

CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012
6:30P.M. AT 319 PINE ST.

CALL T ORDER:

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

Council President Scott Keefer asked all in attendance to please silence their cell phones. Also that the meeting will be conducted as a monthly meeting and everyone will get a chance to be heard. When speaking please state your name and address for the record.

ROLL CALL:

- Present were: Scott Keefer, Barb Reese, Tim Benner, Gary Steinruck, Forest McClintock, Linda Kashner, Joe Benware, Manager Chris Moonis, Mayor Frank “Jeff” Achy, Attorney Anthony McDonald.

READING OF MINUTES:

- Linda Kashner made the motion to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous months meeting. Joe Benware seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- At this time Scott asked that only non-Quaker Meeting issues be addressed. Quaker Meeting discussion will be held later in the meeting.
- Doug Krum asked what became of the grievance filed early this year. Mr. Moonis explained that the procedure has about 45 days left until a decision is made.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

- Code Enforcement Officer James Haney had nothing to report at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Montour Area Recreation Commission River Towns Marathon and Half-Marathon will be held Saturday, May 5th from 7:00 a.m. to roughly 1:00p.m.
- West Branch Council of Governments Equipment Show and Training Day will be held May 16th.
- The Emergency Service Report for the final 3rd of the year 2011 is available for review.
- Letters from Columbia Historical & Geological Society. And Millville Friends Meeting House.
- Zoning Hearing Board decision was also received.

- Forest McClintock made the motion to allow the River Towns Marathon to go through the Borough. Tim Benner seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.

WATER:

- Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman reported that the 28th of April will be the “Drug Take Back” program. No sharp objects are allowed.
- Water bills will be in envelopes this month.
- May 7th the water authority will be flushing hydrants.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT:

- Manager Chris Moonis updated council on the work reports for the month.
- The fence at the dam and the waste water treatment has been repaired.
- The infrared system has been conducted and needed repairs done.
- Waste water treatment plant is running well post-flood. The plant is back on line.
- Catawissa lumber company is under agreement of sale. The property has not been closed so no details are available at this time.

FINANCE & UTILITIES:

- Committee Chairperson Linda Kashner reported 122 late electric notices and 53 late sewer notices were sent. Limiters will be removed this month and meters will be pulled.
- Linda deferred to Chris regarding the Eyer Trust information.
- Chris explained the Eyer Will, allows council to direct the use of the trust. Council may not draw in excess of 10% of principal in a one year period. Principal Trust is now at \$518,814.78.
- Linda Kashner made the motion to discuss withdrawing money from the Eyer account. Forest McClintock seconded the motion. Barb asked what the money would be used for? Scott explained that the entrance signs were the main focus of the money. This would also possibly include the Main St. trees. Gary asked if the Quaker Meeting House roof was also part of the money. Barb explained that the money for the Quaker roof has been budgeted.
- Miles Drumheller explained that the pipes in town are not large enough to handle the run off water. Scott explained that a smoke test is in the plans for this year.
- Linda asked if more than one withdraw could be made from the Eyer fund or only one. Chris explained that as long as you don't exceed 10% of the principal you can have as many withdraws as needed.
- Pat Hess asked why the borough was withdrawing money from the Eyer fund at all. Council explained that maintenance is needed through out the borough and the money is needed.
- Harold Kitchen asked why the borough needs permits to up grade their property. Code Enforcement explained that the assessors office needs this information for

- taxes and other information is gathered. All contractors must have a license and liability insurance.
- Sharon Krum asked if the curbing at the Union Cemetery will be fixed soon. Chris explained that the curb will be fixed before Memorial Day. Full removal will be looked at next year. Sharon asked who trimmed the bushes at the cemetery. Mr. Flemming has been advising the borough about trimming.
 - Linda Kashner made the motion to withdraw from the Eyer Fund up to 10% but only withdraw as needed. Not to exceed \$51,881. Barb Reese seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.

