Catawissa Borough Council Meeting
DATE: February 9th, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

- CALL TO ORDER
    - Meeting called to order by President John Mensch.

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- ROLL CALL: John Mensch, Ernie May, Jeff Fleming, Paul Hulse, Andrew Detwiler, AJ McKenney and Mayor Todd Burke. Kevin Ferris arrived at 6:34 p.m.

    An executive session was held Thursday February 5th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. regarding a personnel issue.

- READING OF MINUTES:
    - A motion to dispense reading of and approve minutes from the previous month's 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:
    - Treasurer Trish Bauman relayed a message for Cindy Bachman from the Water Authority stating a second round of income surveys for the CBDG grant eligibility will be mailed on 2/16/26, with a return date of 2/26/26.

Staff and Authority Reports

- POLICE:
    - Heater/Blower in car #2 is not working.
    - Internet issues with car #1 being addressed by Keystone Communication.
    - Department is short staffed due to an Officer being out on medical leave.
    - Officer Vazquez submitted his resignation effective February 20, 2026.
    - No viable applications received for Officer Vazquez's position.
    - MPOETC re-certification for 2025 was completed.

Committee Reports

- FINANCE:
    - A motion was made by Andrew Detwiler, 2nd by Ernie May to approve closing the ARPA Fund account and disbursing the funds to Sewer Fund Reserve. All Aye
    - A motion was made by Andrew Detwiler, 2nd by AJ McKenney to approve the transfer of $15,000 from the Sewer Fund to Sewer Reserve account. All Aye
    - A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to approve the transfer of $50,000 from the General Fund to General Fund Reserve. All Aye
    - A motion was made by Paul Hulse, 2nd by Andrew Detwiler to approve the transfer of $50,000 from the Electric Fund to Electric Reserve. All Aye

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- • A motion was made by Ernie May, 2nd by Andrew Detwiler to approve reinvesting both the $250,000 & $350,000 CD with Journey Bank for 12 months at an APR of 4.05%. All Aye

- • PUBLIC SAFETY:
  - • A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Andrew Detwiler to approve the electronic vote on Friday January 30th, 2026 to contract Sokol Inc. to remove snow on Main St. from 5 points red light to the river bridge. All Aye

- • NEW BUSINESS:
  - • A motion was made by Ernie May, 2nd by Kevin Ferris to appoint AJ McKenney as delegate for the Columbia County Tax Collection Committee. All Aye
  - • A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Andrew Detwiler to appoint Ernie May as the alternate for the Columbia County Tax Collection Committee. All Aye
  - • A motion was made by Andrew Detwiler, 2nd by Paul Hulse to renew the Wright Flood Insurance policy for the Generator Building at the current coverage for $2,271. All Aye
  - • A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by AJ McKenney to approve the renewal of the Wright Flood Insurance policy for the Control Building at the current coverage for $2,924. 3 Aye, 4 Nay; Ernie May, AJ McKenney, Kevin Ferris and John Mensch. Motion does not carry
  - • A motion was made by Kevin Ferris, 2nd by Ernie May to approve the renewal of the Wright Flood Insurance policy for the Control Building for the increased coverage for $2,938. 5 Aye, 2 Nay; Paul Hulse and Andrew Detwiler . Motion Carries
  - • A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Andrew Detwiler to approve the annual Memorandum of Understanding between Catawissa Borough and the Columbia County Conservation District. All Aye

- • FINANCE Payment of Bills.
  - • A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 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:
  - • None to be heard.

- • ADJOURNMENT:
  - • A motion was made by Andrew Detwiler, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to adjourn. All Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Bauman
Treasurer, Catawissa Borough

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