

CATAWISSA BOROUGH SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.  
307 MAIN ST. CATAWISSA, PA 17820

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Council Vice President, Forest McClintock.
- The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

- Present were: Forest McClintock, Connie Benware, Jay Roberts, Gary Steinruck, Joe Benware, Mayor Achy, Manager Roger Nuss.
- Doug Krum and Attorney McDonald were absent.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Dates for “NIMS 700 – National Incident Management System: An Introduction and “ICA 100 – Introduction to Incident Command System” have been finalized for February 6, 2016 and February 20, 2016, respectively. Registration information has been provided to elected members of council.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Connie Benware made the motion to discuss the reduction of the base meter rate by \$5. Gary Steinruck seconded the motion. All residential, and small power customers with the exception of residential garages that were not affected by the raise a few years ago. After a discussion, all aye.
- Forest McClintock made the motion to discuss and consider approval of the 2016 budget. Connie Benware seconded the motion. Roger explained that all amounts in red are changes from last year. Linda Kashner questioned some of the figures and asked Roger for clarification. Gary Steinruck also had some questions about some of the figures. Linda stated that the electric budget transfer to the General Fund was not expensed. After a discussion the motion was passed with the corrections made and the stipulation that the new council will re-open the budget when council resumes. All aye.
- Forest McClintock made the motion to exonerate the Borough from the tax liability for 2014 and 2015 of the flood properties purchased from the buyout. Gary Steinruck seconded the motion. All aye. Gary Steinruck made the motion to request equitable relief from the Southern Area School District or paying the 2014 and 2015 school taxes on the flood properties purchased from the buyout. Columbia County has already exonerated the Borough on the county taxes for these years. Joe Benware seconded the motion. All aye.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Linda Kashner asked how many meters the rate reduction would affect. Kim Rhoades estimated that 935 meters. Linda questioned the viability of the reduction.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Jay Roberts made the motion to adjourn seconded by Joe Benware. All aye.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Submitted by

Kimberly Rhoades

Secretary