POLICE:

- Police Chief Anthony Kopitsky reported that the officers responded to 203 activity reports.
- All vehicles are working well
- Drug Take Back does not accept sharp objects and make sure your names are not on the containers either scratch, peel or remove names.
- The drug check point went well. There was no notice to the public so this was a successful stop. Another will be tried for next year.
- Chief requested disabled signs at CARA park.
- The American Legion will be making a donation for equipment for the police department.
- Scott added to keep an eye out at the parks due to mischief. Also Wolfgang park need some extra eyes.

MAYOR:

- Mayor Achy announced that the flag at the bluff was paid for by donations from Catawissa Monument, Capitol Restaurant in Bloomsburg and the Catawissa Boat Club and the Lions Club.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Committee Co-Chairperson Barb Reese reported the Clean Up Day will be Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 8 a.m – 12:00 p.m. anyone wishing to help will be provided rakes, garbage bags and pickers. Hot dogs and water will be provided by the barn.
- Saturday, May 4, 2012 will be Dumpster Day from 8-1. This will be for Catawissa Borough and Catawissa Township residents only. You must have ID to participate.
- Kid's Day'' has been rescheduled to June 2nd and Battle of the Bands has been rescheduled to June 8th.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Committee Chairman Forest McClintock reported that Chief Kopitsky has drawn up a tentative Skateboard etc Ordinance. Mr. McClintock will have a committee meeting to review this and have a recommendation at next month's meeting.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- David Booth spoke on behalf of preserving the integrity of the Quaker Meeting House grounds. Mr. Booth also had a photo of the Main St. of Catawissa dating from 1912. The following residents also spoke regarding the Quaker Meeting House: John Slotterback, Bill Creasy, Mr. Creasy also questioned the alley behind the Quaker land he believes that this alley was part of the property owned now by Mr. McGinley. Jim Creasy, Ann Deisroad, Jean Roberts, Jenn Hunsinger, Trevor McGinley, Harold Kitchen, Jay Roberts, Pat Hess, Lori Smith, Nancy Wilson asked about water system, Mrs. Muligan, Jay Roberts, Gail Hummer, Bob Mausteller, Mary Chapmen, Grayden Reagle produced a map of Catawissa from before 1908 this map predates Fisher Ave and Shuman St The water and sewer mains will need to be updated.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- Manager Chris Moonis presented to council a permit parking ordinance for the building project. Permits would be issued to the building for no more than \$120 per year. This fee could be part of the HOA costs for the building. The developer would have to go to the Zoning Hearing Board to modify their decision. Forest asked if the Borough could make 2 of the permit parking spaces handicapped. Woody asked if Mr. McGinley had the property he purchased surveyed. Trevor is not sure of the answer but will look into. A resident objects to the government regulating where we park. A resident asked why the contractor thinks it is too expensive to put parking under the building. Trevor McGinley answered the question from speaking to the contractor previously. A resident asked if the apartments will be government subsidized? Council explained that these will be sold a market value.
- A resident asked who are the people on the Zoning Hearing Board? Chris answered that Wayne Kashner, Linda Haines and Tom Long are the members of the Board and Michael Gregorowicz is the legal council.
- A member of the audience explained there was no alley behind the Quaker meeting property shown on the 1862 map. Chris explained that on the GIS map the alley is shown.
- Sharon Fisher was the executor for the property Trevor purchased. She explained that the alley was part of the private property. The property line will have to be surveyed. How is permit parking going to make the difference. Trevor asked about enforcing the permit parking. Chris read the parking ordinance. Jean Roberts asked why the developer was not here for the meeting? Chris explained that at this point the developer has nothing to do about this. This is a council decision.
- Chad Carter spoke regarding the difficulty of parking permits.
- Pat Hess agreed with Mr. Carter.
- A resident suggested about using property by the borough barn.
- Tim Benner asked if we could now resume the vote regarding permit parking.
- Barb Reese made the motion to adopt a permit parking program of at least 10 spaces. Forest McClintock seconded the motion. Gary Steinruck objected to the permit parking. Gary asked who was going to enforce the permit ordinance.

Chris stated that the police department. Gary complained that the police don't enforce the law regarding parking right wheel to curb who will make sure they enforce this ordinance.

