

CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday January 6th, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Council President Andrew Detwiler.

ROLL CALL:

- Present were: Andrew Detwiler, Jeff Fleming, John Mensch, Ernie May, Kevin Ferris, Paul Hulse and Mayor Todd Burke

READING OF MINUTES:

- A motion was made by Paul Hulse, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to dispense reading of and approve minutes of the Dec. 23rd, 2024 Council Meeting. All Aye

GUESTS TO BE HEARD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

- No Guest to be heard.

MAYOR:

- Mayor Burke welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mayor Burke is looking forward to the New Year.

STAFF and AUTHORITY REPORTS

WATER:

- Superintendent Cindy Bachman reported the drought watch is still on.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

- Councilman Jeff Fleming read the Code Enforcement report.

FINANCE/UTILITIES:

- Council President Andrew Detwiler will read the open & closed electric report.
- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by John Mensch to approve the agreement with Grant Success Lab for our grant writing needs. All Aye
- A motion was made by Paul Hulse, 2nd by Ernie May to approve transferring \$50,000 from electric to an Electric Reserve Fund. All Aye

PERSONNEL:

- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by John Mensch to approve a 3% raise increase for Code Enforcement Officer Robert Jones for the year 2025. All Aye
- A motion was made by Ernie May, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to approve a 3% raise increase for George Budman, Streets Department for the year 2025. All Aye

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Paul Hulse to appoint Sue Helwig as delegate for the Columbia County Tax Collection Committee. All Aye

- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by John Mensch to appoint Ernie May alternate for the Columbia County Tax Committee. All Aye
- A motion was made by John Mensch, 2nd by Paul Hulse to set a policy that all grant applications must be approved before being submitted.
- A motion was made by Paul Hulse, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to approve the reappointment of Harry Young to serve a five-year term on the Water Authority Board, for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029. All Aye

FINANCE PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

GUEST TO BE HEARD:

- Guest Walt Gosciminski gave Council details on his 111 Main St. property and the Flood Buy-Out Program he would like to apply for.
- Guest Jared Fenstermacher asked what the progress was with the parking on the E. Main St sidewalk. Chief Laidacker stated a memo was sent out to the residents and most have been courteous to allow space for a stroller or wheel chair.
- Guest Gary Roberts reported the Catawissa Celebrates 250 plus Committee will start meetings at the end of January to start planning a carnival for June. The donated bench will be placed in the Spring when the weather is nicer.

ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by John Mensch to adjourn. All Aye

MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by:

Connie M. Cole, Manager of Administration