

# Catawissa Borough Council Meeting

DATE: March 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, Kevin Ferris and Anthony McDonald.

**An executive session was held Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00 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 Ernie May, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Detwiler. All Aye
- GUESTS TO BE HEARD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:
  - None to be heard.
- CORRESPONDENCE:
  - Nothing to report.

## Staff and Authority Reports

- WATER:
  - Water Superintendent Cindy Bachman reported Columbia County is on a drought watch. Also, the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of income surveys has been received.
- POLICE:
  - Heater/Blower in car #2 was repaired.
  - Internet issues with car #1 were resolved.
  - Department is short staffed due to an Officer being out on medical leave.
  - The 2024 LSA paperwork was finalized and we have begun the process of ordering the equipment.
  - Officer Moyer submitted his resignation effective February 28, 2026.
  - No viable applications received for his position.

## Committee Reports

- FINANCE:
  - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AJ McKenney to approve 2026 Traffic Signal Maintenance Rate Proposal. All Aye
  - A motion was made by Ernie May, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Detwiler to approve advertising for the Borough Office Computer Upgrade. All Aye
  - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie May to approve Borough Solicitor Anthony McDonald to draft a policy regarding home owner reimbursement up to \$500.00 for home owner insurance deductible or clean up charges for sewer main back up. Councilman Kevin Ferris abstained. All Aye

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- PERSONNEL:
  - A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Detwiler to approve Jason Brown starting Full-time employment as a Department of Public Works Employee starting Tuesday March 10, 2026 at a rate of \$18/hr. and completing his probationary period on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Councilman Paul Hulse made a motion to table the matter with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie May. All Aye
  - A motion was made by Paul Hulse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie May to approve accepting the resignation of Officer Jeremy Moyer effective February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026. 6 Aye, 1 Nay- Jeff Fleming motion carries
  - A motion was made by Andrew Detwiler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AJ McKenney to approve Bruce Snyder to attend PREA pole climbing school on May 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup> – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 for \$4,000.00 with the cost coming from the Electric Fund GL# 441.70. 6 Aye, 1 Nay- Ernie May
  
- PUBLIC SAFETY:
  - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Hulse to approve Catawissa Borough Community Yard Sale for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026. All Aye
  - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Detwiler to approve Catawissa Borough Dumpster Day for May 30<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. All Aye
  
- FINANCE Payment of Bills.
  - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Detwiler to accept bills as written and any other that may arise before the next council meeting. All Aye
  
- GUESTS TO BE HEARD:
  - Guests Shirl Whitenight and Darlene Raire Thomas expressed their concerns with stray cats within the Borough.
  - Guest Gary Roberts reported the 250<sup>th</sup> bingo has been rescheduled for Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Roberts requested he be allowed to open the Quaker Meeting House for the Columbia County 250<sup>th</sup> Committee. Council told Mr. Roberts to get them the dates he would like to open the Meeting House.
  - Mr. Roberts reported the VFW and the Christian Church are working on opening a Red Cross Emergency Center.
  
- ADJOURNMENT:
  - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Detwiler to adjourn. All Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Connie M. Cole  
 Manager of Administration, Catawissa Borough

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