

Catawissa Borough Council Meeting  
Monday, November 9, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.  
307 Main Street, Catawissa, PA

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, Connie Benware, Gary Steinruck, Forest McClintock, Doug Krum, Mayor Frank “Jeff” Achy, Borough Manager Roger Nuss, Attorney Anthony McDonald.
- Jay Roberts and Joe Benware were absent.

READING OF MINUTES:

- Forest McClintock made the motion seconded by Connie Benware to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous month’s meeting. All aye.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- No guests spoke at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Evans Disposal has transferred dumpster services to DMS.
- The Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner will be held November 19, 2015. Please RSVP with a pie selection by November 12, 2015.
- The 2016 budget for the Fire Company is available.

MAYOR:

- Mayor Achy received a complaint from a citizen regarding the person using the structure behind the Verizon building. Mr. Haney explained that he has met with the owner and inspected the building. This person is not using the sewer and does not use enough electricity to warrant a demand meter.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Manager, Roger Nuss delivered a summary report of the employee activities for the month.
- Roger also delivered a summary report of his activities for the month.

WATER:

- Authority Superintendent, Cindy Bachman had nothing to report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

- The Code Office conducted 22 (twenty-two) investigations, issued 3 letters, delivered 3 (three) door hangers, issued 8 (eight) zoning/building permits, and spent 2 (two) days in court.

#### POLICE:

- Chief Joshua Laidacker reported: During the month of October the department responded to 123 (one hundred twenty-three) calls for service, as reported by the Columbia County Communications Center.
- “Trick or Treat” night and the Halloween Parade events went well, with few issues.
- Chief Laidacker thanked all the officers, fire police and other departments for their assistance with the parade. He was very pleased with traffic patterns.
- The Coban car camera has been installed and is now in service.
- Officers Gallie and Messa attended training for the new DUI Breath Test Instrument at the DUI Center. Officer Gallie attended TOP GUN training. TOP GUN is advanced narcotics training held in Harrisburg. There was no cost associated with either training.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Committee Chairperson, Forest McClintock had nothing to report.

#### UTILITIES:

- Committee Chairperson, Connie Benware reported that late notices were sent on November 5. There were 105 (one hundred five) electric notices and 51 (fifty-one) sewer notices sent. 3 (three) meters were pulled in October.

#### PARKS & RECREATION:

- Due to Chairperson, Joe Benware’s absence, Connie reported that “Santa Day” will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Catawissa Fire Hall.

#### PROPERTY/BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

- Committee Chairperson, Gary Steinruck reported the street lights have been replaced except for the Main Street and the parks.

#### FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:

- Committee Chairperson, Scott Keefer reported that the committee is working on the 2016 budget.

#### UNION NEGOTIATION:

- Committee Chairperson, Scott Keefer had nothing to report.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Committee Chairperson, Doug Krum had nothing to report.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Forest McClintock made the motion seconded by Scott Keefer to discuss the possible raise of the Code Enforcement Officers.
- Forrest McClintock made the motion seconded by Scott Keefer to administer a raise to Brian Rhone to \$15.00/hr. and to Mr. Haney of \$.75/hr. Roll Call Vote: Doug Krum-no, Forest McClintock-yes, Gary Steinruck-no, Connie Benware-yes, Scott Keefer-yes. Motion passes.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Scott Keefer made the motion seconded by Forest McClintock to discuss the timed parking spaces along Main Street.
- Forest McClintock made the motion seconded by Doug Krum to leave the parking as is. All aye.
- Forest McClintock made the motion seconded by Doug Krum to table the vote regarding the “Right Wheel to Curb” until Roger can research the wording of the Ordinance. All aye.

#### FINANCE:

- Connie Benware made the motion seconded by Scott Keefer to accept payment of bills as written. All aye.

#### GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Linda Kashner asked for an update on the “Rails to Trails” grant. Roger explained the grant was for community outreach. This item will go back in the budget for next year.
- Gail Hummer reported a problem with traffic on the corner of Pine and Second Street right after the Halloween Parade. Chief Laidacker is aware of traffic issues and is working on a solution for the years to come.
- Sharon Krum expressed her concern about the parking on Fisher Avenue during the Halloween Parade. Chief is also looking into this issue.
- Forest McClintock suggested parking on the flood property lots.
- Linda Kashner asked about the status of the 2014 audit. Roger reported that it is being finished now.
- Linda Kashner asked about the removal of the wall on the pavilion at the park. Roger explained that it will be removed when the departments are caught up with the other projects they are working on.
- Linda Kashner asked about the status of the “Hot Line” for electric outages. Roger explained that he is in contact with Service Electric and is working on the transfer to the sewer plant. The systems may not be compatible.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

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

#### MEETING ADJOURNED:

Submitted by:  
Kimberly Rhoades  
Secretary