

CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY October 11th, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

An executive session took place before the regular scheduled meeting at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Council President, Doug Krum.

ROLL CALL:

- Present were: Doug Krum, Corey Yule, AJ McKenney, Roy Klinger, Marnie Yeick, Victoria Waugh, Janel Patel, Attorney Anthony McDonald, Mayor Todd Burke

READING OF MINUTES:

- A motion was made by Marnie Yeick, 2nd by Roy Klinger to dispense reading of and approve minutes of the previous month's meeting. All Aye

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Council President Doug Krum stated he gave misinformation last month about the MMO's. When the meeting gets to that line item he will explain.
- Guest Pastor Mike Spanguolo informed Council the Catawissa Christian Church will be holding a Winterfest on Sunday December 5th from 4p.m. to 8p.m. Pastor Mike went into detail what all the Winterfest would entail. Pastor Mike asked Council to put a Christmas tree with lights in the Borough Hall side yard again this year and residents be allowed to make ornaments and put them on the tree. Pastor Mike also requested closing Bank Avenue for the Winterfest. A motion was made by Victoria Waugh, 2nd by Janel Patel to close Bank Avenue on Dec 5th 2021 for the Winterfest. All Aye
- Councilman Corey Yule volunteered to donate the use of his stainless-steel Solo fire ring for the event.
- Guest George Fletcher asked for an update on the culvert project. Mr. Fletcher stated he can now see the cement vault. Attorney Anthony McDonald asked Council if they reached out to the contractor stating we are having an issue and see if they will come look at the problem. Council President Doug Krum stated he will reach out to them.
- Guest Sue Helwig had a question about the pension numbers. Ms. Helwig asked if they were the minimums. Council President Doug Krum stated when they get to that line item on the agenda he will explain. Ms. Helwig also asked what the funds being moved out of the Eyer account will be used for. Council President Doug Krum stated nothing was in mind for the funds. Council President Doug Krum stated he will need to talk to Manager of Finance Nancy Yost and get back to her.
- Guest Pat Hess inquired if there were any more bids received for the remodel of the evidence rooms. Council President Doug Krum stated we didn't need to. Council President Doug Krum stated we received (2) bids, Fowler Construction and Maldonado. Ms. Hess also asked where the money was coming from. Council President Doug Krum stated Police Budget.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Borough received notice during an inspection for the demolition of the police evidence rooms, paint on the walls tested positive for lead. All areas will be sealed off while work is being done and all materials will and must be bagged to be disposed of.

MAYOR:

- Mayor Todd Burke thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- Mayor Burke also spoke his intent to talk to one of the overdose victims about treatment facilities again.

WATER:

- Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman reported the sidewalk at the fire hydrant in front of Sunoco will be done this week.
- Ms. Bachman reported the Spotted Lanternfly has been seen within the Borough. Ms. Bachman informed guests in attendance to kill the insects if found. Manager of Administration Connie Cole told Ms. Bachman she would repost information that was on the Borough website about the Spotted Lanternfly again.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

- Council President Doug Krum read the code enforcement report.

POLICE:

- Chief Laidacker reported for the month of September the department responded to (243) calls for service. Chief Laidacker read his report which stated the following:
- The department filed for the parade permit for the 114th Annual Halloween Parade on October 30th, 2021.
- The storage shed donated by the DA's office was delivered to the range.
- Officers of the department assisted with Senior Day.
- The Chief is still working with Penn Strategies in reference to an upcoming grant.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- A motion was made by Victoria Waugh, 2nd by Roy Klinger to approve placing the Giant Vac Leaf Vacuum on Muncibid for sale with a minimum bid of \$1000.00. All Aye

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- A motion was made by Roy Klinger, 2nd by AJ McKenney to approve advertising for an Emergency Management Coordinate on the Borough website and Community Facebook page. All Aye

UTILITIES:

- A motion was made by Roy Klinger, 2nd by AJ McKenney to discuss the zoning permit request from Everstream to install underground fiber optics. Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman was asked to speak on this matter by Councilman AJ McKenney. Ms. Bachman informed Council there is a terracotta sewer main and a cast iron water main going through the area where Everstream wants to dig underground. Ms. Bachman reported after a discussion with the Public Works Superintendents, the Utilities Committee and Code Enforcement Officer Bob Jones, everyone agreed it would be better to propose Everstream go overhead. If Everstream needed more poles placed they will be charged for time, materials and equipment. A motion was made by Roy Klinger, 2nd by Corey Yule to reject the digging underground by Everstream. All Aye
- A motion was made by Roy Klinger, 2nd by Marnie Yeick to approve a provision for Everstream to go overhead from N 3rd St. to Fox Avenue. All Aye
- Committee Chairman Corey Yule reported 33 electric doorhangers & 19 sewer doorhangers were hung for the month of September.

