

CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY December 7, 2015, 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting was called to order by Council member, Forest McClintock.
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- A moment of silence was observed for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

ROLL CALL:

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

READING OF MINUTES:

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

GUEST TO BE HEARD:

- No guest to be heard at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Paula Clark-there will be no tax increase for 2016.
- Senior Center lease will increase by 3% for 2016.

MAYOR: FRANK "JEFF" ACHY:

- Mayor Achy would like the Zoning Complaint Form to go to Borough Manager, Roger Nuss instead of directly to Code Enforcement. **A motion was made by Doug Krum** seconded by Gary Steinruck to have said complaint forms given to Roger Nuss, who would review them and give them to Code Enforcement. All Aye.

Manager's Report:

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

WATER

- Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman had nothing to report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- Code Enforcement Officer Brian Rhone reported that in the month of November they investigated sixteen issues, sent two 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 November they responded to 146 (one hundred forty-six) calls. The 2010 SUV is in need of four new tires.

- The Coban body cameras arrived on November 30th, and will be implemented into the department's policy and put into use.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

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

UTILITIES:

- Not Available

Parks & Recreation:

- It was announced that Santa Day will be on Sunday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

PROPERTY/BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

- Committee Chairperson Gary Steinruck reported all street lights have been installed except for Main Street.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:

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

UNION NEGOTIATION:

- Forest McClintock announced that they were done with negotiations and it will be up to the new council to continue.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Committee Chairperson Doug Krum had nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Forest McClintock made the motion** seconded by Joe Benware to adopt Resolution 2015-11 establishing Code Enforcement Appeals Board procedures and hearing fee. The fee would be returned if appeal is successful. All aye.
- **Council tabled the appointment of 3 persons and 2 alternates to the Code Enforcement Appeals board. Scott Small, Elwood Heaps, Darwood Wynings, Smokey Dunkle and John Barrett were asked to be on the board.**
- **Forest McClintock made the motion** seconded by Doug Krum to permit the Catawissa Little League to place a stone aggregate at the 3rd Street little league field at the batting cage location. Brian Rhone stated that since FEMA/PEMA has not released the property nothing can be placed there. Motion did not pass.
- **Gary Steinruck made the motion** seconded by Doug Krum to sponsor a sign at the little league field at a cost of \$100 for the 2016 season. All aye.
- **Joe Benware made the motion** seconded by Jay Roberts to advertise the meeting dates for the 2016 calendar year. All aye.
- **Joe Benware made the motion** seconded by Connie Benware to accept the bid from O'Neal for the demolition of the final 2 flood properties at a cost of \$13,450. All aye.

- **Forest McClintock made the motion** seconded by Connie Benware to enter a contract with D.A. Davenport for trash removal at borough properties for a monthly fee of \$150.00. All aye.
- **Doug Krum made the motion** seconded by Gary Steinruck to advertise the 2016 Borough Budget to be available for public view. All aye.

FINANCE:

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

GUEST TO BE HEARD:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The minutes of December 7, 2015 have been recreated and may not be an accurate reflection of what occurred that day.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Minutes reconstructed to the best availability.

Kimberly Rhoades

Secretary