

CATAWISSA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL:

- Roll call was as follows: Present were George Romania, Deneen Casey, Dottie Linn, Barb Reese, John Sabol, Forest McClintock Linda Kashner, Mayor Patrick Sinclair, Borough Manager Jane Graham, Atty. Anthony McDonald
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

READING OF MINUTES:

- Barb Reese made the motion to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous months meeting. The motion was seconded by Dottie Linn. All aye, none opposed.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD:

- Stuart Hartman informed council and attendees that there will be a C.A.R.E. (Catawissa Area Revitalization & Enhancement) meeting January 13, 2009 @ 7:00 pm at the Borough Hall. Dr. Hartman invited Main St. businesses and residents to come to the meeting.
- Cindy Bachman asked if residents are to empty bags into the new recycling bins or just place bags and all into the proper bin. Borough Manager Graham informed Cindy that no bags are to be placed into the bins. Residents are to empty bags into the appropriate container.
- Ina Shultz & Betty Levan of the Garden Club presented the Council with a \$100 check from Philadelphia tourists for care of the Quaker Meeting House. They were so impressed with the way the Borough and Garden Club cared for the Quaker Meeting House. Ina Shultz was concerned that the residents of Catawissa don't take advantage of the historical sites in the Borough. Barb Reese informed Ms. Shultz and Ms. Levan that there will be a Quaker Heritage Days in September if they would like to participate in the planning or have ideas for the event please let Barb know. Also Jane displayed the new Quaker Meeting House sign to be placed on Main St. pointing the direction to the Meeting House.
- Linda Kashner, on behalf of the Central Susquehanna Preservation Group, thanked the council and Borough for placing the sign at the Union Cemetery. The sign stated that work being done at the Union Cemetery is being conducted by the C.S.P.G.
- Sharon Krum asked if the owner of the Union Cemetery is the Borough. Atty. McDonald answered that yes the Borough owns the Cemetery now. There was a discussion of the maintenance of the Union Cemetery.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- Code Enforcement Officer James Haney reported that he issued 5 permits in the month of December and addressed 10 complaints.

- Mr. Haney is contacting businesses on Main St. regarding the front of the property not meeting code.
- Regarding the graveyard driveway. After many years residents owning property on Mill St. have worn a driveway where none existed previously.
- Mr. Haney will get together with Forest McClintock and Jane Graham to discuss options for fixing the wall at the Union Cemetery.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- PA Farm show is having an elected official's day.
- C.B.A. (County Boroughs Association) will be having a meeting about open records act January 20, 2009 at 7:00 pm
- Also a seminar on Roberts Rules will be held by the 4H
- PSAB has a scholarship available for anyone living in the Borough that is going into their freshmen year of college. Anyone interested please stop by the Borough Office for the packet.

#### MANAGERS REPORT:

- Borough Manager Jane Graham reported that the utility pole damaged in an automobile accident has been replaced. The snowflakes will remain up until the end of February but the lanterns will be taken down due to their Christmas look.
- Christmas tree pickup began today. If you would like your tree picked up place it curbside with the trunk facing the road.
- The bid project for the belt press has been finished by CET. Jane is preparing another grant for the pumps.
- Street Department Superintendent Clair Kingston and Bill Toomey have been working on refurbishing the Borough signs. The Quaker Meeting House signs are done and Clair and Bill reconditioned the old Welcome to Catawissa signs and placed one at the Borough entrance of North 487 with the Uxbridge sign and the other will be down at CARA Park.
- With the help of Mike Lindenmuth the fire siren is now installed. Keystone Company will be connecting the wires within the next few days. Keystone also came to fix the siren at the Fire Company.
- There is a meeting of the Southside Ambulance Co. Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.
- Work is continuing on the new Pole Barn.

#### WATER:

- Water Authority Superintendent Cindy Bachman read a request from the Water Authority Board to vote to reinstate Terry Adams for a 5 year term to the Water Authority Board.

- John Sabol made the motion to reinstate Terry Adams for a 5 year term to the Water Authority Board. The motion was seconded by Dottie Linn. All aye, none opposed.
- The next Source Water Protection meeting Monday, January 26, 2009 7:00 pm @ the Borough Hall. The meeting is to approve the brochure made by the committee and to schedule a public meeting.

**POLICE:**

- Police Chief Mark Hardin reported that the cameras purchased by a grant will be installed in the police cars next week. The \$65,000 grant is being shared with 2 other police forces (Locust & Montour townships).

**POLICE & EMERGENCY RESPONSE CHAIRMAN:**

- Committee Chairman John Sabol reported that the Catawissa Borough Police Department responded to 2,116 calls during 2008.

**MAYOR:**

- Mayor Patrick Sinclair noted Conshohocken has the same snowflake pattern as the Borough. Both the Borough and Conshohocken look lovely.

**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT, ACTIVITY CENTERS & RECREATION CHAIRMAN:**

- Committee Chairperson Barb Reese mentioned that committees will be meeting again soon. Dates and time will be advertised.

**PROPERTY, SUPPLY & BUILDING MAINTENANCE CHAIRMAN:**

- Committee Chairman Forest McClintock had nothing new to report at this time.

**PERSONNEL CHAIRMAN:**

- Committee Chairman George Romania had nothing new to report at this time.

**FINANCE CHAIRMAN:**

- Committee Chairperson Linda Kashner had nothing new to report at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Linda Kashner made the motion to retain Peters Engineers as the Borough Engineers of Record and Sewage Enforcement Officer. Forest McClintock seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.

- Linda Kashner made the motion to retain Herring and Rolla as auditors to perform the 2008 annual municipal audit. The cost is \$5,750 which is the same cost as last year's audit. Barb Reese seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.
- Barb Reese made the motion to adopt the \$300 limit for delinquent utility bills for tenants. This has been requested by a majority of landlords in Catawissa and is a product of Landlord Committee meetings. Dottie Linn seconded the motion. All aye, none opposed.

FINANCE:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED.

SUBMITTED BY  
KIMBERLY RHOADES  
SECRETARY