

CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2013 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, Barb Reese, Linda Kashner, Gary Steinruck, Joe Benware, Forest McClintock, Tim Benner, Borough Manager Chris Moonis, Mayor Achy, Attorney McDonald.

READING OF MINUTES:

- Linda Kashner made the motion to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous month's meeting. Forest McClintock seconded the motion. Barb Reese reported a mistake in the Economic & Development area: Dollar General did not open until 8:00 p.m. NOT a.m. Linda Kashner and Forest McClintock revised their motion to include the change. All aye.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- No guests spoke at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A request for donations was submitted by Scott Township Police and South Centre Township Police for the 4th Annual Motorcycle Run and Care Cruise to benefit their respective Police Departments. The request died due to lack of a motion.

MAYOR:

- Mayor Achy had nothing to report at this time.

MANAGER REPORT:

- Borough Manager Chris Moonis gave a summary report of the 2012 Audit. Chris was glad to report there were no findings to the audit.
- Chris gave a summary report of the activities of the borough employees for the month.
- Linda Kashner stated a light pole has been removed from the rear of Union Cemetery that needs to be replaced with a light. She feels that there is a lot of vandalism in the area and a light would be advantageous.
- The window replacement project for the senior center has been postponed until further information can be obtained.
- Chris Moonis met with Peter's Consultant regarding the mitigating of the Sewer Treatment Plant for future flooding.
- PEMA will be at the Borough on August 15, 2013 to meet with home owners that have shown interest in the flood buy out. After the paper work begins, the closings will take place.
- An insurance quote regarding flood insurance for the Sewer Plant is forthcoming. Chris Moonis will have a quote for next month's meeting.
- The 2011 Liquid Fuels Audit has returned with no findings.

WATER:

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

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

POLICE:

- Police Chief Anthony Kopitsky reported that during the month of July the officers responded to 244 (two hundred forty-four) activity reports as recorded by the Columbia County Communications Center.
- The 2003 CVPI (unmarked) car was put out of service on July 26th due to a problem with the steering. It can still be driven, however it is unsafe for street patrol work.
- Chief Kopitsky reported that no training was scheduled last month. Officers are being qualified with firearms as they become available.
- The police department continues to look for grants to assist with the operations of the department.
- The 7th DEA National Drug Take Back day will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2013. Chief Kopitsky will be registering and participating in this worthwhile event.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Committee Chairman Forest McClintock reported he has been in contact with another council person who has concerns regarding the speed limit at the intersection of the new Dollar General Store. Chief Kopitsky explained that the department has been patrolling the area and has monitored speed for that section. Forest asked if the borough could request the speed limit be reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph for the remainder of Mill Street. Chief Kopitsky explained the procedure for reducing the speed limit.
- Sharon Krum informed the Chief about the speed of traffic on Pine Street and Fisher Avenue. She would like to see more police presence in the area.

UTILITIES:

- Committee Chairperson Linda Kashner reported that 128 (one hundred twenty-eight) electric late notices and 58 (fifty-eight) sewer late notices were sent this month for non-payment of bills.
- Chris Moonis and Linda Kashner are working on compiling a list of delinquent customers to take to district court.

PARKS & RECREATION:

- Committee Co-Chairperson Barb Reese reported that the Summer Breeze Concert Series was a success with good attendance at all concerts.
- Senior Day will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at CARA Park. Cupcake donation should be delivered to the borough hall on Friday, August 16th by 4:00 p.m.
- The annual Catawissa Fireman's Carnival begins Wednesday, August 7th and runs thru August 10th.

- Tim Benner asked if the West Branch League could use the baseball field next year. Barb explained that they will need a certificate of insurance and check with Little League for scheduling conflicts.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

- Committee Chairperson Barb Reese reported the Dollar General store has opened and is doing very well.

PROPERTY/BUILDING MAINTENANCE CHAIRMAN:

- Committee Chairperson Gary Steinruck reported that the Senior Center will need window work not covered by the grant. This topic appears later in the agenda.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION CHAIRMAN:

- Committee Chairperson Scott Keefer had nothing new to report at this time.

UNION NEGOTIATION:

- Committee Chairperson Scott Keefer had nothing new to report regarding non uniform negotiations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- There was no unfinished business for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Forest McClintock made the motion to direct staff to send a thank you notice to the First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Cluster for donating time to do a summer clean-up of the area around the parks, along the banks of Catawissa Creek and the Susquehanna River and to further donate \$100 to the Food Bank held at Catawissa First Church in recognition of their effort. Joe Benware seconded the motion. All aye, Barb Reese abstained.
- Gary Steinruck made the motion to enter into an agreement with Roto-Rooter, Bloomsburg, PA, to inspect the storm tunnel with a Steerable XL Tractor Camera Unit and provide two (2) copies of a DVD and printed report in the amount of \$2,600.00 (per day rate). (the field work is expected to last one (1) day). Barb Reese seconded the motion. Forest McClintock asked why Peter's Consultants isn't doing the job when the borough contracted the company months ago. Chris Moonis explained that because of the debris in the culvert Peter's Consultants could not do the job at a reasonable price. Having Roto-Rooter do the whole job makes more economic sense. All aye.
- Tim Benner made the motion to sell to Benton Borough a secondary ENRADD traffic monitoring device in the amount of \$250.00 (two hundred fifty dollars). Linda Kashner seconded the motion. All aye.
- Gary Steinruck made the motion to contract with B&R Roofing to repair and cap the 13 (thirteen) first floor windows at the Catawissa Senior Center in the amount not to exceed \$3,150 (three thousand one hundred-fifty). Linda Kashner seconded the motion. This repair job is not part of the grant from CDGB. Forest McClintock asked if some of those windows could be closed to save costs. After a lengthy discussion a roll call vote was taken. Tim Benner-no, Forest

McClintock-no, Joe Benware-yes, Gary Steinruck-yes, Linda Kashner-yes, Barb Reese-yes, Scott Keefer-yes. Motion was passed.

- Barb Reese made the motion to enter into an agreement with the PA Department of Transportation for 2013-2014 Winter Snow Removal for portions of SR42, SR2018 and SR42. (The Borough will receive \$802.13 to perform these services) Gary Steinruck seconded the motion. All aye.
- Linda Kashner made the motion to grind five (5) stumps from Quaker Cemetery and one (1) large 12' Tree Trunk and grinding from Greenwood Cemetery by Northeast Tree Service at a cost not to exceed \$675.00. Tim Benner seconded the motion. All aye.
- Barb Reese made the motion to send Harry Young and Chris Moonis to the PA Municipal Electric Association Conference at the Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA from September 11 through September 13 at a cost of \$135 per person per night (two nights each) plus mileage reimbursement. Joe Benware seconded the motion. Gary Steinruck asked if sending two (2) people was necessary. Council explained that each person would have different programs to follow. Chris Moonis would follow the managerial and Harry Young would follow the line man programs. All aye.

FINANCE:

- Linda Kashner made the motion to accept the payment of bills as written. Gary Steinruck seconded the motion. All aye.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Laura Kalfa of the Catawissa Opera House announced the Opera House will be opening soon and that a Facebook Page has been established.
- Laura suggested that the banner and the lighted sign at the Borough Hall would be a good way for businesses not on the Main Street to advertise.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Submitted by:

Kimberly Rhoades

Secretary