CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015 – 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, Jay Roberts, Gary Steinruck, Joe Benware, Forest McClintock, Doug Krum, Mayor Achy, Manager Roger Nuss, Attorney Anthony McDonald.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:
- Lynn and Mark Shannon asked for an explanation for the power outages in the Borough. Electric Department Superintendent Harry Young explained about the PPL lines in the Township that have not had limbs trimmed and are tripping the power.

CORRESPONDENCE:
- Columbia/Montour Borough meeting will be held on January 8, 2015 at the Capitol Theater Restaurant.

MAYOR:
- Mayor Achy stated that the Borough is still waiting on permission from Penn Dot for the cross walk lights.
- Mayor Achy also expressed his support of the Catawissa and surrounding Police Departments for their continued good work.

MANAGER REPORT:
- Borough Manager Roger Nuss read a summary report of the Borough employee activities for the month of December.
- Roger gave a summary report of his activities for the month of December.

WATER:
- Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman had nothing to report for this meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:
- Code Enforcement Officer James Haney had nothing to report for this meeting.

POLICE:
- Catawissa Borough Police Chief Joshua Laidacker reported that during the month of December the department responded to 78 (seventy-eitht) calls for service, as reported by the Columbia County Communications Center. For the year 0f 2014, the department responded to 1970 (one thousand nine hundred seventy) calls for service.
- The painting of the police station has been completed.
- Computition has replaced some of the outdated software and hardware at the station.

- Officer Hayes has received a letter of Commendation for his service in September with regards the prosecution of a large narcotics operation on Mill Street.

PUBLIC SAFETY:
- Committee Chairperson Forest McClintock had nothing to add to the Police Chief report.

UTILITIES:
- Committee Chairperson Connie Benware reported late notices for electric and sewer will be mailed the next business day. Last month 4 (four) meters were removed and 3 (three) meters were reinstalled.

PARKS & RECREATION:
- Committee Chairperson Joe Benware had nothing to report for this meeting.

PROPERTY/BUILDING MAINTENANCE:
- Committee Chairperson Gary Steinruck had nothing to report for this meeting.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION:
- Connie Benware made the motion seconded by Jay Roberts to send Lori George to a Quick Books class on January 13, 2015 in Williamsport. All aye.

UNION NEGOTIATION:
- Committee Chairperson Scott Keefer had nothing to report for this meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:
- Committee Chairperson Doug Krum had nothing to report for this meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- NONE

NEW BUSINESS:
- Forest McClintock made a motion seconded by Joe Benware to appoint Nick Fletcher to the Catawissa Water Authority for a five year term starting January 12, 2015 thru December 31, 2019. All aye.
- Jay Roberts made a motion seconded by Connie Benware to use First Columbia Bank and Trust as the Borough banking institution of 2015. All aye.
- Joe Benware made a motion seconded by Jay Roberts to retain Anthony McDonald of Bull, Bull and McDonald as the Borough Solicitor for 2015 at no rate increase. All aye.
- Forest McClintock made a motion seconded by Scott Keefer for approval of the Chief of Police contract for 2015-2016. Gary Steinruck was the only opposition. 6-1 aye.

FINANCE:
- Forest McClintock made a motion seconded by Jay Roberts to accept the payment of the bills as written. All aye.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:
- Pat Hess would like to see the Web Site updated consistently. Scott Keefer assured Ms. Hess the web site would be updated ASAP.

ADJOURNMENT:
- Jay Roberts made a motion seconded by Forest McClintock to adjourn. All aye.

MEETING ADJOURNED:
Submitted by:
Kimberly Rhoades
Secretary