

Catawissa Borough Council Meeting

DATE: May 11th, 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, Kevin Ferris, AJ McKenney, Mayor Todd Burke and Attorney Anthony McDonald via phone
- 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 Ernie May. All Aye
- GUESTS TO BE HEARD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:
 - Guest Cindy Bachman asked Chief Laidacker what is expected of the officers if the Memorandum of Agreement is approved and how long does the agreement last. Chief Laidacker said nothing that we don't normally do. The Agreement will give us further access to government agencies and by his understanding it is a two-year agreement.
- CORRESPONDENCE:
 - Nothing to report

Staff and Authority Reports

- MAYOR:
 - Mayor Todd Burke thanked everyone for attending the meeting and announced the new Police vehicle looks good.
- POLICE:
 - During the month of April 2026, the department responded to 289 calls for service
 - The new 2026 Dodge has been delivered
 - Application received for the full-time position. Currently waiting on the completion of the background check in order to schedule testing
 - Officer Derr completed training and is available to be scheduled for shifts

Committee Reports

- FINANCE:
 - A motion was made by Ernie May, 2nd by Andrew Detwiler to approve the purchase of (6) LDBK 15KV Load Cutouts and (6) NLB 15KV Cutouts at a cost of \$2054.28 being paid from GL# 442.20 in Electric Fund. All Aye
 - A motion was made by Paul Hulse, 2nd by Andrew Detwiler to approve selling the 2014 Police Ford Tarus on Municibid with a reserve of \$2000.00. All Aye
- PUBLIC SAFETY:
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Andrew Detwiler to table the purchase of Flex a Fill Sealant (tar) from Bradco Supply Company at a cost of \$2475.00 with funds coming from Liquid Fuels GL# 438.01. All Aye
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Andrew Dewiler to approve the Memorandum of Agreement 287(g) Task Force Model between Catawissa Borough and Department of Homeland Security. 6 Aye, 1 Nay; AJ McKenney
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by AJ McKenney to approve opening the sealed bids for the Street Paving Project. All Aye
 - A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2nd by Andrew Dewiler to award the Street Paving Project to the lowest responsible bidder upon Borough Solicitor's review. All Aye See attached Bid Tabulations
 - A motion was made by Kevin Ferris, 2nd Ernie May to add to the agenda the purchase of Flex a Fill Sealant (tar) from Bradco Supply Company at a cost of \$2475.00 with funds coming from Liquid Fuels GL# 438.01. All Aye

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

- A motion was made by Andrew Detwiler, 2nd by Paul Hulse to approve the purchase of Flex a Fill Sealant (tar) from Bradco Supply Company at a cost of \$2475.00 with funds coming from Liquid Fuels GL# 438.01. All Aye
- NEW BUSINESS:
 - A motion was made by Andrew Detwiler, 2nd by Jeff Fleming to approve the lease agreement between Catawissa Borough and Catawissa Little League. All Aye
 - A motion was made by Ernie May, 2nd by Andrew Detwiler to approve Catawissa 250 Committee to have a licensed and insured electrician install 30- & 50-amp outlets to the following poles at Catawissa Park at no cost to the Borough. All Aye
 - P1 - 30 amp
 - P2 – 30 amp
 - P4 – 50 amp
 - P5 (2) 50 amp
 - P6 – 30 amp
 - P7 – 50 amp
 - P8 – 50 amp
- FINANCE Payment of Bills.
 - A motion was made by Andrew Detwiler, 2nd by Jeff Fleming 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 AJ McKenney, 2nd by Kevin Ferris to adjourn. All Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Bauman
Treasurer, Catawissa Borough