

**CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007
MEETING HELD AT BOROUGH HALL 7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Borough council president George Romania.

ALL ATTENDING RECITED THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

ROLL CALL:

- Present were: George Romania, Dottie Linn, Barb Reese, Ed Rhoades, Deneen Casey, Mayor Harold Kitchen, Borough Manager Jane Chaundy, Atty. Anthony McDonald. Absent were: John Sabol, & Linda Kashner.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

- Dottie Linn made the motion to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous months meeting. Seconded by Ed Rhoades. All aye, none opposed.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Mr. Gary Steinruck was on the agenda to discuss Robert's Rules. Instead he asked questions about Jan.-May trial balance. Jane explained.
- Barry Krum spoke about the borough voting to raise the EMS tax. Mr. Krum stated that it would be a hardship for many people working in the borough to pay this tax. He asked for the Borough to not raise the EMS tax at this time. Mr. Romania thanked Mr. Krum for his input and the issue will be discussed further later in the meeting.
- Forrest McClintock asked if the sewer plant is in such a bad state why are we talking about opening the upstairs of the Borough Hall. George said that there is grant money available and we were seeing what projects we would like to see happen. George he sewer plant is our first priority. Also Barb Reese stated that if you receive grant money it must be used for the specified project.
- Patty Hess asked if the money residents pay for sewer supports the sewer plant. The answer from council was that yes the income does sustain the plant but does not leave any extra for emergencies.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

- Jane Chaundy gave the Code enforcement report for the absent Jim Haney.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- There was no correspondence at this time.

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MANAGERS REPORT:

- Jane reported for the electric company that the new LED lights have been installed and are up and running. For the street department Jane reported that a person came to Clair to do community service. This person painted the railing at the Quaker Meeting House and painted the playground equipment at the CARA Park. He did a wonderful job. The street department is still mowing because of the unusually warm weather. Clair attended the APWA conference. Dale Shobert is working with CET engineers with the grant we received. Jane also gave the report for the water company because Cindy Bachman could not be in attendance. She reported that the Borough is still under a drought watch with a recommended 5% reduction in water consumption. Jane, Harry, and George Romania attended the PMEA conference at Tofftrees. Jane introduced Steve Roselle of CET to give a report regarding the grant received 2 years ago.
- Mr. Steve Roselle of CET engineering explained to council the need for an Aerobic Digester Diffuser Replacement. This device puts air into the tank and helps the micro-organisms work the way they should. Barb Reese made the motion “accept a grant” and move forward and advertise for bids for the Aerobic Digester Diffuser Replacement. The motion was seconded by Dottie Linn. All aye, none opposed
- A motion was made by Ed Rhoades and seconded by Barb Reese to advertise for the belt press repairs for the sewer plant (meant to say Diffuser). All aye, none opposed.
- Council thanked Mr. Roselle for his time and effort in this.

POLCIE:

- Chief Hardin reminded everyone about the Halloween Parade asking that everyone please remember that the roads close at 6:00 P.M.

MAYOR:

- Mayor Harold Kitchen announced that trick or treat night will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 from 6:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. Residents wishing to participate should have their porch lights on. Rain date for trick or treat night will be Wednesday, October 31st at the stated times.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT, ACTIVITY CENTERS 7 RECREATION CHAIRMAN:

- Barb Reese announced that there are many people coming from Uxbridge for the Heritage Trek, including the Mayor, Town Crier and others.

PROPERTY, SUPPLY & BUILDING MAINTENANCE CHAIRMAN:

- Ed Rhoades reported that the cellar doors at the Borough Hall are rusting and need to be repaired.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Jane explained that she and Atty. McDonald have a meeting to discuss the Metzger property the next day and will update the council on the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dottie Linn made a motion seconded by Deneen Casey to have logos applied to all Borough equipment. All aye, none opposed.
- Barb Reese made the motion seconded by Dottie Linn to change the applicant agent for PEMA & FEMA grants from Janet Erb to Jane Chaundy. All aye, none opposed.
- Ed Rhoades made the motion to discontinue sending certified letters to delinquent accounts. They will still be receiving the delinquent notices by regular mail. Seconded by Deneen Casey. All aye, none opposed.
- Craig Long informed the council regarding the Halloween parade's fireworks event. He informed the council that all permits and insurance required for the event have been obtained and everything was in order.
- Deneen Casey made the motion to donate \$2,000 to the Halloween Parade Committee for the fire works display from the Parks and Recreation budget. Seconded by Dottie Linn. All aye, none opposed.
- Dottie Linn made the motion to hold work sessions on an as needed basis. Deneen Casey asked how we were going to keep the public informed. It was stated that residents could go to the Catawissa borough web site, the agenda will be posted on the door of the Borough Office also they can contact the Borough Hall or Jane Chaundy for information. Seconded by Ed Rhoades. All aye, none opposed.
- A motion to table the vote for raising the LST tax until more information can be obtained was made by Ed Rhoades. Seconded by Dottie Linn. All aye, none opposed.
- The motion was made by Ed Rhoades to advertise for bids to build a pole barn with money received from PEMA & FEMA from the flood of 2006 not to exceed \$50,000. Seconded by Barb Reese. All aye, none opposed.
- A motion was made by Dottie Linn and seconded by Deneen Casey to advertise the position of Emergency Management Coordinator at a salary of \$1,000 per year. All aye, none opposed.
- Council President George Romania requested a motion to place a handicap parking spot in Pine St. No motion was made the item died on the floor.

FINANCE & TREASURERS REPORT:

- A motion was made by Barb Reese and seconded by Dottie Linn to accept the treasurer's report as written. All aye, none opposed.

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PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:

- Barb Reese made the motion for the payment of the bills. Seconded by Dottie Linn. All aye, none opposed

ADJOURNMENT:

- Dottie Linn made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Deneen Casey. All aye, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Kimberly Rhoades, Secretary

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