

**CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY March 11, 2019**

An Executive Session was held March 11, 2019 – 5:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Council President, Doug Krum.
- The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

- Present were: Doug Krum, AJ McKenney, Patsy Hess, Gary Steinruck, Linda Kashner, Barbara Reese, Mayor Tim Benner, Attorney Anthony McDonald. Absent was: Roy Klinger.

READING OF MINUTES:

- A motion by Barbara Reese was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of February 11th, 2019 2nd by Linda Kashner. All Aye

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Guest Dave Zartman with Zartman Construction informed Council a meeting was held with Electric Superintendent Harry Young regarding the safety concerns for the Borough's Linemen with the power at the Geisinger Clinic. After Mr. Zartman's explanation of what safety procedures and/or devices that will be implemented, everyone at the meeting seemed satisfied with the safety measures for the power that will be in place at the Geisinger Clinic. Mr. Zartman asked council for permission to put a net metering system in at the Geisinger Clinic at no cost to the Borough. After a discussion, a motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Gary Steinruck to table this until next month. All Aye. Council would like to consult with Electric Superintendent Harry Young, PMEA and see what other municipalities do.
- A motion was made by Linda Kashner, 2nd by AJ McKenney to discuss Firstlight. Guest Pat Doyle with FirstLight Fiber, a telephone & communication business asked Council to provide First Light with a Pole Access Agreement to run Fiber through the Borough. A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Patsy Hess to allow Attorney Anthony McDonald to draft a Pole Access Agreement to be considered at next month's meeting. All Aye
- Guest Christopher Sassaman with the Press Enterprise asked what the nature was of the Executive Session before the council meeting. Mr. Sassaman was told personnel.
- Guest Dylan Levan with NEPA Shockwave Softball asked council to help with two (2) loads of dirt for the softball field. Shockwave has the equipment to spread the dirt and maintain the field. Shockwave would like permission to extend the field another 7' and will do the work. Council asked Mr. Levan to maintain the field the same as the Teener Field, provide proof of insurance and a copy of the game schedule. Attorney Anthony McDonald was asked to draft an agreement for NEPA Shockwave Softball to use the softball field. A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Patsy Hess to approve (2) loads of dirt for the softball field. All Aye. Mr. Levan also asked permission to park a trailer containing the equipment to maintain the field at the softball field during the season. Council asked the trailer to be parked so people can get in and out. Council also asked the trailer be moved at least every other week so the grass can be mowed or weed wacked around it and have a lock on the trailer. The Borough will not be held liable if anything happens to the trailer or its contents.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Secretary Connie Cole reported the following:
- A donation in the amount of \$50.00 was received from First Columbia Bank & Trust for Kids Day 2019. A Thank You letter was sent.

- The Borough received a list of all non-emergency activities that members of the Catawissa Hose Company #1 will participate in during 2019. A motion was made by Linda Kashner, 2nd by Barbara Reese to accept the non-emergency activities for Catawissa Hose Company. All Aye
- The Borough received a copy of Catawissa Hose Co. #1 Fire Relief Association's Annual Report for 2018. A copy is available at the Borough Hall for review.
- The Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Payment in the amount of \$56,728.49 was received on March 1, 2019.
- The Road Turnback Annual Maintenance payment in the amount of \$2,320.00 was received on March 1, 2019.
- The Borough received notice from The Water Authority for a rate increase of \$4.00/ month starting March 2019 billing. The Fire Protection rate will not change.
- The Borough received notice Penn Dot has no objection to Banner Resolution 2019-03.
- The Borough received an invitation to a DEP Connections Event Open House on Monday March 18th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Mary Lindsay Welsh Honors Hall, Lycoming College. The topic will be Maintaining Streams in Your Community, presentation will be at 7 p.m.
- The Borough received a Thank You card from Animal Resource Center for the donation in memory of Barry Krum.

MAYOR:

- Mayor Tim Benner stated he had nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

WATER:

- Water Authority Superintendent, Cindy Bachman stated she had nothing to report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

- Council President Doug Krum read the Code Enforcement Report: (5) issues were investigated, (7) letters were sent, (1) door hanger, (1) verbal warning, (1) permit, (2) citations were issued and (1) day was spent in court. A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Linda Kashner to discuss an agreement with Code Enforcement Officer Larry Frace. After a discussion of what council would like to see in the agreement Attorney Anthony McDonald stated he would draft an agreement for Council's consideration.

