

CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010  
7:00 PM AT BOROUGH HALL

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Council President Scott Keefer.
- The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

- Present were: Forest McClintock, Barb Reese, Linda Kashner, Scott Keefer, Barry Krum, Skeeter Helwig, Tim Benner, Jr. Councilperson Michael Gregorowicz, Mayor Frank Achy, Atty. Anthony McDonald. None were absent.

READING OF MINUTES:

- Tim Benner made the motion to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous months meeting. Forest McClintock seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Barb Savage brought to the attention to council that the February minutes were in correct. The minutes state that Barb Savage asked the meters be read by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. The minutes should read that Barry Krum asked for the meter read date. Forest McClintock made the motion to amend the February minutes with the change Barb Savage stated. Skeeter Helwig seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.
- Also Ms. Savage pointed out that in the January minutes Barry Krum was stated as making a motion and the second to appoint Nick Fletcher to the Water Authority. Later in the meeting it was discovered by Pattie Hess that Forest McClintock made the motion and Barry Krum seconded. Barb Reese made the motion to amend the January minutes to reflect the correction of the motion and second. The motion was seconded by Forest McClintock. All aye, none opposed.
- Barb Savage read a request to council to alter the route of the meter reading of her meter.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

- Code Enforcement Officer James Haney had nothing to report at meeting time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was no correspondence for review.

WATER:

- Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman presented a report regarding the meter reading software and hardware update.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

- Committee Chairman Forest McClintock reported that the meter that's accuracy was questioned last month and the persons bill adjusted has been reported to be 99.9% accurate. From this time on no ones bill will be adjusted until the meter is tested.

POLICE:

- The Borough Police department responded to 150 dispatches during the month of February. This figure is down from last month.
- Police Chief Anthony Kopitsky reported that Officer Weisman has resigned effective 2/16/10. Also Officer Allen is off the schedule due to his full time job. At this time the Chief does not need another part time officer however is Officer Allen is unable to return it may become necessary to hire another officer part time.
- The road construction at the Catawissa Dam is scheduled to begin March 22. The company is installing stop lights to control traffic. The lights will be warning lights (blinking yellow lights) for a few days so travelers can adjust to the new pattern.
- Cruisers are up and running at this time. During the snow storm Chief had to borrow one of the 4 wheel drives during the mandatory off time for the Borough employees. The cruisers do not do well in the snow. Tony is still looking for an SUV.
- All officers have completed their J-Net training. The network is down right now but will be up and running shortly. There will be a cost incurred to get the system up and running.
- The road survey has been completed.
- Chief has implemented an open door policy. If a resident needs to contact Chief call at any time. He will return all calls.
- Harold Kitchen asked if there was a plan in place for Channel 44 day at Knoebles. Mr. Kitchen suggested that someone contact 44 to advertise an alternate route. Chief Tony explained the traffic pattern.

POLICE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE CHAIRMAN:

- Committee Chairman Skeeter Helwig reported that the regional police survey is on going.

MAYOR:

- Mayor Frank Achy had nothing new to report at this time.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT, ACTIVITY CENTERS & RECREATION  
CHAIRPERSON:

- Committee Chairperson Barb Reese reported that the date for Kid's Day has been changed to June 19<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 26. The change was due to a scheduling conflict.
- Barb has heard back 3 business so far regarding the Catawissa Lumber property. They do not have an interest in the property but 5 more letters are pending a reply. Also Barb has more letters to send to businesses.
- Barb and Linda went to the DCNR seminar discussing repairs at the teener baseball field and the soft ball field. The seminar was very informative and we may be able to receive some grants for the repairs. However some of the repairs are necessary and can not wait for a grant.
- The next Parks and Recreation meeting will be March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Borough Hall. On the agenda is: Kid's Day, The Summer Breeze Concert Series and the repairs needed at the ball fields.

PROPERTY, SUPPLY & BUILDING MAINTENANCE CHAIRMAN:

- Committee Chairman Barry Krum had nothing to report at this time.

PERSONNEL CHAIRMAN:

- Committee Chairman Scott Keefer had nothing to report at this time.

FINANCE CHAIRPERSON:

- Committee Chairperson Linda Kashner informed council of CBY Systems. This company is a collection agency. Barry Krum made the motion to retain CBY Systems Collection Agency for a 1 year term with a one time fee of \$45. Forest McClintock seconded the motion. Harry Young Electric Department Superintendent reminded council that they can pull meters or put limiters on depending on the season. All aye, none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Forest McClintock, after reviewing Chief Kopitsky's street study, made the motion to place temporary No Parking on This Side of Street signs between Walnut St. and 2 ½ St. Skeeter Helwig seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Barb Reese made the motion to accept Officer Weisman's resignation. Forest McClintock seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.

- Barb Reese made the motion to approve the fire company's non emergency event list. The motion was seconded by Linda Kashner. All aye, none opposed.
- Forest McClintock made the motion to change the small power kWh amount from 5000 to 8500. These customers would pay \$.1209 per kWh. Any kWh additional the customer would pay .0125 more per kWh than the Borough paid. After discussion, all aye, none opposed. Good job to Harry Young for bringing this matter to council attention. The motion will take in effect beginning the March 15-April 15<sup>th</sup> billing period.
- Linda Kashner made the motion to allow AT&T to connect to the Verizon Cell Tower at a rate of \$700 per month for the first 5 years. Beginning year 6 a 3% increase will take affect. Skeeter Helwig seconded the motion. AT&T will pay for the upgrade to the electric system. All aye, none opposed.
- Barb Reese made the motion to charge AT&T aprox. \$1,000 for the upgrade to the electric system to the cell tower located at 405 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Forest McClintock seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.
- Forest McClintock made the motion to charge Susquehanna Supply Co. \$200 to rent the lot on S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. for their equipment. Susquehanna Supply will also pay \$400 per temporary electric system. They will have 2 temp systems one at the lot they are renting and 1 at the bridge project. Barry Krum seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.

#### FINANCE:

- Forest McClintock made the motion to accept as written the payment of the bills. Linda Kashner seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.

#### GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Pat Hess requested that the council members section of the web site be updated. Council asked if Jr. Council Member Michael Gregorowicz would help with the web site. Mike will get together with Kim to work on the site.
- Harold Kitchen asked for the status of the grant for the police officer. Chief informed Mr. Kitchen that all of those grants went to large communities. He will try again next year.
- Mayor Achy asked if dumpster day could be revisited. Because we eliminated recycling we could use that money for dumpster day. Catawissa Township would most likely like to go in with us again.

#### ADJOURN:

- Linda Kashner made the motion to adjourn. Barb Reese seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.

#### MEETING ADJOURNED

Submitted by:  
Kimberly Rhoades