

CATAWISSA BOROUGH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013 1:00 P.M.  
307 MAIN ST., CATAWISSA, PA 17820

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Council President Scott Keefer
- The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

- Present were: Scott Keefer, Barb Reese, Linda Kashner, Gary Steinruck, Joe Benware, Forest McClintock, Tim Benner, Borough Manager Chris Moonis, Mayor Achy.
- Attorney McDonald was absent.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- No guests spoke at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Scott Keefer made the motion to reduce to zero (\$0.00) member's contribution for the Police Pension Plan for 2014. Forest McClintock seconded the motion. All votes no. Motions does not pass.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Forest McClintock made the motion to introduce the 2014 "Proposed budget" and direct the Secretary to keep on file, be made available for public inspection for a period of ten (10) days, and publish in a newspaper of general circulation; the budget is available for public inspection. Joe Benware seconded the motion. Linda Kashner stated she is still not happy with the budget. The defined contribution and the "opt- out" for the manager is too high according to Linda Kashner. Linda feels that a 10% raise is out of line. Linda Kashner stated she feels that the Manager asking for more money not to take part in the borough health care program is "extortion". Linda also stated she would like wording in the next year's contract for a 10% contribution to the health care plan if the Manager participates. Linda asked if the Office Staff raise was a dollar amount or a percent. Gary Steinruck feels the Chief of Police salary is too high. Tim Benner-no, Forest McClintock-yes, Joe Benware-yes, Gary Steinruck-no, Linda Kashner-no, Barb Reese-no, Scott Keefer-yes. Motion does not pass.
- A discussion about the budget ensued. Barb Reese explained that the Economic Development Plan was not for the Borough to implement but for developers coming into the Borough. Barb and Linda would like to see the budget figure remain at \$10,000. Forest McClintock asked if there was a reason for the increase. Scott Keefer explained that the Borough will be acquiring property from the flood and some ideas for the area have been discussed.
- A discussion regarding the Borough Manager salary ensued.
- Tim Benner had to leave at this time for an appointment.
- Scott Keefer made a motion for a roll call vote to introduce the 2014 "proposed budget" and direct the Secretary to keep on file, be made available for public inspection for a period of ten (10) days, and publish in a newspaper of general circulation; the budget is available for public inspection. Forest McClintock seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Forest McClintock-yes, Joe Benware-yes, Gary Steinruck-no, Linda Kashner-no, Barb Reese-no, Scott Keefer-yes, tie break vote Mayor Achy-yes.

- Scott Keefer made the motion to adopt a resolution to increase the base rate for Sewer rental from thirty five dollars (\$35.00) per month to forty dollars (\$40.00) beginning January 1, 2014. Forest McClintock seconded the motion. After a discussion, roll call vote: Forest McClintock-yes, Joe Benware-yes, Gary Steinruck-no, Linda Kashner-no, Barb Reese-no, Scott Keefer-yes, Mayor Achy-yes. Motion passed.
- Forest McClintock made the motion to appoint Allison Souchuck as a Part-time Police Officer. Scott Keefer seconded the motion. All aye.
- Forest McClintock made the motion to appoint Rodney Witherite as a Part-time Police Officer. Joe Benware seconded the motion. Gary Steinruck opposed the motion. The motion passed by a 5-1 vote.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- No guests spoke at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Forest McClintock made the motion to adjourn. Joe Benware seconded the motion. All aye.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by:

Kimberly Rhoades

Secretary