POLICE:

- Police Chief Joshua Laidacker read his monthly report which stated the following:
During the month of February 2019, the department responded to (229) calls for service, as reported by the Columbia County Communications Center; the grant computers are in both cars. The MACH system is up and running. Within one week of the systems operation, it aided in identifying a wanted person who gave a false name; the department submitted 30 lbs. of unused or expired medication to the DEA during the month of February; the department has begun notifications referencing the closure of Main Street at the River Bridge from April 8th to the 12th. The railroad will be replacing the crossing. Main Street will be open to local traffic but the bridge will not be open; All officers received CPR/First Aid/ AED/ and Stop Bleed training during the month; Officer Colella attended SWAT Training; Officer Hayes attended Child Abuse Investigation Training.
- Chief Laidacker reported the department received a donation from the VFW in the amount of \$1000.00. Chief Laidacker thanked the VFW for their generosity to the department.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Emergency Management Coordinator Paul Allen reported he is in the process of revamping the Emergency Management Department due to lack of things not being done in the past few years. Mr. Allen

is looking for (5) volunteers for the officer positions of the Emergency Operation Plan. These volunteers will come from council & the mayor. Mr. Allen stated he would like to have training by the end of summer to get this in motion. A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Linda Kashner to table this until next month. All Aye

- Mr. Allen reported a meeting was held with the Fire Company and the Police Department. Everyone came together and a lot of information was gathered.

UTILITIES:

- Committee Chairperson Linda Kashner read the totals for outstanding utility accounts. Ms. Kashner reported there is an 80% decrease in open and closed electric balances owed to the Borough since 3 years ago.
- Committee Chairperson Linda Kashner reported there were (7) limiters placed, (2) limiters are still on from last month.
- Committee Chairperson Linda Kashner reported there is a decrease in open and closed sewer balances from last year. Ms. Kashner stated the girls are doing a great job on the electric.

PARKS & RECREATION/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Committee Chairperson Barbara Reese reported Parks & Recreation is meeting March 29th at 9:30 a.m.
- Committee Chairperson Barbara Reese reported a date change for the Catawissa Military Band honoring our veterans. The date was moved from June 26th to July 2nd. Dumpster Day is April 6th.
- Ms. Reese stated the committee is in the process of having a sign made with all the items that are not accepted. Ms. Reese read off the list of items.
- Committee Chairperson Barbara Reese asked all of council to please participate and show support in all borough events.
- Ms. Reese reported July 16th Double Talk was booked for Summer Breeze.

PROPERTY & BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

- Committee Chairperson Gary Steinruck reported Penn Strategies has paperwork of wishes to work on for the Borough.
- Committee Chairperson Gary Steinruck reported the bid from Penn Dot for Shuman Street repaving at \$81,584.00 and the bid for Railroad Street repaving was \$30,394.00. A motion was made by Linda Kashner, 2nd by Patsy Hess to advertise for bids on repaving once the bid for Shuman Street includes all the way to Fox Ave. All Aye
- Councilwoman Barbara Reese asked if sealing of the cracks in the streets has been talked about. Council President Doug Krum stated yes it has been discussed and it is on the list waiting for nice weather.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:

- Committee Chairperson Linda Kashner read the Borough's account balances.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Council President Doug Krum reported they conducted (4) interviews for part-time Borough Manager. Mr. Krum stated there are at least (2) interviewees that Personnel would like to bring back in for interviews with Council. Mr. Krum also asked if the rest of council had a chance to look at the part-time Borough Manager applications, if not the applications are available for review in the Secretary's Office.
- Council President Doug Krum stated the interviewees were asked if they were interested in doing code enforcement also. Councilwoman Linda Kashner stated it was only voted to hire a part-time manager and she is concerned that a part-time manager will not have enough time to do both positions. Mayor Tim Benner made a suggestion that the part-time manager and code enforcement be two (2) different positions with separate hours.

UNION:

- Council President Doug Krum reported union negotiations are ongoing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Barbara Reese to discuss John Bauer's cost to do the sewer plant reporting. After a discussion, a motion was made by Linda Kashner, 2nd by AJ McKenney to see if Mr. Bauer will accept a contract for four (4) months at the rate of \$600/month. All Aye
- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Linda Kashner to discuss the Dempsey Uniform Contract. Council President Doug Krum reported there is approximately three (3) years left on the contract. The Borough paid \$ 2,897.57 for 2018. The projected cost for the next three (3) years is \$8692.71. The cost to opt out of the contract is less than \$4000.00. A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Barbara Reese to opt out of Dempsey's Contract for less than \$4000.00. All Aye

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Patsy Hess to discuss holding a Night Out Event in August. Councilwoman Barbara Reese stated it is a National Night Out on Tuesday August 6th and thought it would be a good thing for Catawissa. Ms. Reese wanted to know what everyone else thought. Council is going to come up with some ideas and revisit the idea next month.
- A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2nd by Barbara Reese to discuss the recycling grant. Council President Doug Krum asked if council would like to add anything to the recycling grant. The only thing in the grant now is the cement pad. Councilwoman Linda Kashner asked if the steel plates were included and Council President Doug Krum stated no the plates were not included. Council members requested the plates be included, better fencing and to take a look at the Orangeville's Recycle Site to maybe try to pattern our location to theirs. Council President Doug Krum asked all in favor of adding these items to the grant. All Aye
- A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Linda Kashner to apply for the Degestein Grant. All Aye
- A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2nd by Linda Kashner to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. (5) Aye, Gary Steinruck; Nay
- A motion was made by Linda Kashner, 2nd by AJ McKenney to discuss Micro 1 – IT service. Councilwoman Linda Kashner reported Micro 1 was approved to do the Borough's IT service in October 2018. As of today Micro 1 has not come and done anything after attempts by Nancy Yost to contact him. A motion was made by Linda Kashner, 2nd by Barbara Reese to terminate relations with Micro 1. All Aye
- A motion was made by Linda Kashner, 2nd by Patsy Hess to discuss a new IT service. Councilwoman Linda Kashner feels we should just bide our time and stay with what we have.
- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Gary Steinruck to discuss purchasing the Borough Secretary a new computer. After a discussion about the operating system not being supported after January 2020 and the differences in the two (2) computers quoted by Computation. A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by AJ McKenney to purchase the i3 processor 8gb ram 250gb SSD computer for \$849 with a data transfer fee of \$120.00. All Aye
- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by AJ McKenney to discuss adopting The Columbia County Emergency Operations Plan. Attorney Anthony McDonald explained that County requires a resolution to adopt the County's Basic Emergency Operation Plan. A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Barbara Reese to adopt the Columbia County Basic Emergency Operations Plan and Resolution 2019-04 Regarding Updating the Borough Emergency Operations Plan. All Aye
- A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by AJ McKenney to approve Robert Dunkelberger, Harry Young and Chase Petty attending ARC Flash Training in Kutztown on Friday May 24, 2019 at \$125/person and attending AMP's Annual Pole Top/Bucket Rescue in Watsontown on Tuesday May 7, 2019. All Aye

- A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Patsy Hess to discuss Harry Young and Chase Petty attending the PA AMP Conference at Cabellas in Hamburg PA on April 18, 2019. (5) Aye; Gary Steinruck, Nay
- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Patsy Hess to discuss call forwarding being added to the Police phone service at \$5.00/month. Council inquired where the calls would be forwarded to. Chief Laidacker stated all he is looking for is the option to forward the station calls to another location. Council President Doug Krum took a vote to have call forwarding added to the Police Phone Service at \$5.00/month. All Aye
- A motion was made by Patsy Hess, 2nd by Gary Steinruck to advertise for a Part-Time Seasonal Public Works Personnel at Thirty Two (32) hours per week. All Aye
- A motion was made by Linda Kashner, 2nd by Barbara Reese to make a policy that part-time employees will be offered Health Insurance but will have to pay full price. All Aye
- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by AJ McKenney to approve Ordinance 02-2019 regarding Amending the Catawissa Code, Article II Traffic Regulations, Section 316-9 Stop Intersections. All Aye
- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Patsy Hess to approve Ordinance 03-2019 regarding Recycling Center Rules. All Aye
- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Linda Kashner to approve the Annual Membership Fee of \$275.00 to The Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce. All Aye

FINANCE PAYMENT OF BILLS

- A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Patsy Hess to accept bills as written. All Aye

GUESTS TO BE HEARD

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: I have something.

Council President Doug Krum: Yeah.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: OK, Um, I am going to read it. First I want to... give to — pass this out. Oops wrong one! This was something that was not on my ra-radar until I read an article regarding a Police Department having a separate account that had unauthorized purchases. This is in no way any accusation that any money in the borough fundraising account has been or is being misspent or misappropriated. However it does the [sic] raise a question of the legality of the Police Department having its own financial account without Borough over sight. There's no shortage of news stories detailing the mis— the use of municipal funds which is somewhat the result of the lack of over sight from the governing body. Ultimately the Borough's responsible and accountable whereas most municipal issues, finances are concerned. Historically seven (7) years ago when the Police Department began receiving donations from Catawissa VFW and others then Borough Manager Chris Moonis stated and insisted that all money needed to be accounted for on the borough books. Somewhere Council lost focused on these funds and we need to now step— make steps to correct the situation. Now that the Police are doing fundraisers these funds should flow through the borough books. Courtney Salomon CPA and Auditor of Catawissa Borough was contacted by email. Her response is I agree this should be included under the borough. I do have other municipalities with similar accounts and they are included in the General Fund with the police. With this in mind Ed Knittel from PSAB Deputy Executive Director & Senior Director, Education & Sustainability was contacted. Mr. Knittel said all fundraising money needs to go through a borough account and the same procedures followed as other accounts. He said fundraiser account needs to be reconciled monthly by the Borough Treasurer and all other accounts. Mr.—the Borough Solicitor Tony McDonald was contacted, he is in agreement. There is an account already set up in the Police Department General Fund for this money. In account—addition this account as it stands today needs to be audited. If it has been audited there has not been a report provided to the borough. If it has been audited copies of these reports should be provided to the borough. In order to protect the Police Department, the Borough and provide transparency for all public funds this fundraising account should be transferred to the Borough books. This account will be only accessible by the Police no one else will have access to spend the money. Therefore I make a motion that the Police Department Fundraiser account... be audited. The past

three (3) years be audited and be transferred to the General Fund for police use only. And I did pass out the uh, memo from Courtney Solomon.

Council President Doug Krum: Do we have a motion to discuss it?

Attorney Anthony McDonald: Uh, she just made a motion to pass it.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: I made a motion.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: So you need a 2nd on that then you can discuss it.

Council President Doug Krum: Oh.

Councilwoman Patsy Hess: I'll 2nd.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: If anybody is inclined to 2nd.

Council President Doug Krum: See Linda Kashner and Patty Right? And this is—what's this have to do with again? The Police—what kind of fund is it?

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: The Fundraiser Account.

Council President Doug Krum: *Speaking to himself* Police Fundraiser Account

Council President Doug Krum: *Speaking to Chief Laidacker* Do you want to say anything?

Chief Laidacker: What fundraiser account?

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: The Police Office— Catawissa Police Office Benevolent Association.

Chief Laidacker: That's not a police fund. That's Benevolent Association Fund.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: But it says Catawissa Police.

Chief Laidacker: Right we were allowed permission by a past council to use the term Catawissa Police but it's not associated with the police department.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: But everything says Catawissa Police Officers.

Chief Laidacker: We were told we could use the Catawissa Police—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Who's w—

Chief Laidacker: —Officers Benevolent Association.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Yeah, but who's we?

Chief Laidacker: (inaudible)

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Tony what is your reference on this?

Chief Laidacker: Well before we get more references I would like to explain [sic]. I'm not sure what you're talking about. When you say—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Well you're fundraising

Chief Laidacker: We have—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: —with the with the—

Chief Laidacker: —Let me—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: —with the gun bingo.

Chief Laidacker: Ok that's the benevolent association.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Yeah I know.

Chief Laidacker: That's nothing to do with the borough.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner & Councilwoman Barbara Reese: But you're using Catawissa Borough Police.

Chief Laidacker: Well then we will stop using your name. If that's what you're unhappy with. But as the President of the Benevolent Association we are stand alone, separate from the Police Department, separate from the Borough you do not have over sight. It's money that belongs to the officer's benevolent association.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Well then you need to stop using Catawissa Police.

Chief Laidacker: We will do that if you have a motion we're not allowed to use that anymore.

Council President Doug Krum: Alright here's my thing on that. That fine but what if they want to do— want to do something for the kids this year. Like Berwick did a whole thing last year where they bought—

Council Vice President Gary Steinruck: I think—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Well what, what does it?

Council President Doug Krum: Now wait. Just let me—so I mean, they'll be doing it but not under Catawissa Borough. How does that make the Borough look?

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Well I-I think it should not be—if-if it's a totally separate just like Catawissa Dreaming when we were on. If it's a totally separate account they should not be referencing Catawissa Police.

Chief Laidacker: (inaudible)

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: And I believe—

Chief Laidacker: Let me stop you there. Let me explain something to you—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: —I don't care whether it is separate or not it should be audited.

Chief Laidacker: Well-Well! Ok let me explain something to you. I am President of Benevolent Association not the Officers Association. Last year we gave \$1000.00 to Little League.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: I agree.

Chief Laidacker: Last year we had a stand down at your Kids Day where we provided free ice to your kids. We're setting up a Christmas Fund. We're going to give Christmas Present to the un— misfortunate kids in this town.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Right.

Chief Laidacker: We gave money to a family in town whose son over dosed.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: I'm not—

Chief Laidacker: We gave money to—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: I'm not-I'm not—

Chief Laidacker: I'm not done Linda!—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Uh-uh—

Chief Laidacker: I'm not done—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: —and I'm not saying that it's being mis—

Chief Laidacker: —I'm not done. We gave money to the Southern School District, the Boosters; we gave money to set up a scholarship at Southern School. If you want us to take off the police department name we will do that next meeting. We don't need it. But we're doing things as a group of men and women who belong to this police department to benefit this community.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Then why not run it through the general fund?

Chief Laidacker: Because it's not your money. It's not tax payer money—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: I'm not sa—it's not—

Chief Laidacker: It's not tax payer money. It is not generated from any kind of revenue from the borough—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Oh I understand that but how—when you see.

Chief Laidacker: With all due respect it has nothing to do with this body.

Council President Doug Krum: Well I don't understand why—yeah I don't understand why... why the borough has to be nosey in what they're doing.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: I'm not being nosey. You know I think—

Council President Doug Krum: Then why did you bring it up?

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Because I think it needs to be audited and I think it needs to be transparency.

Chief Laidacker: You-You can't think because you have an organization—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Tony—

Chief Laidacker: You can't go to Geisinger and say we want to see all your books because you're in town.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: I thought when you talked to me that it was a borough organization.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Well its Catawissa Borough Police.

Chief Laidacker: The problem is that no one has mentioned anything. This is the first time hearing of this. Is something funny? This is the first time hearing this.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: No this is what you always say.

Chief Laidacker: Because it's true every time Linda.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Yeah well.

Council President Doug Krum: How about—

Chief Laidacker: This is completely a surprise to me. If you would have come and ask me I would have explained what it was. I'd been happy to do that.

Council President Doug Krum: What if they take the borough out and just keep Catawissa Police? How's that?

Council Vice President Gary Steinruck: It's still Catawissa. I think if it were me though and I was the head of whatever you want to call it. Any kind of a group or association I would welcome the chance to be audited to say here everything's on the up and up.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: Well, if it is the same type of organization as Catawissa Dreamers, ok. Uh, the only difference being Catawissa Dreamers were not employees of the Borough. Uh, but if it's a completely separate association and has nothing to do with the Borough uh, then I don't know that you have the authority to tell them what they have to do. Uh, you don't have to let them use your name if you don't want to. But you don't have the authority to tell them what to do. Um, that's not what I, -that's not what I was envisioning. I didn't know this was something like uh, Central Susquehanna uh-uh-uh Historical Society or the um, uh Catawissa Dreamers Association so to speeg [sic]. So if it is in fact something the borough did not set up and it's not using the Borough EIN or any of that kind of stuff.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: But it is Borough Employees.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: On their own time I am assuming.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Wea— I hope so but.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: I guess you're welcome to ask that question.

Chief Laidacker: That is correct on their own time

Attorney Anthony McDonald: On their own time um ... you know I guess ah... I guess the vote can be you don't want them using—I guess they can use Catawissa because Catawissa Dreamers used it. But... you can have—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: But can I make— can we— will you— well let me asked you this will you get an independent audit each year?

Chief Laidacker: What we will do is remove police officers—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: No I'm asking you if you will get an independent.

Chief Laidacker: —Right there is the Vice President. We will remove the Catawissa Police name from our association, this way it will help.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: But your—

Chief Laidacker: You don't want to be associate with the Police Department.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: —employees of the Borough. Will you submit an audit each year of the amount of money that—

Chief Laidacker: We will-We will look into that.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: That it's been you know? What?

Chief Laidacker: We will look into that.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: You will what?

Chief Laidacker: We'll look into that.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Ok.

Council President Doug Krum: Well is your thing here is that they are spending money frivolous- frivolously?

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: No! No! It's to—No! I said that there in the beginning.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: No her concern was quite simply that uh, it would turn out that uh, if something ever happened and went wrong it would fall back on the Borough.

Council President Doug Krum: Well that I can understand yeah.

