

Catawissa Borough Council Meeting

DATE: August 11th, 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, Kevin Ferris
- READING OF MINUTES:
 - A motion to dispense reading of and approve minutes from July 7th, 2025 meeting was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Ernie May. All Aye
- GUESTS TO BE HEARD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:
 - None to be heard.
- CORRESPONDENCE:
 - No correspondence
- 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

- POLICE:
 - Mayor Burke reported Car #1 had a replacement of the tire pressure sensors in front and rear.
 - Car# 2 A/C blower replaced.
 - Car #2 driver's seat track is being worked on.
 - The traffic camera project from the 2023 LSA grant is in progress.
 - The department is short staffed due to an officer being out on medical leave.

Committee Reports

- FINANCE/UTILITIES:
 - A motion was made by John Mensch, 2nd by Ernie May to approve the purchase of (12) electric Vision ST meters for a cost of \$732.00 coming from GL# 442.20 in the Electric Fund. All Aye
 - A motion was made by Ernie May, 2nd by Paul Hulse to approve \$86,681.00 for the Police Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation for the 2026 budget year. All Aye
 - A motion was made by Sue Helwig, 2nd by Ernie May to approve \$105,430 for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan Minimum Municipal Obligation for the 2026 budget year. All Aye

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

- NEW BUSINESS:
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by John Mensch to approve ending the cleaning services with Bloom & Broom. All Aye
 - A motion was made by John Mensch, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to approve Resolution 2025-03 regarding Removing Borough Property at 319 Pine Street from Tax Exempt Status for Real Estate Tax Purposes. All Aye
 - A motion was made by John Mensch, 2nd by Sue Helwig to approve the lease agreement between Columbia County Traveling Library and Catawissa Borough for 319 Pine Street. All Aye
- FINANCE Payment of Bills.
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Paul Hulse to accept bills as written and any other that may arise before the next council meeting. All Aye
- GUESTS TO BE HEARD:
 - Guest Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman reported people ignoring the no trespassing signs at the Catawissa Dam. Ms. Bachman made Council aware the police are called if anyone is seen trespassing and the police will be doing more patrols in that area.
 - Councilman John Mensch announced Community Day will be Saturday September 13th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Councilman Mensch asked other Council members for help on the day of the event. Mr. Mensch passed a flyer out for Council to see what all was going to be offered.
 - Councilman Kevin Ferris stated resident Ron Fritz was inquiring what was going to be done with the Walnut Street property that the grass is not being maintained. Councilman Ferris was told the Code Enforcement Officer is working on this issue and it has gone to the Magistrate.
- ADJOURNMENT:
 - A motion was made by John Mensch, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to adjourn. All Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Cole
Manager of Administration, Catawissa Borough