

CATAWISSA BOROUGH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

- Present were: Mayor Achy, Scott Keefer, Connie Benware, Jay Roberts, Gary Steinruck, Joe Benware, Forest McClintock, Doug Krum.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Barb Reese asked questions about the electric and sewer budget. Council explained they are on pace for the revenue for this year's budget. Council also explained that the revenue does NOT include a rate increase for electric or sewer.
- Barb Reese asked about a Sergeant line item in the budget. Council explained that the position is only for the budget there is no Sergeant position at this time.
- Barb also asked about the \$31,000 grant match for the Parks and Recreation. Scott explained that the grant is on the income on page 3 and the match is on page 7 is the DCNR grant match. The expense must be shown.
- Mrs. Reese asked when the \$160,000 transfer from the electric fund into the sewer fund from the 2011 flood was going to be reimbursed. Scott Keefer explained that the loan must be paid first and there is still work being done at the plant. After all this is finished and \$500,000 is paid from the CDBG grant; the money will be refunded.
- Pat Hess asked about the professional services line item for the sewer plant. Mr. Keefer explained that the line item is for John Brown services as a licensed operator.
- Barb Reese asked if council will be applying for grants for the Summer Breeze Concert Series. Scott Keefer explained that grants will be applied for.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Jay Roberts made the motion** seconded by Scott Keefer to accept the lease agreement with the Area Agency on Aging for the Catawissa Senior Center with a 3% increase. The rent payment will be \$585.42. All aye.
- **Connie Benware made the motion** seconded by Jay Roberts to continue the contract with Eric Brown, Labor Relations Lawyer, at no rate increase. All aye.
- **Forest McClintock made the motion** seconded by Connie Benware to adopt the 2015 Catawissa Borough Budget. After a short discussion. All aye.
- **Forest McClintock made the motion** seconded by Jay Roberts to accept the resignation of part time police officer Ryan Travepiece. All aye.
- **Forest McClintock made the motion** seconded by Joe Benware to accept the resignation of part time police officer Timothy Kiefabar. All aye.
- **Forest McClintock made the motion** seconded by Jay Roberts to advertise to hire at least 2 part time police officers. Forest explained that hiring a fourth full time police officer would place the Borough under the Civil Service Commission jurisdiction and part time police officers cost about \$5,000 to advertise, uniform and train. After further discussion. All aye.

- **Jay Roberts attended a party** at the Senior Center to thank the VFW for the donations to the Center.
- **Scott Keefer** stated the Borough received a thank you letter for the Catawissa Food Bank organization for the donation received from the borough.
- **Jay Roberts made the motion** seconded by Gary Steinruck to close the Borough Office at 12:00 p.m. on December 23, 2015. All aye.
- **Gary Steinruck made the motion** seconded by Forest McClintock to purchase \$25 Wall-Mart gift cards for all Borough employees. All aye.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

- **Jay Roberts made the motion** seconded by Gary Steinruck to adjourn. All aye.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Submitted by:

Kimberly Rhoades

Secretary