

CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY October 5, 2015, 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting was called to order by Council member, Forest McClintock.
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

- Present were: Connie Benware, Jay Roberts, Gary Steinruck, Forest McClintock, Doug Krum, Mayor Frank Achy, Borough Manager Roger Nuss and Attorney Anthony McDonald.
- Absent were: Scott Keefer and Joe Benware.

READING OF MINUTES:

- **Jay Roberts made a motion** to dispense reading of and approve minutes of previous month's meeting with corrections, Connie Benware seconded the motion. All aye.

GUEST TO BE HEARD:

- Barbara Reese asked to have previous months minutes to be changed from Barb Reese interrupted to Barb Reese asked.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Columbia/Montour Borough's Association Meeting. Thursday, November 12, 2015 6:00pm at Capital Restaurant.
- Bloomsburg Recycling is now charging non-residents \$10 to recycle TV's.

MAYOR: FRANK "JEFF" ACHY:

- Mayor Achy questioned whether two hour parking is still necessary from Third Street down on Main Street.
- Mayor Achy asked about new parking lot. Jim Haney explained that FEMA/PEMA wouldn't allow it.
- Mayor Achy would like something put in the Press Enterprise about the crosswalks in town.
- Mayor Achy reported that pumps were ready in case of flooding.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Borough Manager, Roger Nuss read a summary report of the Borough employee activities for the month of September.
- Roger gave a summary report of his activities for the month of September.

WATER

- Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman had nothing to report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- Code Enforcement Officer Brian Rhone reported that in the month of September they investigated twenty two issues, sent four letters, hung eight door hangers, gave five verbal warnings, issued five permits, four citations, spent zero days in court and worked on the townhouse project.

Police:

- Catawissa Borough Police Chief Joshua Laidacker reported that during the month of July they responded to 173 (one hundred seventy three) calls. Transmission in the SUV was rebuilt and thermostat was replaced, however, the transmission is still slipping.
- Officer Hagemeyer spent a week at the Bloomsburg Fair as part of the Kids safe program. While there she fingerprinted 527 (five hundred twenty seven) children.
- Both in car dash cameras remain out of service.
- Officers Colella, Gallie and Beck attended DUI training.
- Officer Colella completed his training and is now covering his own shifts.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Committee Chairperson Forest McClintock had nothing to report at this time.

UTILITIES:

- Committee Chairperson Connie Benware reported in the month of September three meters were removed, one was limited and reinstalled two.

Parks & Recreation:

- Connie Benware reported they are currently working on Santa Day.

PROPERTY/BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

- Committee Chairperson Gary Steinruck had nothing to report

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:

- Committee Chairperson Scott Keefer was not in attendance, therefore had nothing to report.

UNION NEGOTIATION:

- Forest McClintock announced that they are still working on the police contract negotiations and have another meeting scheduled for the end of the month.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Committee Chairperson Doug Krum had nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Motion made by Connie Benware** seconded by Doug Krum to consider removal and replacement of the crab apple tree in the Borough Hall lot. After discussion motion was withdrawn.
- **Motion was made by Doug Krum** seconded by Connie Benware to trim the crab apple tree before having it removed. All aye.
- **Motion was made by Forest McClintock** seconded by Connie Benware to utilize Paytime for the Borough payroll beginning 2016. All aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Connie Benware made a motion** seconded by Jay Roberts to consider turning the parking space on Third Street behind the Police parking space into a "time limited" space Monday through Friday during the hours of 8:00am to 4:30pm. **Motion was amended by Forest McClintock** seconded by Doug Krum to make one parking spot on

each side of Third Street limited to fifteen minutes. After discussion and answering questions from Barb Reese and Patty Hess a roll call vote was taken: Connie Benware-yes, Jay Roberts-yes, Gary Steinruck-no, Forest McClintock-yes, Doug Krum-no. Motion passes 3-2.

- **Forest McClintock made a motion** seconded by Connie Benware to discuss and consider the purchase of car and body cameras for Police Department. After discussion **a motion was made by Forest McClintock** seconded by Jay Roberts to purchase one car and two body cameras from Coban for \$7800. A roll call vote was taken: Connie Benware-yes, Jay Roberts-yes, Gary Steinruck-yes, Forest McClintock-yes, Doug Krum-no. Motion passes 4-1.
- **A motion was made by Jay Roberts** seconded by Forest McClintock to consider increasing the current hourly wages of Code Enforcement Officers James Haney and Brian Rhone from their current wage from \$16.26 to \$19.00 and \$13.00 to \$16.00 per hour, respectively, for the 2016 calendar year. After a discussion **a motion was made by Gary Steinruck** seconded by Doug Krum to award them a 1.9% raise for the 2016 calendar year. A roll call vote was taken: Connie Benware-yes, Jay Roberts-no, Gary Steinruck-no, Forest McClintock-no, Doug Krum-no. Motion does not pass.
- **A motion was made by Gary Steinruck** seconded by Doug Krum to change the Code Enforcement gas allowance from \$55.00 per month to \$0.50 per mile. A roll call vote was taken: Connie Benware-no, Jay Roberts-no, Gary Steinruck-yes, Forest McClintock-no, Doug Krum-yes. Motion did not pass.
- **A motion was made by Forest McClintock** seconded by Jay Roberts to table raises for Code Enforcement Officers until next meeting. All aye

FINANCE:

- **Connie Benware made a motion** seconded by Jay Roberts to accept the payment of the bills as written. All aye.

GUEST TO BE HEARD:

- Linda Neyer questioned if Code Enforcement Officers met with the Public Safety Committee. Forest McClintock stated that the process has begun and it will be a long process.
- Patty Hess objected to the proposed raise for Code Enforcement.
- Gary Steinruck asked where we stand with the power outage phone system. Borough Manager, Roger Nuss stated that the contact area will be at the sewage treatment plant and is still being worked on.
- Patty Hess asked if Code Enforcement Officers work different day. James Haney stated that they do work separate hours, but work together a few hours per week to discuss things going on in the department. Patty also questioned who was working the week of September 28-October 2, 2015. Jim let her know that they called in several times a day and were available at all times by cell phone.

ADJOURNMENT:

- **Connie Benware made a motion** seconded by Jay Roberts to adjourn. All aye.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Submitted by:
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