

CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 – 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, Gary Steinruck, Joe Benware, Forest McClintock, Doug Krum, Mayor Frank “Jeff” Achy, Borough Manager Roger Nuss, Attorney Anthony McDonald.

READING OF MINUTES:

- Joe Benware made a motion to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Forest McClintock said he had no minutes in his packet to read. It was discovered the previous month’s minutes were not in the packets. Joe Benware rescinded the motion to dispense the reading of and approval of the previous month’s minutes.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Barb Reese inquired if there was an Economic Development Committee and what was being done to implement the plan that the previous Committee spent 3 years developing.
- Harold Kitchen inquired why the Catawissa Fire Company has not received an electric bill for the last 2 months.
- Linda Kashner stated that the adjustment on the September electric bill was not correct.
- Harry Young inquired about the posting of the electric bill rate structure. Linda Kashner said it used to be on the Borough’s website, but no longer is.

Linda Kashner asked if some kind of phone call list could be set up to let people know when the power is going to off for an extended period of time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None to report at this time.

MAYOR:

- Mayor Frank J. Achy had no report to offer Council at this time.

Staff and Authority Reports

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Borough Manager Roger Nuss reported that the work at the sewer plant is continuing.
- Roger Nuss also reported that street lines are being painted

WATER AUTHORITY:

- Cindy Bachman that the Authority is flushing fire hydrants on October 6, 2014.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

- None to report. Officer James Haney was absent.

POLICE:

- A copy of police report was included in Council's packets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Forest McClintock said that after meeting with several local ambulance associations to serve the Borough, it has been narrowed down to two- Danville Ambulance Service and Bloomsburg/Greater Columbia. Forest McClintock made a motion seconded by Connie Benware to have Bloomsburg/Greater Columbia Ambulance Service to be the primary ambulance service for the Borough. All aye.

UTILITIES:

- Connie Benware had nothing to report at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

- Joe Benware said that work has begun on Santa Day.

PROPERTY/BUILDING MAINTENANCE CHAIRMAN:

- Two bids were received for brick work to be done at the police station. Shrader Masonry-\$900 and B&R Roofing-\$827 plus \$325 for Awning. A motion was made by Scott Keefer and seconded by Gary Steinruck to accept the bid from Shrader Masonry. All aye.
- Barb Reese questioned what was being done about the grant restoration work at the Senior Center. Roger Nuss said that after meeting with the Columbia County Redevelopment Authority, the intent for the money was not just to replace windows at the Center and the bids for window replacement would take up all the funds. The Authority asked for a commitment from the Borough to put more money toward the project.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION CHAIRMAN:

- Committee Chairman Scott Keefer announced the Borough Manager Roger Nuss is full time beginning today. Keefer also said that new hire Brandon Auten is doing a fine job and has been working with Harry Young.

UNION NEGOTIATIONS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Forest McClintock made the motion to approve holding the Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 25, 2014 with a rain date of Sunday, October 26, 2014. The motion was seconded by Gary Steinruck. All aye.
- A motion was made by Jay Roberts and seconded by Gary Steinruck to donate \$2000 to the Catawissa Halloween Parade to help defray costs. All aye.
- Joe Benware made a motion to adopt a Resolution from PENN DOT naming Borough Manager Roger Nuss as the signing agent. The motion was seconded by Jay Roberts. All aye.
- A motion was made by Jay Roberts and seconded by Connie Benware to adopt a resolution designating Roger Nuss as the contact representative with Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and grant application PA-03-PA-4030-PW04622 (Sewer Plant. All aye.
- Gary Steinruck made a motion seconded by Joe Benware to advertise for the hiring of a part-time (32 to 35 hours per week) office person with a starting rate of \$12 per hour. All aye.

FINANCE:

- Jay Robert made a motion seconded by Connie Benware to accept bills as written. All aye.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Barb Reese inquired about when the flood properties were going to begin to be demolished and was there anything to report on the condominiums.
- Pat Hess inquired why one of the zoning officers was not at the meeting.
- Barry Krum asked Scott Keefer what the status was of the fence located on Mr. Keefer's Property.

ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by Forest McClintock to adjourn the meeting. Jay Roberts seconded the motion. All aye.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Submitted by: