

**CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY May 6, 2019**

An Executive Session was held after the meeting

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, Roy Klinger, Gary Steinruck, Patsy Hess, Barbara Reese, Mayor Tim Benner, Attorney Anthony McDonald.

READING OF MINUTES:

- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by AJ McKenney to dispense reading of and approve minutes of the previous month's meeting with the following changes:
- Page 2 under Water Authority Bullet #4 the word "damn" changed to "dam" All Aye.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- No Guest to be Heard

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Secretary Connie Cole reported the following correspondence the Borough received:
- \$100.00 donation for Kids Day from Catawissa Chiropractic Center.
- Clair Kingston and Crystal Stoker are attending LTAP Class on June 19, 2019 regarding Local Road Safety Plans.
- \$1000.00 grant from the Charles B. Degenstein Foundation for the funding of the Summer Breeze Music Series.

MAYOR:

- Nothing to report

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Council President Doug Krum announced the Borough will enter into an agreement regarding living organ donation with Borough Secretary Connie Cole. Attorney Anthony McDonald read the particulars of the agreement. A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Barbara Reese to approve the agreement between the Catawissa Borough and Connie Cole. All Aye

WATER:

- Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman reported the following:
- Weston Brehm with the CBDG has reached out to Heather Felhaus at Bloomsburg University regarding pursuing the Borough wide survey. Mr. Brehm has not heard any details back yet. As soon as Ms. Bachman hears anything she will report those details to council.
- Ms. Bachman had some questions regarding the proposal from Larson Design for the repairs at the dam. Ms. Bachman tried to contact Councilman Gary Steinruck, when Ms. Bachman did not hear back from Mr. Steinruck. Ms. Bachman contacted Chris Sheaffer at Larson Design to see how long the proposal was good for. Mr. Sheaffer informed Ms. Bachman Gary Steinruck had already signed and returned the proposal. Ms. Bachman was taken aback by this because the proposal was not discussed. Ms. Bachman did inform Mr. Sheaffer that she needed to get some clarification at tonight's council meeting. Ms. Bachman would like some questions she has on a few items and the legality of the proposal clarified. Attorney Anthony McDonald stated at this point the legality may

be too late but he would look over the proposal if Ms. Bachman would email him a copy. A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2nd by Roy Klinger to give Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman the authority to speak with Larson Design to address the concerns she has with the proposal and has permission to have all the issues included into the proposal for up to \$9999.99. Ms. Bachman asked for someone to contact Larson Design and inform them she has permission to be the liaison between the Borough and Larson Design. Council Vice President Gary Steinruck stated he would call Larson Design and let them know Ms. Bachman was given permission to be the liaison between the Borough and Larson Design for the proposal regarding the repairs to the dam. All Aye

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

- Council President Doug Krum read the Code Enforcement Report: (6) issues were investigated, (7) letters were sent, (0) door hangers, (0) verbal warnings, (3) permits, (2) citations were issued and (2) days were spent in court.

POLICE:

- Police Chief Joshua Laidacker read his monthly report which stated the following:
During the month of April 2019, the department responded to (191) calls for service, Main Street at the River Bridge will be closed June 24th- June 28th. The bridge will be open to pedestrian traffic but closed to all vehicle traffic.
- Officers received the required updated MPOETC training.
- Officer Colella gave his resignation verbally. Officer Colella accepted a position at Muhlenberg Township Police Department. His official last day will be on May 13th.
- Officer Colella requested Council allow him to purchase his ballistic vest he has been wearing. A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Roy Klinger to discuss Officer Colella purchasing his ballistic vest. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by AJ McKenney to allow Officer Colella to purchase his ballistic vest for \$320.00. All Aye

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Committee Chairperson Doug Krum reported a meeting was held to discuss Officer Colella purchasing his ballistic vest.

UTILITIES:

- Committee Chairperson Gary Steinruck reported there were (44) electric door hangers, (24) sewer door hangers placed and (1) limiter is still on from last month.
- Committee Chairperson Gary Steinruck read the totals for outstanding utility accounts.

PARKS & RECREATION/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- Committee Chairperson Barbara Reese reported the following:
- Parks & Recreation met on Friday May 3rd. The Committee has decided not do National Night Out this year. The Committee may do a Night Out in September or October when they could get more people involved.
- The Garden Club will be cleaning the Quaker Meeting House on Saturday May 11th.
- The plans are set for Kids Day June 15th at Cara Park. To date \$650.00 has been received in donations.
- Summer Breeze is set to be 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. July 2nd will be Honoring Our Veterans at 6 p.m. and The Catawissa Military Band at 7 p.m. July 9th will be Avenue E, July 16th will be Double Talk and July 30th will be Monkeephiles. The Committee is still working on a band for July 23rd. In case of inclement weather the concerts will be held at The Catawissa Christian Church.
- The Shareholders Committee continues to meet to put together a long range plan for Catawissa.

