

**CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 2, 2008 7:00 PM. AT THE BOROUGH HALL**

CALL TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Council President George Romania.
- All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

- Present were: George Romania, Deneen Casey, Dottie Linn, Barb Reese, John Sabol, Forest McClintock, Linda Kashner, Mayor Patrick Sinclair, Borough Manager Jane Graham. Absent was Attorney Anthony McDonald.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

- Dottie Linn made the motion to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of the previous month. Seconded by Barb Reese. All aye, none opposed.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Angeline Emmons spoke on behalf of the Girl Scouts. She reported that the Girl Scouts are very active and have worked on picking up the litter on the streets and in the cemeteries in the Borough. (This is a Penn Dot program). They have planted flowers in the Borough in front of the sign on the Borough Hall lawn. The Scouts are also planning a community flower garden at the Eyer Park. They are requesting clarification as to where the money will come from to purchase the flowers. The girls receive a community service badge for the efforts. Council felt that it is too late in the season to plant the community vegetable garden, but getting it ready for next year would be a good idea. Mayor Patrick Sinclair donated \$50.00 to the Girl Scouts for the project. Barb Reese made the motion to donate up to \$100.00 for the project with the idea that the Girls Scouts would also ask for donations of flowers from the public. Seconded by Linda Kashner. All aye, none opposed.
- George Romania read the report from Herb Maurer, member of the Central Susquehanna Preservation Committee, regarding the recommendations of historical building maintenance requirements. The report is on file.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- Mr. James Haney reported there were 7 permits issued during the month of May and 22 instances investigated.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Borough Manager Jane Graham read a document from DEP regarding the increasing amount of the organic load at the Sewer plant. Because of the size of the plant and the capabilities of the current workforce at the sewer plant, the organic load is not a concern to the Borough at this time.
- Jane also read a letter from a resident commending Sergeant Kopitsky for a well done job in response to a police call. The letter is on file.

MANAGERS REPORT:

- The Borough is participating in the Compact Fluorescent light bulb recycling program. Residents should bring the bulbs to the Borough Office and place them in the container provided.
- The concert series in the park is about to begin. There will be a children's act beginning at 6:00 and a family friendly performance will begin at 7:00 pm.
- Lori Gordner's office informed us that the Sewer Plant received an additional \$6,000 for the diffuser digester project.
- The Borough now has a credit card for which Jane has implemented a related purchasing policy for the employees.
- The Sewer department is working with Lori Gordner and HRI for the digester project.
- Clair is utilizing the prisoners as needed because of time constraints due to rain.
- The new truck the Borough ordered will not be ready until July or August.
- During the rainy days Harry and Bob put their efforts into the new Borough building. Forest McClintock is overseeing the project as Building Maintenance Chairman.
- Two months ago the council voted on the flame retardant clothing for the light department. Neither Harry or Bob are satisfied with the clothing. The fit is not correct and the cost is not what was quoted.
- Both the Electric Department and the Street Department went to an equipment show.
- The new Borough Christmas decorations have arrived. Harry installed one of the decorations in front of the Borough building to test it. Everything seemed to work correctly.
- The Electric Department will be replacing old electric poles during the summer.
- Jane will be submitting accounts that renters have skipped out on to the District Justice to begin collection procedures. Council agreed with this decision.
- Jane, Patrick, George, and Linda will be going to the annual PSAB conference at Seven Springs. Jane will report about the conference next meeting.
- Jane reminded everyone to please lock up the building when leaving. There have been occasions when she arrived and found the front door unlocked. This does not happen often so this is just a reminder.
- Joe Gaughan contacted Jane today and informed her that the Battle of the Bands is one for July 18th. Five bands have asked to participate.

WATER AUTHORITY:

- Cindy Bachman had nothing to report at the time of the meeting.

