total system capacity with an excess capacity of approximately 38 ERCs.
The beef harvesting plant is estimated to produce approximately 50,000 gpd which is the equivalent of 181 residential connection (ERCs) and approximately 38% of the total system capacity. This additional daily flow exceeds the current available system capacity and would put the lagoon hydraulic capacity at 106%.
Even with the scenario of the beef harvesting plant reducing the average daily wastewater flow from 50,000 to 35,700 only operating 5 days a week would only changes the capacity from 106% to 87%. Using reduced flows to calculate system capacity is less conservative and does not provide a safety factor for unknown conditions such as a change to the operating schedule of the harvesting plant or increases in municipal wastewater flows and or strengths from the Town.
Conclusion: The lagoon system has sufficient hydraulic and biologic capacity to support the anticipated growth of the Town without the addition of the beef harvesting plant for 20 years.
The analysis shows that the proposed beef harvesting plant cannot be supported by the current wastewater lagoon system if the plant operates on a 7 day per week 50,000 gpd without adding at least 2 ponds. As stated above the reduced flow scenario does not provide the safety factor for unknown conditions and would put the Town at max capacity with no room for growth without adding more lagoons. The full analysis is on file at the Minersville Town Office.
David Fairhurst asked the question to the council if they were going to vote tonight on if they were going to allow the beef harvesting plant to connect to the sewer and supply them water? Mayor Caleb Evans stated that there is no need for the council to vote on anything, the sewer analysis has proven that

Minersville does not have the wastewater capacity for the plant and therefore the decision is no they will not be connecting to the Minersville Town Sewer System.
The Council and the citizens thanked Ben Coray for his time and knowledge that he has put into this analysis.

Mitch Dalton and Brandon Yardley are representing Milford Valley Pumpers. Mitch explained that since Minersville has initiated the change order to transfer water rights to the flat for a farmer Minersville is now part of the Milford valley pumpers and will need to pay water assessment fees. The town will also need to be included in the water management plan that they will be putting in place. Brandon Yardley explained how the water on the flat is managed and they are looking into a better plan so that the aquafer is not depleted and the State does not step in and take water rights away from farmers that have been farming on the flat for many years. Mitch and Brandon would like to ask that the town pull leasing their water rights or at least add into the contract that Minersville can retract the water at any given time to help protect the already established farmers in the valley. Mayor Evans stated that he would look into the contract and see what the town could do. Kalie Stringer added that if the Town doesn't go through with this water lease, the council would have no choice other than to raise the water rates for all the citizens in Minersville.
Mitch and Brandon thanked the council for their time.

4th of July: Mayor Evans would like to know if the council had any thoughts about the 4th of July program and if we should even try putting one together because we still may not be able to use the church or the school for it. The Council agreed that if the American Legion Auxiliaries would like to take it over then they would support it.
Parade – Will and Chelsea Thompson
Inflatables – same as last year Mayor has already talked to them.
Theme-
T-shirts- only if they are pre ordered, check with the new business in town and see if he is interested.
Grand Marshals –
Sound System – Brandon Davis will get some costs on adding onto what we have.
Corn Hole – Mayor Evans would like to continue with this tradition but advertise earlier.
Vendors – Kalie Stringer will be in charge of getting information to vendors.
Fireworks – Brad Eyre will get in touch with Clay Carter and Les Whitney to see if they have already been ordered and look into the price.
Donation letters to businesses will need to be sent out shortly.

Treasurer: Tabled until the next meeting

Municode codification services to put the town ordinances on line was discussed. Cherie has had numerous contacts in the office with people wanting codes and ordinances. Cherie would like to get the software to put the Minersville Town Ordinances on the town website like most cities have. She showed the council Milford's and how easy it is for people to look them up. With the COVID money that the town has left would the council agree to use it for this purpose? It would help reduce the need for people to come in person to the office exposing the staff to COVID. The council agreed but would like Cherie to get an exact cost of the service and software.

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

Shannon Terry would like to ask the council if they would approve for her to have her credit card prepaid with a $3000.00 grant that she has received for children and teen books that needs to be spent before May. She has the check and just wants to put it towards her credit card payment, she only has a 1500.00 limit on her card and she needs to get the books all ordered before May and she doesn't want to get an over the limit fee. The Council agreed to pay the grant money to the card so that she can get the books ordered as long as she gets the receipts for the books ordered to the Clerk so she can make out the check.

Kalie Stringer would like to see the Purchasing Policy adopted soon. Brad Eyre would like the Ethic portion of the policy to be clearer.

Shane Greenfield would like to know what the council has decided to do about the right of way next to his property and if they have decided on a price for the small piece that he wants to purchase. Kalie Stringer feels that it needs to be appraised and surveyed. Shane will talk to Alan Pollmann and see if he is willing to split the cost of the appraisal and survey with him.

Other Business:
Barry Marshall would like to make the council aware that there was a leak at the Sr. Center caused by the water fountain and the floor was affected. Barry will watch it and make sure the tiles don't crack. Brad Eyre would like to know what is going on with the road in front of his mothers, why the trench that was dug across the road when Mike White put in his house is sinking so bad. Barry explained that they did not put the correct fill in it when it was patched. But the plan was to missile under the road so Mike White did not pay a road cut fee. Whose responsibility is it to fix? Barry will discuss with Brandon what needs to be done.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 Cherie C. Wood