PARKS & RECREATION/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- A motion was made by Janel Patel, 2nd by Roy Klinger to approve donating \$100.00 to the Catawissa Christian Church. All Aye

PROPERTY & BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

- A motion was made by Victoria Waugh, 2nd by Marnie Yeick to approve making the Borough Parking lot on the Police Station side for Borough Employees only. All Aye
- A motion was made by Roy Klinger, 2nd by AJ McKenney to approve Larson Design to compose the scope of work and bid documents for the Sewer Plant. All Aye
- A motion was made by Victoria Waugh, 2nd by Corey Yule to approve vacating Bank Ave between Woody's Place and the Catawissa Christian Church. Attorney Anthony McDonald explained to Council an ordinance needs to be drafted, advertised and a public hearing needs to be advertised and held before a vote to vacate an alley can be done. A motion was made by Victoria Waugh, 2nd by Corey Yule to table the matter. All Aye Guest Sharon Krum and Sue Helwig expressed their concerns with a vote was taken to come up with a permit system for a use of an alley by a commercial business and a non-profit organization. Councilwoman Victoria Waugh explained she is still interested in a permit system. Ms. Waugh also explained she found evidence that an alley was vacated for a business so she feels to be fair a hearing needs to be held for everyone to express their concerns and to do this the right way.
- A motion was made by Victoria Waugh, 2nd by Marnie Yeick to discuss the Community Center. Councilwoman Victoria Waugh expressed her concerns with the Community Center needing more repairs than income it is generating. Council President Doug Krum stated he was ready to sell the building. Councilman Roy Klinger suggested a financial study to be done on what was spent, what income is generated and what benefit the building is to the community.

FINANCE:

- A motion to approve the electronic vote on 9/14/2021 regarding paying the minimum MMO for non-uniform for \$ 108,238.00 and uniform MMO of \$66,685.00 to be paid 2022. All Aye Council President Doug Krum explained he gave the wrong MMO amounts at September's meeting. The amounts he gave were amounts already voted on to be paid this year.

- A motion was made by Victoria Waugh, Marnie Yeick to discuss a donation to the Bloomsburg Recycling Center. A motion was made by Roy Klinger, 2nd by Roy Klinger to approve donating \$1300.00 to Bloomsburg Recycling Center. All Aye
- A motion was made by Victoria Waugh, 2nd by Roy Klinger to approve a written directive to use \$5000.00 from the principal of the Eyer Fund to go into the Borough's Eyer Account due to decrease interest rates. All Aye
- A motion was made by Victoria Waugh, 2nd by Marnie Yeick to approve applying an additional \$10,000.00 to Non-Uniform Pension and \$5,000.00 to the Uniform Pension. All Aye

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Employee evaluations have been going on.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Roy Klinger, 2nd by AJ McKenny to approve the draft letter to the Catawissa Water Authority regarding support for the flood mitigation funding. All Aye
- A motion was made by Marnie Yeick, 2nd by Roy Klinger to table the discussion regarding the Rental Ordinance. All Aye
- A motion was made by Roy Klinger, 2nd by Marnie Yeick to approve a discussion on the dry hydrant project. Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman reported she has submitted some questions to Jason Fitzgerald regarding the Flood Mitigation Grant. Ms. Bachman explained until she gets some answers the project cannot move forward.
- A motion was made by Roy Klinger, 2nd by Janel Patel to approve placing the (6) factory tires (225/70R19.5) from the T-tag up for bid on municibid. All Aye

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2nd by Corey Yule to discuss applying for the PIRMA Loss Control Grant. A motion was made by Victoria Waugh, 2nd by Roy Klinger to approve applying for the PIRMA Loss Control Grant. All Aye
- A motion was made by Victoria Waugh, 2nd by Marnie Yeick to approve Councilwoman Janel Patel apply for the Tmobile grant. All Aye
- A motion was made by Victoria Waugh, 2nd by Corey Yule to approve the quote from Jason Fowler Construction for \$9035.27 to remodel the evidence rooms so they are up to code at the Police Station. All Aye
- A motion was made by Roy Klinger, 2nd by Victoria Waugh to discuss the bids received for the cutting of the up rooted tree by the creek and grinding the stump. Council President Doug Krum read the estimates received from Northeastern Tree Service for \$1250.00 and Kocher Tree Service for \$1500.00. A motion was made by Victoria Waugh, 2nd by Roy Klinger to approve the bid from Northeastern Tree Service to the cutting up of the up rooted tree by the creek and grinding stump \$1250.00. All Aye

FINANCE PAYMENT OF BILLS

- A motion was made by Marnie Yeick, 2nd by Janel Patel to accept bills as written and any others that may arise before the next council meeting. All Aye

GUESTS TO BE HEARD

- Guest Gary Steinruck asked what the Eyer Fund balance and principle is. Council President Doug Krum stated he did not have that information with him but would drop it off to Mr. Steinruck's house tomorrow. Mr. Steinruck asked if the motion to draw up an ordinance need to be rescinded before moving forward. Attorney Anthony McDonald and Council President Doug Krum stated a motion was never made to draw up an ordinance for vacating Bank Avenue.
- Guest Sue Helwig asked if the \$5000.00 coming from the Eyer Fund is the normal distribution. Ms. Helwig also asked if the money was going to be used for something. Councilman Roy Klinger and Council President Doug Krum stated they couldn't remember what it is being used for but he would get back to her. Ms. Helwig also asked when the budget would be on the agenda. Council President Doug Krum said next month.

ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by Victoria Waugh, 2nd by Marnie Yeick to adjourn. All Aye

MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by:

Connie M. Cole, Borough Secretary