Chief Laidacker: That is a state in our bylaws that we are no way associated with Catawissa Borough or any of its affiliates. This is a separate organization. Our bylaws also have a structure set up that if our

org—association was ever to dissolve that- that the money that's left in the funds will be going to local charities. It is all planned for, this was done off of a—

Attorney Anthony McDonald: And do-do keep in mind the first thing she said was I'm not accusing anybody of anything.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Yeah I'm not.

Chief Laidacker: I don't feel accused. I'm just saying that- that what the issue with me is if you don't want us to use the name we won't. But and- and we will look into having the thing audited. But we—what I am afraid of if I am being honest is I don't want those funds to be controlled as tax payer dollars which they are not. This is set up to go back to the community.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: *Speaking to Councilwoman Linda Kashner* And you and I talked about that.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Yeah.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: You know I-I said "they're not going to want the Council to be able to say you guys want a new radio use this money to buy a new radio".

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Well and I just said—

Attorney Anthony McDonald: You know we talked about that.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: It- its. There would be— the only one that would be able to be use the funds would be the Police.

Chief Laidacker: And- and I appreciate that. But I just want to make sure there is a clear distinction between what this organization is and for example the donation fund. That we just received a donation from the VFW today. That's a \$1000.00 that goes into our donation fund and that is over sight.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Yes-yes.

Chief Laidacker: That's a totally different circumstance—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Yes.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: See I was thinking—

Chief Laidacker: I don't want the two to get confused.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: —I was thinking they were the same thing.

Councilwoman Barbara Reese: So did I... to tell you the truth.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: Because you and I even talked on the phone I said well I remember a couple of years ago when they wanted something I don't remember what it was.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Right.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: And you guys said—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Well that was when the VFW was going to give em money.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: —use you're—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: yeah.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: —use your donation fund.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: yeah.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: you know and I said to you they're not going to want—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: No.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: —those types of handcuffs placed on them—

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: No! Oh and I'm not asking for handcuffs.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: —for that kind of money. Um, so ah, so no—but if they have a completely separate association that's set up, completely separate from this Borough. Then I think the only question is what name can they or can not use. Um, and- and I guess you have to ask yourselves as the borough council ah, the good that they are doing is that outweighed by a potential of something going wrong at some future date.

Council President Doug Krum: If something goes wrong would the Borough be—I guess the question would—

Attorney Anthony McDonald: No.

Council President Doug Krum: —the borough be liable for anything—

Attorney Anthony McDonald: No.

Council President Doug Krum: —money wise, liability, anything?

Attorney Anthony McDonald: It doesn't sound—it doesn't sound like it.

Mayor Tim Benner: With everything that is in their by—the bylaws and everything, they're no way affiliated with the Borough.

Chief Laidacker: It's specific—

Council President Doug Krum: I am sure that's what you're concerned about and so am I.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Well yeah—(inaudible)

Attorney Anthony McDonald: How about this what if they let me review the bylaws and if the borough's completely protected are you allow them to continue to use the name and do what they are doing?

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Ok.

Councilwoman Barbara Reese: Ok.

Attorney Anthony McDonald: So if they can get me the bylaws before the next meeting, I will review them. Then we come back the next meeting and I tell you they're great or they need to be changed or whatever.

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: Ok.

Councilwoman Barbara Reese: Sound good.

Councilwoman Patsy Hess: Ok.

Council President Doug Krum: Is that ok with you?

Councilman AJ McKenney: (inaudible)

Council President Doug Krum: Gary?

Councilman Gary Steinruck: (Inaudible)

Council President Doug Krum: Anything else

Councilwoman Linda Kashner: (inaudible)

Council President Doug Krum: Any other guest to be heard?

Council President Doug Krum: Now I lost my paper. Oh, Cindy.

Guest Cindy Bachman: Yes one thing. Just as a —as a citizen—

Council President Doug Krum: oh that's yours

Councilman AJ McKenney: (inaudible)

Guest Cindy Bachman: —um, I think that's a very good organization that they having going there. And the good they are doing outweighs um, any of the issues with using the name or not. It's good PR for the Borough. He's stating that it's not tied to the Borough. Ah, I would hope it works out that they can keep the name of the Borough and still continue the good that they are doing.

Council President Doug Krum: Thank you Cindy

- Council Vice President Gary Steinruck stated he reached out to PMEA concerning the electric at Geisinger Clinic and he received replies from three (3) communities. Mr. Steinruck asked council if they would all like copies to review. They all would like copies.

ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by Patsy Hess, 2nd by Gary Steinruck to adjourn. All Aye

MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by:

Connie M. Cole
Borough Secretary