

Catawissa Borough Council Meeting

DATE: Nov 11th, 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, Kevin Ferris, Mayor Todd Burke and Anthony McDonald
 - President Andrew Detwiler thanked the veterans for their service.
- READING OF MINUTES:
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Sue Helwig 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:
 - None
- MAYOR:
 - Mayor Todd Burke thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
 - Mayor Burke reported the handgun bingo the Catawissa Borough Police Officers Benevolent Association held on Saturday November 9th was a success.

Staff and Authority Reports

- WATER:
 - Catawissa Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman reminded Council of the Drought Watch that is in effect.
 - Councilman Andrew Detwiler reminded everyone there is a county wide burn ban right now.
- PUBLIC WORKS:
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by John Mensch to approve the purchase of (2) ball valves for the sewer plant with funds coming from GL# 427.24 in the Sewer Fund. All Aye
- CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:
 - Councilman Jeff Fleming read the code enforcement report.
- POLICE:
 - Chief Laidacker read the police report for October 2024. Police responded to 190 calls during the month.
 - The department assisted in traffic control for the 117th Annual Halloween Parade.
 - Department Officers assisted the Maor with Trick or Treat night on the 30th.
 - The department was awarded \$160,326 from the 2023 LSA Grant. We are requesting approval to begin work on the two projects outlined in the grant.
 - The department is seeking approval to begin the application process for the 2024 LSA Grant. This project will include a patrol vehicle and a rescue UTV vehicle with trailer.
 - Councilwoman Sue Helwig told Chief Laidacker he did a great job on the grant writing.

Committee Reports

- FINANCE/UTILITIES:
 - Councilwoman Sue Helwig will read the utilities report.
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Ernie May to table the purchase of a Grasshopper Lawnmower for a cost of \$17,200.00 with fund coming from GL# 428.26 in Sewer Funds to maintain Sewer Plant property. All Aye

- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Ernie May to approve Resolution 2024-07 regarding Treasurer Trisha Bauman as Chief Administrative Officer of the Police & Non-Uniformed Pension Plans. All Aye
- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Kevin Ferris to approve Resolution 2024-08 regarding the submission of a LSA Grant Application for a Police UTV Rescue Vehicle. All Aye
- A motion was made by Sue Helwig, 2nd by Kevin Ferris to approve Resolution 2024-09 regarding the submission of a LSA Grant Application for a Police Vehicle. All Aye
- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Ernie May to approve Resolution 2024-10 regarding the submission of a LSA Grant Application for new office computers, (2) monitors, and a printer. All Aye
- A motion was made by Sue Helwig, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to approve allocating \$17,000 of the ARPA Funds to the Dry Hydrant Project and the remaining ARPA Funds approximately \$15,494.58 to the Sewer Plant Blower Project. All Aye
- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Paul Hulse to approve Larson Design to move forward with the Blower Project. All Aye
- **PROPERTY BUILDING & MAINTENANCE:**
 - A motion was made by Sue Helwig, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to approve the 2nd Annual Holiday Lights Contest with (4) winners to win \$50 credit on their electric account. All Aye
 - A motion was made by John Mensch, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to approve the Easement Agreement between Catawissa Borough and the property owners at 54 Old Ferry Rd. All Aye
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Paul Hulse to approve leasing Borough property between Flemings and the Little League Field on S. 3rd St. to the Catawissa Little League for a \$1.00 with the Little League providing their own Liability Insurance and mowing the grass. All Aye
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by John Mensch to approve Resolution 2024-11 regarding Food Trucks. All Aye
 - A motion was made by John Mensch, 2nd by Ernie May to approve advertising Ordinance 03-2024 regarding Games of Skill. All Aye

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 John Mensch. All Aye

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Guest Gary Roberts reported the 250th Committee will be selling sweatshirts. Mr. Roberts would like to Council's help deciding on a location for the granite bench the 250th committee will be giving the Borough. Mr. Roberts also expressed his concerns with all the big trucks going through town.

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