

Town of Minerva
Town Board Meeting

April 7th, 2022

The Semi-monthly meeting of the Minerva Town Board held on Thursday, April 7th, 2022 was called to order at 7:00 PM.

~Upon Roll Call~

Stephen McNally – Supervisor - Present
Douglas McCall – Councilman - Present
Keith Dubay – Councilman - Present
David LaBar – Councilman - Present
Scott Fish – Councilman - Absent

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment #1:

- Ned Jones - Expressed concern with lack of internet availability on Irishtown Rd/Brannon Field up through Cheney Pond Road. All surrounding areas have been provided Fiber Optic upgrades from Slic, but this area was excluded in internet. It is a hardship in this area interfere with Cell service/Phone and Internet for Telemed, remote work, etc.

#98 Motion to by Dubay seconded by McCall to Approve March 17th, 2022 Town Board Meeting Minutes. Carried 4-0

Correspondence:

- Letter from Zoning Board of Appeals with a notice of public hearing on a variance application for property located at 59 Minerva Lake road.
- Letter from Surpass Chemical Company, Inc. regarding raises in rates and the costs to expect.
- Letter from Peckham Industries, Inc. regarding rate changes and how they are calculated.

#99 Motion by LaBar and Seconded by Dubay to Authorize Expenditure for Highway School for Jonathan Fish, Highway Superintendent, for training, lodging, and meals not to exceed \$1000.00.

Approved via Roll Call: AYES; Dubay, McCall, LaBar, McNally.
NOES; none Carried 4-0

#100 Motion by Dubay and Seconded by LaBar to Set Wages for Senior Staff for the Minerva Youth Program Director and Health Director.

Carried 4-0

#101 Motion by McCall and Seconded by LaBar to approve Resolution for 2022 Sumer Concert Payments.

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Approved via Roll Call: AYES; Dubay, McCall, LaBar, McNally.
NOES; none. Carried 4-0

#102 Motion by McCall and Seconded by Dubay to approve
Resolution to Set Fee Schedule for Youth Program for 2022.
Carried 4-0

#103 Motion by LaBar and Seconded by Dubay to approve
Resolution to Change Board Meeting date originally scheduled for
April 21st, to Thursday April 28th at 7pm. Carried 4-0

Resolution to Award the Right to Operate the Donnelly Beach
Concession Stand on Hold for one meeting and re-advertise.

Supervisors Report:

- I have been working on a survey, for a year, to see who does not have Fiber Optic Internet, in Minerva. Due to Slic bids done by Census Block, some areas were not included in the bids. We have grants available. We have ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Grants of \$78,000.00 and \$24,000 from Essex County. It would all be covered. ARPA can be used for 4 different things, Our Town has the option to use it for Broadband or Water.
If we use it for this project we will have 99% broadband coverage in our town.
I am going up Wednesday to meet in the County, with Stacie McNally and Kathy Persons.
We have \$39,000 already. We should get the other \$39,000 any day now. So, we should be ready to go.
- The issue with the dump Truck running into McCall Property, we are still working on that.

#104 Motion by Dubay and Seconded by LaBar to move forward on Project to Provide Broadband Service for the cost of \$85,000, Provided by Slic Network Solutions to residents on Irishtown, Cheney Pond and Shevlin Roads.
Approved via Roll Call: AYES; Dubay, McCall, LaBar, McNally.
NOES; none. Carried 4-0

#105 Motion by Dubay and Seconded by LaBar to go into Executive Session. Carried 4-0

#106 Motion by Dubay and Seconded by LaBar to end Executive Session.
Carried 4-0

Public Comment #2:

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- Theresa Fish - Kathleen DeGuilme and I have discussed the need to have the BAS Utility Billing Program (Water Tax Program) moved to a PC that we can both have access to, without interrupting Diane Palmer's work day, or having to work after hours.
EdmundsGovTech, who is in charge of the BAS Utility Program, will charge us an all new setup to have the program moved. James from IT suggested talking to Luisa Towne at the County. She has written Water Tax programs for several towns in the County already. This would have no cost to the town.
We have a meeting set up, with Luisa Towne, Friday April, 13th, to go over our needs for the program.
I will update with time frame and our needs to have this completed.

Councilman comments:

- LaBar – We have a new proposed location, possibly across from the Community Center, behind the pine trees, for the Dog Park. The Dog Park Committee wondered if the town would be interested in helping with the water tax and insurance.
- McCall – Mike McSweeney Approached me about a Remote Weather station, to communicate with Burlington, to allow Channel 5 to broadcast more accurate data for our location. Possibly have it located at the school, town hall, or town garage.
- McCall – Youth Commission is going to the Fun Spot on Saturday April 9th, 2022.

#107 Motion Dubay seconded by McCall to Adjourn Meeting at 7:57pm. Carried 4-0

Theresa Fish
Town Clerk