- Linda Kashner made the motion for 10 permit parking slots at the townhouse area. Scott Keefer seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Tim Benner-no, Forest McClintock-yes, Joe Benware-no, Gary Steinruck-no, Linda Kashner-yes, Barb Reese-yes, Scott Keefer-yes. Motion passes 4-3. Scott directed the solicitor to draft and advertise a parking permit ordinance.
- The issue of the lease of Quaker Meeting House land has been removed.
- Barb Reese made the motion to table the direction to the solicitor to draft an agreement to use the travel way from south Street to the rear of the proposed townhouses for ingress, egress and regress to the owner of the South Thrid Street Townhouse Development. Forest McClintock seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed. Chris will inform the developer regarding the decision of council.
- A resident asked if council could pass an ordinance to forever protect the Quaker Meeting House grounds. Barb and Joe will look into this issue.
- Barb had nothing to report regarding the Special Task Force regarding Main St.

PROPERTY/BUILDING MAINTENANCE CHAIRMAN:

- Committee Chairman Gary Steinruck reported something must be done with the roof of the Borough Building. There is some leaking from the roof at the Quaker Meeting House.
- Chris explained that there were several bids for the work at borough hall building. Council may consider replacing or repairing the metal roof of the building. Chris explained the bids. At this time council took a 5 minute break.
- Chris resumed his explanation on bids for the roof repair at the borough hall. Gary asked what the borough will do after the brick work was reapointed
- Forest McClintock made the motion to accept the bid from B&R roofing \$5,130.00. Tim Benner seconded the motion. Sharon Krum asked if the roof will have to be painted. All aye, none opposed.
- Forest McClintock made the motion to award the bid to WOW (Wash on Wheels) for the base price of \$3,071.00. Gary Steinruck seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.
- Painting of the brick is not recommended at this time. The brick needs repointed etc.
- Barb Reese made the motion to go with B&R Roofing for \$8,169. Gary Steinruck seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.
- Chris informed council that 2 grants are ready to submit to CDBG one for the upstairs of the Sr. Center and the second for the sewer plant restoration. \$28,820 for the Sr. Center and \$68,200 for the sewer plant. Some borough money will be needed for the grant.
- Barb Reese made the motion to allow Chris to apply for CDGB Grants as explained. Tim Benner seconded the motion. All aye none opposed. Chris will apply for both grants. The borough will need a 15% match for the Sr. Center Grant and a 10% match for the sewer plant grant.

PERSONNEL/ADMIMISTRATION CHAIRMAN:

- Committee Chairman Scott Keefer announced that there will be a executive session after the meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The bid will be opened for the Emergency Generator for the Wastewater Treatment Plant on April 27, 2012 in conjunction with a Bid opening for resurfacing of certain streets in the Borough. The bid opening will be at 4p.m., EST.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Forest McClintock made the motion to direct the Solicitor to draft and advertise amending the Catawissa Borough Code to adopt parking standard that set the minimum on street parking lot space to 9' in width by 19' in length. Linda Kashner seconded the motion. After a discussion, Forest withdrew his motion. Linda seconded withdraw of the motion. All aye, none opposed.
- Linda Kashner made the motion to increase Mr. Haney's gas allowance to \$55 per month. Scott Keefer seconded the motion. Forest McClintock opposed. Motion passed.

FINANCE:

- Tim Benner made the motion to accept the payment of bills as written. Gary Steinruck seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Pat Hess why bids were open before meetings instead of during meetings. Chris and Tony McDonald explained that most Municipalities open bids before the meeting so they can be reviewed.
- Mr. Booth explained that most places open bids before a meeting.
- Pet Hess asked who is dumping at the sewer plant. Cindy explained that there was a repair of the road at the sewer plant. As long as the dumping are organic this will be permitted.
- No one is enforcing the two hour parking along Bank Ave. at Woody's place.
- The web site is very out dated. Chris explained that an intern will be working on the web site starting May 14th.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Gary Steinruck made the motion to adjourn. Joe Benware seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Submitted by:
Kimberly Rhoades
Secretary