

CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.

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, Jay Roberts, Gary Steinruck, Joe Benware, Forest McClintock, Doug Krum, Manager Roger Nuss.
- Absent were: Mayor Jeff Achy and Attorney Anthony McDonald.

Council President Scott Keefer announced an executive session of Council was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

READING OF MINUTES:

- Jay Roberts made the motion seconded by Joe Benware to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous month's including the month of December meeting with the correction of January minutes on page 2 (two) baking should be banking. All aye.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Barb Reese questioned the 2014 budget figures. Scott explained that the budget was a projection of income and expenses.
- Linda Kashner asked for some clarification for income and expenses in the 2014 budget. Scott Keefer answered that he did not have the information in front of him but if she would like to meet with him and Roger they would answer her questions as best they could.
- Sharon Krum asked if there could be something done about the broken windows at the old Albertson home on South Street. The Borough Manager will instruct the street department to board the windows.
- Pat Hess asked what will happen to the Hashagan and Albertson properties. Scott Keefer could not give an answer because the Borough does not own the properties in question. Mr. Haney asked the street department to remove the liner of the pool due to a public safety hazard.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was no correspondence for this meeting.

MAYOR:

- The Mayor has asked for the borough sign to state the support of the local police department.
- Forest McClintock made a motion seconded by Scott Keefer to have the marque support our local police department. All aye.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Manager Roger Nuss gave a summary report of the activities of the Public Works Department.
- Roger gave a summary report of his activities during the month of January.

WATER:

- Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman had nothing to report at this time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

- Code Enforcement Officer James Haney reported that during the month of January the office responded to 6 (six) complaints, hung 47 (forty-seven) door hangers, cited 53 (fifty-three) home owners for snow lack of snow removal, issued 18 (eighteen) citations and 2 (two) building permits.
- The FEMA/PEMA buy out continues.

POLICE:

- Police Chief Joshua Laidacker reported that during the month of January the department responded to 118 (one hundred eighteen) calls for service, as reported by the Columbia County Communications Center.
- The thermal imaging camera received through a donation from the VFW has been ordered and should be arriving within the next couple of weeks.
- The Vo-Tech has donated a second detainment bench.
- The department asks, if anyone has any information or material from the past departments to donate or loan them for display.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Committee Chairperson Forest McClintock had nothing to add to the police report.

UTILITIES:

- Committee Chairperson Connie Benware reported 134 electric late notices and 65 sewer late notices were sent this month. 3 (three) meters were removed with 2 (two) being reinstalled. A lien was placed on one property.

PARKS & RECREATION:

- Committee Chairperson Joe Benware had nothing to report.

PROPERTY/BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

- Committee Chairperson Gary Steinruck had nothing to report.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:

- Committee Chairperson Scott Keefer had nothing to report.

UNION NEGOTIATION:

- Committee Chairperson Scott Keefer had nothing to report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Committee Chairperson had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- No unfinished business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Jay Roberts made a motion** seconded by Forest McClintock to hire Laura Messa as a part time police officer at the current contract rate. All aye.
- **Jay Roberts made a motion** seconded by Scott Keefer to hire Henry Roote as part time police officer at the current contract rate. All aye.
- **Jay Roberts made a motion** seconded by Scott Keefer to hire Nicholas Thorpe as part time police officer at the current contract rate. All aye.
- **Forest McClintock made a motion** seconded by Jay Roberts to send Kim Rhoades to training course sponsored by PSAB at a rate of \$225 on March 20-21, 2015 in Lancaster, PA. The course is for Municipal Secretaries. All aye.
- **Forest McClintock made a motion** seconded by Gary Steinruck to accept the quote of \$7,530 from H. D. Supply for 60 (sixty) LED street lights. All aye.
- **Forest McClintock made a motion** seconded by Gary Steinruck to accept the results of the feasibility study presented by Larson Design Group for the Catawissa Sewer Plant. Dave Walter of Larson Design explained the results of the study. All aye.
- **Gary Steinruck made a motion** seconded by Joe Benware to approve sending Brandon Auten to metering school March 24-26, 2015 in Summerset PA at a cost of \$690 plus travel expenses. All aye.
- **Gary Steinruck made a motion** seconded by Forest McClintock to send Brandon Auten to URD school September 15-17, 2015 in Gettysburg PA at a cost of \$1,150 plus expenses. All aye.
- **Forest McClintock made a motion** seconded by Scott Keefer to approve sending Chief Laidacker to the PA Chief of Police Association Annual Education and Training Conference located in Lancaster PA on July 12-15, 2015 at an approximate cost of \$1,164.48. Motion passed on a 6-1 vote. Doug Krum opposed.
- **Joe Benware made a motion** seconded by Connie Benware to hire Lori George as a full time employee. There will be a probation period of 90 (ninety) days. All aye.

FINANCE:

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

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Pat Hess questioned the hiring of another full time employee.
- Linda Kashner had questions about the budget line items that have not been expensed in the General Fund. Forest McClintock could not answer her questions at this time and would like Linda to come to the office for a meeting with the Manager and himself.

ADJOURNMENT:

- **Forest McClintock made the motion** seconded by Jay Roberts to adjourn. All aye.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Submitted by:

Kimberly Rhoades

Secretary