

CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015, 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting was called to order by Council President, Scott Keefer.
- Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

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

READING OF MINUTES:

- Jay Roberts made the motion to dispense reading of and approve minutes of previous month's meeting. Doug Krum seconded the motion. All aye.

GUEST TO BE HEARD:

- Doug Krum questioned snow at the VFW. Code enforcement officer, James Haney was going to speak to Brian Rhone about this issue.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None

MAYOR: FRANK "JEFF" ACHY:

- Mayor Achy will address the impound lot later in the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

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

WATER

- Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman reported the state issued a voluntary reduction in water usage due to drought.
- Monday, May 4, 2015 fire hydrants will be flushed.
- Saturday, April 25, 2015 there will be a drug take back at the police station.
- April bills will be enclosed in an envelope with the annual water quality report.
- Motion to resend source water protection letter. Doug Krum made the motion. Forest McClintock seconded the motion. All Aye.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- Code Enforcement Officer James Haney announced the final two flood properties have been purchased.
- In the month of March Code Enforcement investigated four issues, wrote two letters, issued six door hangers, six verbal warnings, issued three building permits, four citations and spent six days in court.
- Thanked everyone for their efforts in all the flood buyouts.

Police:

- Catawissa Borough Police Chief Joshua Laidacker reported that during the month of March the department responded to 166 (one hundred sixty-six) calls for service, as reported by the Columbia County Communications Center.
- Repairs were made to the unmarked police car.
- Donation was made to the police department by the Catawissa VFW.
- Speed survey was conducted on Mill Street, southbound lane near Dollar General.
- Officers began mandatory in-service training.
- Officer Jason Hayes completed Smith & Wesson Armory School.
- Officer Stefani Galley attended the PNOA Conference.
- Thursday, April 30, 2015, a concealed carry seminar will take place.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Committee Chairperson Forest McClintock asked for a letter to be sent to Bucher's Auto Body for repairing the police cruiser.
- Amendment to Uniform Contract for comp.-time to be awarded to officers in place of time and a half for overtime worked. Motion was made by Forest McClintock to put a paragraph together for next month's council meeting and seconded by Jay Roberts. All aye.

UTILITIES:

- Committee Chairperson Connie Benware reported in the month of March three meters were removed, two meters reinstalled, 126 (one hundred twenty six) electric and 52 (fifty-two) sewer late notices were issued.
- Forest McClintock and Linda Kashner questioned reconnection fees.

Parks & Recreation:

- Borough Manager Roger Nuss stated the committee would be meeting Tuesday, April 7, 2015.
- Question was asked about applying for Degenstein and Council of the Arts grants.
- Doug Krum made a motion to submit for Council of the Arts grant seconded by Jay Roberts. All aye.
- Forest McClintock made a motion to apply for Degenstein Grant seconded by Connie Benware. All aye.

PROPERTY/BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

- Committee Chairperson Gary Steinruck reported an inspection was completed on the boiler at the Catawissa Senior Center. Several items are needed to bring it up to code. Arrangements for corrective actions are being made.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:

- Committee Chairperson Scott Keefer had nothing to report for this meeting.

UNION NEGOTIATION:

- Committee Chairperson Scott Keefer had nothing to report for this meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Committee Chairperson Doug Krum reported that a call was made to Mariano Construction regarding the property that was formally Catawissa Lumber.

- Questions were asked about various businesses that were contacted to open in the former Catawissa Lumber location.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Borough Manager Roger Nuss spoke asked if council preferred PPL meeting be with the committee or council. Council would like this done at an open meeting.
- Linda questioned if any other municipalities were contacted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sharon had questions regarding the purchase of a new mower.
- Gary Steinruck made a motion seconded by Scott Keefer to purchase a mower at the cost of \$12,354.00 from Welliver's. All aye.
- Connie Benware made a motion seconded by Scott Keefer to appoint Roger Nuss as Borough Treasurer and remove him as check signer. This motion was removed and tabled until Attorney McDonald could be contacted.
- Bonding issues were discussed and questions were asked regarding treasurer position.
- Forest McClintock made a motion seconded by Gary Steinruck to hire Linda Kashner to audit the local tax account at a cost of \$300.00. All aye.
- Scott Keefer made a motion seconded by Jay Roberts for council to consider sending Brian Rhone to the International Property Maintenance Code Course in New Cumberland, PA at a cost of \$125. All aye.
- Forest McClintock made a motion seconded by Connie Benware to consider allowing Brian Rhone to participate in the Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector Certification test at a cost of \$189.00. All aye.
- Jay Roberts made a motion seconded by Forest McClintock to pass Resolution 2015-04 designation Scott Keefer as Council President for the Rails and Trails Grant. All aye.
- Motion was made by Scott Keefer and seconded by Jay Roberts to table the consideration of writing a letter regarding the intended usage of the condominium project located at 208-212 South Third Street to Mr. Sean Spangler residing at 200 South Third Street. All aye.
- Jim Haney made clarification to this letter.
- Motion was made by Jay Roberts and seconded by Connie Benware to consider a parking lot on the property located at 114 Main Street. All aye.
- Jim Haney explained what was required for this parking lot.
- Cindy stated that we should speak to FEMA/PEMA to make sure our plans for a parking lot were in conjunction with theirs. Jim clarified what the conditions were.
- Jim Haney discussed the request made by the developer of the condos to have a contest to name them. Barb suggested Quaker Commons. Forrest asked if it could be put in Southside Beat.
- Council discussed the possible location of an impound lot for the Borough.
- Discussion on impound lot.
- Motion by Forest McClintock seconded by Jay Roberts to use the sewer plant for unsecured impound lot. All aye.
- Discussion on secure location for impound lot for Police Department.
- Discussion on permit fees.
- Motion to table zoning permit fees until next meeting made by Forest McClintock seconded by Gary Steinruck. All aye.

- Motion by Gary Steinruck seconded by Doug Krum to plant 30 (thirty) Blue Rug Junipers donated by Linda Kashner and Barb Reese on the bank of Wolfgang Park. All aye.
- Discussion on purchasing more plants.
- Forest McClintock requested an executive session after meeting for personnel issues.

FINANCE:

- Connie Benware made a motion seconded by Gary Steinruck to accept the payment of the bills as written. All aye.

GUEST TO BE HEARD:

- Linda referenced section 1312 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code regarding budget modification. No motion was made in previous minutes for 2015 budget changes.
- Jay Roberts made a motion seconded by Scott Keefer to modify 2015 budget. All aye.
- Barb questioned if the policy was changed for signature procedures on bills paid.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Forest McClintock made a motion seconded by Gary Steinruck to adjourn. All aye.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Submitted by:

Lori George

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