

Catawissa Borough Council Meeting

DATE: June 9th, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

- CALL TO ORDER
 - Meeting called to order by President Andrew Detwiler.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL: Andrew Detwiler, Jeff Fleming, Ernie May, John Mensch, Paul Hulse, Mayor Todd Burke, Sue Helwig, Absent Kevin Ferris
- READING OF MINUTES:
 - A motion to dispense reading of and approve minutes from May 5th, 2025 meeting was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Paul Hulse. All Aye
- GUESTS TO BE HEARD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:
 - None to be heard.
- CORRESPONDENCE:
 - Nothing to report.
- MAYOR:
 - Mayor Todd Burke thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The mayor reported the Police Department is still doing an outstanding job.

Staff and Authority Reports

- WATER AUTHORITY:
 - Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman reported the state still has the Borough in a drought and to be mindful of usage.

Committee Reports

- FINANCE/UTILITIES:
 - A motion to approve a pension study at a cost of \$1,850 to review how changing the current pension plan will impact the contribution of the Borough. The study will be paid by the pension plan. A motion to table was made by Ernie May, 2nd by John Mensch until further information can be gathered. All Aye
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Sue Helwig to reimburse Riverview Apartments \$2,009.64 for the 2024 tax overpayment and \$1,644.05 for their 2025 tax overpayment, as per the agreement regarding property value negotiated by the Borough, the School District and the County. All Aye
 - A motion was made by Ernie May, 2nd by Paul Hulse to reject the proposed American Tower rent reduction. All Aye
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Paul Hulse to approve TLM Electric to install power to High Power Boxes for the \$5,125 not paid by the grant for the camera project with funding coming from a \$2,000 donation to the police by the VFW, \$1,625 from Electric GL 442.20 and \$1,500 from Police Professional Services GL 410.35. All Aye

****All guests will have a (3) minute limit for all issues to be heard. ****

- PERSONNEL:
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Ernie May to accept the resignation of Fred Kessler effective May 27th, 2025. All Aye
- NEW BUSINESS:
 - A motion was made by Paul Hulse, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to approve a time extension for 90 days from Dave Gutelius, Inc. for the Dry Hydrant project. All Aye
 - A motion was made by John Mensch, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to approve the quote from ICEA Solutions for \$8589.36 to install and calibrate a new Dual Channel Transmitter and replace the PVC junction boxes the sensors mount to. All Aye
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by John Mensch to approve that committee members must be in agreement before a call is made to the Borough Solicitor and/or Borough Labor Attorney. Councilwoman Sue Helwig asked why this came about and what if one person was out voted. Council expressed they are trying to cut costs on unnecessary calls to the solicitor. If a committee is not in agreement and a Council Member feels the call is important then a full council vote can be taken for approve to make the call. All Aye
- FINANCE Payment of Bills.
 - A motion was made by Sue Helwig, 2nd by Ernie May to accept bills as written and any other that may arise before the next council meeting. All Aye
- GUESTS TO BE HEARD:
 - Guest John Trathen spoke on behalf of Catawissa First United Methodist Church. Mr. Trathen spoke to Council about a sink whole that opened up in the vicinity of the culvert pipe and the junction access point. The church is requesting the Borough fix the hole. Council expressed that the hole opened on the church property and we are not responsible to fill the hole. The Borough did offer material to fill the with. The church asked for the borough to deliver and have our employees fill in the hole. Council stated they cannot do that but the church is more than welcome to come get the material for the fill.
 - Guest Gary Roberts reported Catawissa Celebrates 250 reported the festival is next week. There will be 19 food vendors, 18 craft vendors, a bounce house, music and bingo. Numidia fire company will be there with chicken BBQ. Councilman John Mensch thanked the Gary Roberts for putting the festival together. Councilwoman Sue Helwig told Gary Roberts great job.
- ADJOURNMENT:
 - A motion was made by John Mensch, 2nd by Ernie May to adjourn. All Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Cole
Manager of Administration, Catawissa Borough