

Catawissa Borough Organization Meeting

DATE: September 14th, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Council 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, Attorney Anthony McDonald.

READING OF MINUTES:

- A motion to dispense reading of and approve minutes of previous month's meeting.
M____ 2nd ____.

CORRESPONDENCE:

GUESTS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: (Each guest is limited to 3 minutes for comments)

Staff and Authority Reports

MAYOR:

- Mayor Todd Burke will announce Trick or Treat Night.

WATER:

POLICE:

Committee Reports

FINANCE:

- A motion to approve the contract between Catawissa Borough and Smith Service and Maintenance to operate and maintain the Wastewater treatment plant for a cost of \$5,100(labor only). Emergency call out will be \$150/hr. for the first two hours and \$70/hr. thereafter. with an annual 3% increase. This service will go into effective September 15th 2026.
M____ 2nd ____.
- A motion to approve the estimate from Versalift for the repair of the electric truck bucket liner for a cost of \$2316.92 with funds coming from Electric GL# 442.50. M____ 2nd ____.
- A motion to approve the quote from Piping Unlimited LLC to replace the solenoid air valves in both clarifiers for a cost of \$4,350.00 with funds coming from Sewer GL# 427.36.
M____ 2nd ____.
- A motion to approve the donation of \$1400.00 to the Catawissa Halloween Parade with the funds coming from General Fund GL# 452.10. M____ 2nd ____.

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

PERSONNEL:

- A motion to approve the resignation of Robert Dunkelberger effective September 19, 2026. M ____ 2nd ____.
- A motion to approve the resignation of Robert Jones from the Emergency Management Coordinator position effective September 14th, 2026. M ____ 2nd ____.
- A motion to appoint Chief Josh Laidacker to the EMA Coordinator position effective September 15th, 2026. M ____ 2nd ____.
- A motion to approve the hiring of Rachael Lenar for a part-time patrolman. M ____ 2nd ____.
- A motion to approve an offer of employment to Wilson Bradley pending graduation from the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Academy. M ____ 2nd ____.
- A motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Catawissa Borough and Robert Jones, Department of Public Works and Code Enforcement Officer. M ____ 2nd ____.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion to approve submitting a LSA grant application for a skid steer with a boom mower and swing arm mower attachment not to exceed \$115,000. M ____ 2nd ____.

FINANCE Payment of Bills.

- Motion to accept as written. M ____ 2nd ____

GUESTS TO BE HEARD: (Each guest is limited to 3 minutes for comments)

- Guest Gary Roberts will be dedicating the marble bench donated by the Catawissa 250th Committee to the borough.

ADJOURNMENT: M ____ 2nd ____