PROPERTY & BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

- Committee Chairperson Gary Steinruck reported they are still looking for grants for the repairs at the Senior Center. Mr. Steinruck expressed his concerns with having the water damage repairs completed. Council President Doug Krum stated he felt the outside repairs should be completed before doing any repairs inside. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Patsy Hess to get bids for the repairs needed on the outside of the Senior Center. (5) Aye, Doug Krum; Nay
Council President Doug Krum asked Council Vice President Gary Steinruck if he was going to take care of getting things around to be advertised for bid. Mr. Steinruck stated he would get it advertised.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:

- Nothing to report

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Committee Chairperson Doug Krum reported a meeting was held concerning Officer Colella and other issues.

UNION:

- Committee Chairperson Doug Krum reported there are union negotiations for the Police that are in arbitration.
- Non-Uniform union negotiations will start soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Roy Klinger, 2nd by AJ McKenney to approve (4) 25 KVA transformers at \$600.00 each. All Aye
- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Gary Steinruck to approve Resolution 2019-07 regarding Authorizing the Submission of the Flood Mitigation Grant. Council Vice President Gary Steinruck voiced his concerns with the amount of the grant that was being applied for. After a discussion of what money was set aside to contribute to the grant matching and other options, a vote was taken. All Aye
- A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2nd by Roy Klinger to discuss appointing someone to the Columbia County Tax Collection Committee. A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Patsy Hess to appoint AJ McKenney to the Columbia County Tax Collection Committee. All Aye
- Councilwoman Barbara Reese asked what about Greenwood Cemetery Bids. Council President Doug Krum asked if council looked at the bids. Council President and Vice President were the only two that stated they looked at them. This matter is tabled until next month so all of council has a chance to look over the cemetery bids.

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Roy Klinger, 2nd AJ McKenney to discuss the Sewer Truck. Council President Doug Krum reported the Sewer Truck's identification was completed by the student of Penn Tech as a community service project.
- A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2nd by Roy Klinger to discuss hiring Lawrence Kopp Borough Manager/Code Enforcement. A discuss ensued that this position was only advertised as a part-time Borough Manager. A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Patsy Hess to hire Lawrence Kopp for part-time Borough Manager at 32 hours a week at \$800.00 per week with no benefits. After 6 months of service Mr. Kopp will receive 4 days of paid time off. All Aye
- A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd AJ McKenney to approve the purchase of a new computer for the Borough Manager from Computation for the quoted price of \$849.00. All Aye
- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by AJ McKenney to discuss extending the contract with NexEra Energy for an additional (5) years. Council Vice President Gary Steinruck explained the particulars of the projection and stated nothing definite will be given until September.
- A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Roy Klinger to discuss PMEA. Council Vice President Gary Steinruck reported the newly Elected Officials for PMEA and an ongoing crisis with gross receipt taxes in Chambersburg.

- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Patsy Hess to discuss Resolution 2019-08 regarding Amending the Right to Know Law and Provide Relief from Vexatious Requesters. Attorney Anthony McDonald asked what the resolution was trying to change. Borough Secretary Connie Cole stated the resolution is to urge the Pennsylvania State Legislature to enact an amendment to the Right to Know Law. A motion was made by Roy Klinger, 2nd by Barbara Reese to approve Resolution 2019-08 regarding Amending the Right to Know Law and Provide Relief from Vexatious Requesters. All Aye
- A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Roy Klinger to discuss employee clothing allowance. Electric Superintendent Harry Young stated Chase Petty, Robert Dunkelberger and himself need FR pants and FR shirts. Councilwoman Barbara Reese asked Harry Young for a list of how many shirts and pants each person needs. Councilman Gary Steinruck asked for a brand of the clothing so competitive pricing can be looked for. Mr. Young agreed to compose a list of items, brand and prices to be turned in to Council President Doug Krum.
- A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Barbara Reese to discuss the Letters of Interest received for the (1) vacant council seat. Borough Secretary Connie Cole read the names of candidates that submitted letters of Interest. The names are as followed: Janel Patel, David Rutherford, Gina Trapani, and Victoria Waugh. A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Doug Krum to nominate Victoria Waugh for the vacant council seat.
A motion was made by Doug Krum to nominate Gina Trapani, no 2nd was made. Nomination does not carry.
A motion was made by Doug Krum, 2nd by Roy Klinger to nominate David Rutherford for the vacant council seat.
A motion was made by Doug Krum to nominate Janel Patel for the vacant council seat, no 2nd was made. Nomination does not carry.
Attorney Anthony McDonald stated a roll call vote will be taken on each nomination and the first person to get 4 votes wins the seat. Guest Harold Kitchen expressed he felt that way of voting was unfair and should be done by secret ballot. Attorney Anthony McDonald explained it is unconstitutional to vote by secret ballot according to the Pennsylvania Borough Code.
A roll call vote was taken to appoint Victoria Waugh to the vacant council seat. Barbara Reese, Yes; Patsy Hess, Yes; Gary Steinruck, Yes; Roy Klinger, No; AJ McKenney, No; Doug Krum, Yes. Motion carries
- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Gary Steinruck to open the bids for the Milling & Paving of Shuman & Railroad Streets. The bids are as following HRI \$151,436.00; Mid-State Paving \$ 160,621.00; Sokol Inc. \$131,788.00; Glenn O. Hawbaker Inc. \$164,275.60; New Enterprise \$ 154,901.80 and Barletta Materials \$198,894.80. A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Patsy Hess to accept the bid from Sokol Inc. for the Milling & Paving of Shuman & Railroad Streets in the amount of \$131,788.00. All Aye
- A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Patsy Hess to discuss ordinance violations. Council President Doug Krum stated the property at 715 Shuman Street needs the sidewalks repaired. Mr. Krum stated the property owner cannot afford to repair the sidewalk. Council Vice President Gary Steinruck stated there is (2) properties in the borough that have sidewalk issues going on since last year. Attorney Anthony told Council Vice President Gary Steinruck he would like to look at the ordinance covering sidewalks before he gives definite instruction on what to do. Councilwoman Barbara Reese and Councilwoman Patsy Hess expressed they would like to hire a person that was interviewed for the part- time Code Enforcement Officer. They both feel this person can do more in 12 hours than Larry Frace is completing in 4 hours. After more discussion Council Vice President Gary Steinruck is asking what is going to be done for violations that are not enforced. Council President Doug Krum said he would tell Larry Frace to move forward with enforcing the ordinance violation issues tomorrow.
- There was a lack of motion to discuss Skye Vape Lounge being able to have BYOB.
- A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2nd by Roy Klinger to approve advertising for a full-time Police Officer. A roll call vote was taken Barbara Reese, Nay; Patsy Hess, Nay; Gary Steinruck, Nay; Roy Klinger, Aye; AJ McKenney, Aye; Doug Krum, Aye. Mayor Tim Benner was asked to vote. Tim Benner, Aye Motion carries
Guest Harold Kitchen asked if the Civil Service Commission rules were checked. Chief Laidacker responded yes we are covered.
- A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Roy Klinger to approve advertising for a part-time Police Officer. All Aye

- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by Roy Klinger to discuss Crystal's Stoker's drivers license renewal. Council President Doug Krum explained Crystal renewed her license then went back (2) months later and renewed again for the Real ID which extended her license for 8 years. Her license will expire in 2027. After a brief discussion, Council voted to approve paying Crystal Stoker for the 2nd renewal of her driver's license minus the Read ID fee with the stipulation of paying the prorated years back if she leaves employment before the 8 years is up. All Aye
- A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2nd by Roy Klinger to discuss donating to Catawissa Little League Baseball. A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2nd by Roy Klinger to donate \$100.00 to Catawissa Little League. A motion was made by Gary Steinruck, 2nd by Patsy Hess to donate \$50.00 to the Catawissa Little League. A roll call vote was taken on the motion for \$100.00 donation. (3) Aye; (3) Nay Mayor Tim Benner was asked to vote. Tim Benner, Aye Motion carries
- A motion was made by Roy Klinger, 2nd by AJ McKenney to approve Clair Kingston, Harry Young and Robert Dunkelberger to attend the Pennsylvania 811 Digging Seminar on May 16 at the Mohegan Sun Arena. All Aye

FINANCE PAYMENT OF BILLS

- A motion was made by Barbara Reese, 2nd by AJ McKenney to accept bills as written. All Aye

GUESTS TO BE HEARD

- None to be Heard

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by:

Connie M. Cole
Borough Secretary