

# 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, 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 was made by Jeff Fleming, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Detwiler. All Aye

## CORRESPONDENCE:

- Nothing to report.

## GUESTS TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

- None to be heard.

### Staff and Authority Reports

#### MAYOR:

- Mayor Todd Burke announced that Trick or Treat will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 with a rain date of October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 6-8 P.M. He stated that the increase in pay for part-time officers has helped out a lot. He thanked part-time officers for stepping up.

#### WATER:

- Water Superintendent Cindy Bachman reported the Water Authority will be flushing hydrants October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

#### POLICE:

- Solenoid was replaced for the radios in Car #2 and Car #3 due to shutting off issue.
- Car #1 had an oil change, tire rotation, and inspection.
- Estimate was received to repair an engine issue with Car #1.
- Paperwork was received to begin preparations for the Halloween Parade.
- Dept requests that a budget be set for the dinner after the parade for volunteers.
- UTV from the 2025 LSA Grant is now in service and registered as an emergency vehicle.
- A part-time application was received from Candidate Lenar
- A full-time application was received for Candidate Bradly. Bradly has successfully completed the background and Civil Service Testing.

### Committee Reports

#### FINANCE:

- A motion was made by Ernie May, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Fleming 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 15<sup>th</sup> 2026. All Aye
- A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Fleming 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. All Aye
- A motion was made by Ernie May, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Fleming 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. All Aye
- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Detwiler to approve the donation of \$1400.00 to the Catawissa Halloween Parade with the funds coming from General Fund GL# 452.10. All Aye

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

PERSONNEL:

- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew Detwiler to approve the resignation of Robert Dunkelberger effective September 19, 2026. All Aye
- A motion was made by Ernie May, 2<sup>nd</sup> by AJ McKenney to approve the resignation of Robert Jones from the Emergency Management Coordinator position effective September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. All Aye
- A motion was made by Andrew Detwiler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie May to appoint Chief Josh Laidacker to the EMA Coordinator position effective September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. All Aye
- A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Ferris to approve the hiring of Rachael Lenar for a part-time patrolman. All Aye
- A motion was made by Andrew Detwiler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie May to approve an offer of employment to Wilson Bradley pending graduation from the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Academy. All Aye
- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie May to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Catawissa Borough and Robert Jones, Department of Public Works and Code Enforcement Officer. All Aye

NEW BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Andrew Detwiler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie May 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. All Aye
- A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Fleming to add approving the date of the annual Catawissa Halloween Parade to the agenda. All Aye
- A motion was made by Jeff Fleming, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ernie May to approve October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 and a rain date of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 for the Catawissa Halloween Parade. 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 that may arise before the next council meeting. All Aye

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Guest Gary Roberts dedicated the Catawissa Celebrates 250<sup>th</sup> bench to Catawissa Borough. It is a statement of their commitment to the history of Catawissa.

ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by AJ McKenney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Fleming to adjourn. All Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha C. Bauman

Treasurer