

Catawissa Borough Council Meeting

DATE: October 7th, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

- CALL TO ORDER:
 - Council President Andrew Detwiler called the meeting to order.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
- ROLL CALL:
 - Present were: Andrew Detwiler, Sue Helwig, Ernie May, Jeff Fleming, John Mensch, Paul Hulse, Mayor Todd Burke and Anthony McDonald Absent: Kevin Ferris
- READING OF MINUTES:
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Ernie May to dispense reading of and approve minutes of the September 9th, 2024 Borough Council Meeting. All Aye
- GUESTS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:
 - No guests to be heard.
- CORRESPONDENCE:
 - The Borough thanked Mack Wingate for cleaning the Catawissa stone at Eyer Park.
 - The Borough thanked Solicitor Anthony McDonald for his donation of \$400 for the meal provided for the volunteers helping with the Halloween Parade.
- MAYOR:
 - Mayor Todd Burke thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Staff and Authority Reports

- WATER:
 - Catawissa Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman had nothing to report.
- CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:
 - Councilman Jeff Fleming read the code enforcement report.
- POLICE:
 - Mayor Todd Burke read the police report for September 2024. Police responded to 250 calls during the month.
 - Officers are scheduled to begin DT Training in October.
 - Officers are currently working on the required annual MPOETC Updates.
 - Cpl. Hayes attended NRA Rifle Instructor Course during the end of September.

Committee Reports

- FINANCE/UTILITIES:
 - Councilwoman Sue Helwig read the electric & sewer open/past due report.

- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Ernie May to approve a donation in the amount of \$1500 to the Town of Bloomsburg Recycling with the funds coming from GL# 426.41. All Aye
- A motion was made by Sue Helwig, 2nd by Ernie May to approve a payment change for the 2024 Uniform Pension MMO from \$78,123 to \$ 88,863 and \$82,625 to \$96,769 for Non-uniform Pension MMO. All Aye
- A motion was made by Sue Helwig, 2nd by Paul Hulse to approve Resolution 2024-06 Reducing Police Officers' Contributions to the Uniformed Pension Plan for the Year 2025. All Aye
- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Sue Helwig to approve moving \$42,000 budgeted in the Capital Fund for a Vehicle to be transferred to a Vehicle Reserve Fund. All Aye
- A motion was made by Ernie May, 2nd by Paul Hulse to approve a \$713.44 increase for the Altec billing for the electric bucket truck due to inspection, oil change, filter replacement, hydraulic oil and unreadable placard replacement. All Aye
- PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Ernie May to accept the resignation of Trisha Bauman from Civil Service Commission. All Aye
 - A motion was made by Ernie May, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to appoint Trisha Bauman as Catawissa Borough Treasurer with a starting rate of \$19.50 with benefits, starting Monday October 21, 2024. All Aye
- PROPERTY BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Sue Helwig to approve the Catawissa Christian Church for the afternoon and evening of December 8th, 2024 close Bank Ave and Fox Ave on either side of the church as well as Quinn Ave right behind the church giving them the ability to keep things in a small footprint for Winterfest, and utilize both of the church's parking lots without worry of imposing traffic. All Aye
 - A motion was made by John Mensch, 2nd by Paul Hulse to approve the Agreement between Catawissa Borough and Catawissa Township regarding 24/7 police coverage for a sum of \$55,000. All Aye
 - A motion John Mensch, 2nd by Ernie May to approve an Easement Agreement between Catawissa Borough and the property owners of 54 Ferry Rd. All Aye
 - A motion was made by John Mensch, 2nd by Paul Hulse to approve the Dry Hydrant Project scope of work service with Larson Design for a cost of \$11,400 with payment coming from the ARPA Funds. All Aye
 - A motion was made by John Mensch, 2nd by Ernie May to discuss implementing a fee of \$100.00 per machine/space on all games of skill in the borough. Machines will be tallied per location in store, if one is removed there will be no refund for the year but will not be charged in the next year. Machines should be numbered and recorded by Bob Jones in order to keep track of them. After a brief discussion Council decided to have a resolution ready for approval next month. All Aye
 - A motion was made by Sue Helwig, 2nd by Paul Hulse to discuss Food Trucks in the Borough. This item is going to return to the Committee for more discussion.
 - A motion was made by John Mensch, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to discuss leasing the Community Center and lower level. Paul Hulse & John Mensch discussed installing an electric hot water heater to cut down on cost. A lease agreement will be composed for approval next month so advertising for lease can start. All Aye

- A motion was made by Sue Helwig, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to approve Gary Roberts opening the Quaker Meeting House for a walk of the town on October 26th from 11 to 1. All Aye
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - No unfinished business to discuss.
- NEW BUSINESS:
 - No new business to discuss.

FINANCE: Payment of Bills.

- A motion to accept bills as written and any others that may arise before the next council meeting was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Ernie May. All Aye

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Guest Gary Roberts thanked Council for allowing the Quaker Meeting House to be open for the walk of town. Mr. Roberts reported the 250th Committee will have a booth at the Halloween Parade. The 250th Committee is donating a black marble bench commemorating the 250th. The Committee would like to do the dedication of the bench on December 15th, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion for adjournment was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Sue Helwig. All Aye

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Connie Cole, Manager of Administration