POLICE:

- Tony Kopitsky reported for Chief Mark Hardin. All three vehicles have had their summer tires installed. Most repairs were under warranty.
- The Chief has been released for duty and will begin shifts on June 9th. Robert Weisman has also been released for active duty and has been on the schedule since May 19th.
- The police will be at CARA Park for “Kid’s Day” on June 14th. There also will be a Block Party on Pine St. at the church on June 14th. The street will be blocked off for the event.
- There is also a motorcycle ride on June 14. Tony stated that due to lack of manpower, there will be no police participation for the event.
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POLICE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE CHAIRMAN:

- John Sabol had nothing to report at this time because of the earliness of the meeting.
- George Romania stated that the Police committee, the Personnel committee and Jane will be getting together with the Police to begin negotiations for the new contract. George also reminded that all negotiations are not public.

MAYOR:

- Mayor Patrick Sinclair reported that on May 31st. there was a Memorial Day Parade. Next year it will be advertised more thoroughly.
- Mayor Sinclair received an application for a handicap parking space on 142 S. Fourth St. After review with the police department it was Mayor Sinclair’s recommendation to accept the application.
- Forest McClintock made the motion to place a handicap parking space at the 142 S. Fourth St. address. Seconded by Barb Reese. All aye, none opposed.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT, ACTIVITY CENTERS & RECREATION CHAIRMAN:

- Barb Reese stated that reports received indicated the Borough Wide Yard Sale was successful.
- The Farmers Market will begin on June 14th. Barb Reese asked the Police to make sure the police car is parked elsewhere for that day and Tuesday morning. The farmers asked to have the market on both days because fruit and vegetables do not keep for one week. This way all the produce is fresh. 8AM-12 PM
- Plans for “Kids Day” have been finalized for Saturday, June 14th.
- The concert series will begin June 17th.
- The Park dedication is scheduled for July 1st. The committee hopes to see everyone there as we dedicate the Park to Ralph Wolfgang. If anyone would like to bring cakes please inform Linda or Barb.

- Barb read a letter from the Millville Friends thanking the Borough for the tour of the Meeting house and the care of the grounds. She also thanked Jane for the Meeting House pamphlets.
- George Romania requested that all council members please attend Kid's Day if at all possible. Volunteers are also needed.
- Also a sea food vendor is interested in participating in the Farmer's Market. There will be a variety of vendors.
- There will be a Parks & Recreation meeting on Friday, June 13th, at 5:00 at the Borough Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend.

PROPERTY, SUPPLY & BUILDING MAINTENANCE CHAIRMAN:

- Dottie Linn asked Forest McClintock about the bank behind the new Pole barn. Forest stated that they could not do anything until the contractor came back and finished. He also said that they had a call into Fleming's Nursery for a quote for seeding the bank.

PERSONNEL CHAIRMAN:

- The personnel committee will be meeting with the Police to discuss the new contract as stated earlier in the meeting.

FINANCE CHAIRMAN:

- Linda Kashner had nothing to report at this time. Because of the meeting change it was too early for the reports to be done. They will be ready for the next months meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A discussion was held regarding the motion from last month about Walt Gosciminski's request. The only change made was to revoke the no parking sign. The removal of the curb is still contingent on the LTAP engineers finding.
- Deneen Casey asked Patrick Sinclair to investigate the speed of cars and trucks on Pine St. She feels that it is unsafe conditions for public. Also there has been gas stolen from residents in the area.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Barb Reese made the motion to no longer accept payment deals with Hillside Village residents. Seconded by Dottie Linn. All aye, none opposed. This was a result of request made by Hillside Village Manager Dawn Bowen to not let balances due exceed the security deposit.
- Linda Kashner made the motion to accept the proposal from Evans Disposal to be the hauler for the Borough's Dumpster Day. Seconded by Barb Reese. Dumpster day will be held in September if the cost will not change because of fuel costs or other circumstances. All aye, none opposed.
- Barb Reese made the motion to appoint Jane Graham as "Public Records Official". This person is responsible for providing requested materials or forwarding denials to our Solicitor. Kimberly Rhoades would be the back up person. Seconded by Dottie Linn. All aye, none opposed.

- Forest McClintock made the motion to adopt the Public Comment Policy. A draft of the policy is on file. Seconded by Dottie Linn. All aye, none opposed.

FINANCE:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

SUBMITTED BY
KIMBERLY RHOADES
SECRETARY