

**COUDERSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
DECEMBER 20, 2017  
6:30PM**

The Coudersport Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at the Coudersport Borough Maintenance Facility on Damascus Street.

Council President George Hults called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Council members George Hults, Bryan Welsh, Todd Husson, Richard Neefe IV, and, Eugene Neefe.

Also present were Mayor Whitman, Chief McClain, Beverly Morris, Solicitor Glassmire, Holly Hyde, Wayne Wentzel, Hannah Taylor, Tom Majot, Mike Plummer, Todd Brown, John Wright, Laurie Barr, Daryl Just, Mary Just, Jennifer Rossman, April Castano and Andy Dubots.

**Certificate of Appreciation**

Mayor Whitman presented a certificate of appreciation to Rev. Daryl and Mary Justh for their dedication and services to the community.

**VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS**

Jennifer Rossman was here to present the information on what the Historical Society would like to do for the Elliot Ness festival in 2018. This will be brought back to Council in 2018 for approval.

John Wright spoke on what the Redevelopment Authority will be doing to some of the Demo sites in the Borough and touched on the building next to McDonalds, where Zito and the hospital have offices. He asked if there were questions and if anyone would like to attend their meeting.

Solicitor Glassmire spoke on lawsuit in the past that had to do with taxes and he would be happy to come back to this another time because we didn't have time for it tonight.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was motioned by Councilman Todd Husson, seconded by Councilman Gene Neefe to approve the November 15, 2017 meeting minutes. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

**VOUCHER LIST**

General Fund \$129,017.01, Water Operating Fund \$26,554.27, Sewer Operating Fund \$42,105.10, Street Lighting Fund \$3,382.66, Fire Protection Fund \$23,143.01, Recreation Fund \$3,187.15, Library Fund \$5,079.00, Act 13 Funds \$ 1,258.45. It was motioned by Councilman Gene Neefe, seconded by Councilman Todd Husson to approve the Voucher list as presented. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

**REPORTS RECEIVED:** police, meeting notes, voucher list, fund balances, and treasurer's report, and 2018 proposed budget.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Flood Mitigation Grant

We need authorization for appropriate signatures for the flood mitigation Grant. It was motioned by Councilman Bryan Welsh, seconded by Councilman Gene Neefe to approve for the appropriate signatures for DCED on the levee. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 2018 Proposed Budget

It was motioned by Councilman Bryan Welsh, seconded by Councilman Gene Neefe to adopt the 2018 Budget as presented and advertised. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

## **ORDINANCE 618**

An Ordinance of the Borough of Coudersport, which sets tax millage for the calendar year 2018 in the amount of 19.5 mills for all real estate tax for each fund.

General Fund operations, the sum of thirteen and one half (13.5) Mill tax on each dollar of assessed valuation, and the Street lighting operations, the sum of one (1) mill tax on each dollar of assessed valuation and the Fire protection support, the sum of one and three quarters (1.75) mill tax, and Recreation two and one quarter (2.25) mill, and Library one (1) mill.

It was motioned by Councilman Gene Neefe, seconded by Councilman Richard Neefe IV to adopt Ordinance 618. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

## **ORDINANCE 619**

## BREAK RETARDER

It was motioned by Councilman Gene Neefe, seconded by Councilman Richard Neefe IV to advertise and adopt Ordinance 619 that has been appropriately advertised. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

## 2018 Garbage Bids

All carriers paid \$250 for their yearly license

Gozelski Office \$130 Library \$75

Casella Office \$139, WWTP \$38, Water \$57, Shop \$151, Library \$84, CARP \$100, LL \$38, Pool \$38

LaForge Office \$170, WWTP \$36, Water \$55, Shop \$145, Library \$78, CARP \$99, LL \$35, Pool \$ 35.

It was motioned by Councilman Gene Neefe, seconded by Bryan Welsh to accept low bids for each of the locations. Gozelski were awarded Office \$130, Library \$75. LaForge WWTP \$36, Water \$ 55, Shop \$145, CARP \$ 99, LL \$35, Pool \$35. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

## 2018 Fuel Bids

Kwik Fill- They can provide us with emergency calls, no tax, and a 5% discount

Satterlee – Diesel at \$ 2.065 and unleaded at \$2.09

Sheetz- no bid

It was motioned by Councilman Bryan Welsh, seconded by Councilman Gene Neefe to accept all Fuel bids. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

## Old Police Car Bids 2006 Chevy Impala

We have received three bids on the car.

1. Bears Auto body in Harrison Valley for \$ 300
2. Steven Plots \$500

3. Matthew Nichols \$800

It was motioned by Councilman Bryan Welsh, seconded by Councilman Richard Neefe IV to accept the bid for \$800 from Matthew Nichols. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hulst Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

2018 Organizational meeting will be held at the Coudersport Borough office at 4:30 pm on January 2, 2018.

**MANAGERS REPORT**

CBA meeting is on December 21, 2017 at the Borough Maintenance building.

Advertise for a new Councilmember for 2018 for Ward II

Bryan Welsh would like for us to keep Brian Ruane in mind for the seat on Council.

We have done a ham and \$25 gift certificates in the past. It was motioned by Councilman Gene Neefe, seconded by Councilman Bryan Welsh to approve the ham and \$25 in gift certificates. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hulst Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

We are looking for more bids for fence for channel. Lotter and Lotter have given us a quote for the fence.

Uni-Tec donated money to the Meals on Wheels on behalf of the Borough

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

The senate bill dies in house so will have to start all over again next year for PA Police to use radar guns.

Chief McClain would like to thank Mayor Whitman for the last 4 years of service and thank you to all the Council members.

**MAYOR REPORT**

It's been a pleasure to give back to the community and work with a great group of officers.

Good luck to Andy Dubots

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

More information about the Potter County Redevelopment Authority Assessment Appeal

It was motioned by Councilman Gene Neefe , seconded by Councilman Bryan Welsh to table till next meeting. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

Residence would like to see a four way stop at the intersection of North West St and West Second St. This was temporary during construction and would like to have it continued.

It was motioned by Councilman Todd Husson, seconded by Councilman Bryan Welsh to be tabled. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

### **PERSONNEL/ POLICE**

Memorandum of understanding initiated from the Coudersport School.

It was motioned by Councilman Gene Neefe, seconded by Councilman Bryan Welsh to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

### **PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT**

DEP will be holding a public meeting on January 16, 2018 at 5:30 at the Gunzburger building to have discussion on Epiphany.

PennDot are looking into putting a drain in front of the Court House on East Second Street to correct all the pooling of water.

Soil Boring & Monitoring wells will be installed on the Kudrick Property. Uni-Tec Pat Ward will be looking over this and will be providing information to Council.

### **Eulalia and Borough plow agreement**

Written agreement that Eulalia plows Toles Hollow Rd and Borough will plow Mockingbird Lane. It was motioned by Councilman Todd Husson, seconded by Councilman Gene Neefe to approve the plow maintenance agreement. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

### **RECREATION/LIBRARY**

DCNR Grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the pool restoration has been awarded. We have also received a Shell Grant for safety equipment for the pool in the amount of \$ 2,559.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Todd Husson and Councilman George Hults would like to thank Gene Neefe, Andy Bristol, Richard Neefe IV, Bryan Welsh, and Brenda Whitman for all their years of service to the Coudersport Borough.

Councilman Gene Neefe spoke about his time in office and would like to see it mandated to have every high school senior attend one meeting during their senior year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Holly Hyde