

**COUDERSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

July 15, 2015

6:30PM

The Coudersport Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday July 15, 2015 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.

ROLL CALL

Present were Council members George Hults, Richard Neefe IV, Todd Husson, Eugene Neefe, and Ron Angood.

Also present were Solicitor Glassmire, Police Chief Lee Gross, Officer McClain, Manager Morris, Mayor Whitman, Kyle Maxon, Tom Majot, Wayne Wentzel, Stan Swank, Brian Ruane, Patty Giannotti, Gary Gunzburger, Kelly Stemcosky, Todd Brown, Robert Horst, Rachel Horst, Jim Abramczyk, Pat Wentz, Patrick Larsen, Gwendolyn Bretz, Kimberly Kudrick, Joe Parr, Deborah Cline, Pamela Andrus, Gary Buchsen, Hannah Taylor, and Thad Taylor.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS

Gary Buchsen is here to ask Council for approval to change the garage at 918 East Second St into a gift shop. There is currently no water or sewer at this location and this will remain the same. No structural change and ERB Inspectors have already been out to inspect the building. Parking has been approved and never used.

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman R. Angood to authorize the Borough Manager Beverly Morris to sign the plans for the gift shop, subject to the Potter County Planning approval. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, R. Angood Yes, G. Neefe Yes, T. Husson Yes, and G. Hults Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

Dollar Store

There are many residents of the community here to discuss the second Dollar General. This was tabled at the June 2015 Borough Council meeting. Council let the residents of the community talk and expresses their feelings. The Borough Council and Solicitor Glassmire cannot find any violation of statute or Ordinance that will stop the Dollar General from setting up an additional store in the town. The public did present 388 signatures from the residents of the community and surrounding communities that do not want a second Dollar Store the town.

Arboretum

Sheetz have proposed an offer to the Borough Council to purchase .35 acers. This would take the place of the Arboretum. Several members present are very much against the sale of the Arboretum and will get a petition signed not to sell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was motioned by Councilman R. Neefe IV, seconded by Councilman T. Husson to approve the minutes for June 17, 2015 as presented. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, R. Angood Yes, G. Neefe Yes, T. Husson Yes, and G. Hults Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

VOUCHER LIST

General Fund \$80,051.41, Water Operating Fund \$ 18,858.42, Sewer Operating Fund \$ 33,270.63, Capital Reserve Fund \$9,251.00, Street Lighting Fund \$3,178.78, Fire Protection Fund \$ 762.00, Recreation Fund \$ 15,470.57, and Act Gas Well Impact Fund \$2,455.00. Motion made by Councilman E. Neefe seconded by Councilman R. Angood to approve the Voucher list as presented. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, R. Angood Yes, G. Neefe Yes, T. Husson Yes, and G. Hults Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

REPORTS RECEIVED: police, public works, meeting notes, voucher list, fund balances, and treasurer's report and pool report. Quarterly financial report sent by email.

OLD BUSINESS

Dollar General

After having a lot of discussion with the public present and listening to their concerns.

It was motioned by Councilman E. Neefe, seconded by Councilman T. Husson to approve the proposed plan as submitted by the Coudersport Borough Planning, unless someone from the public can supply Council with a statute or Ordinance within 10 days stating that the Borough can deny the request. If not it will stand approved as presented. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, R. Angood Yes, G. Neefe Yes, T. Husson Yes, and G. Hults Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

NEW BUSINESS

We did not receive any bids for the DSA, working on other plans.

Mike Heroux has turned in his resignation letter to council.

It was motioned by Councilman E. Neefe, seconded by Councilman T. Husson to table the resignation letter till next month's meeting. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, R. Angood Yes, G. Neefe Yes, T. Husson Yes, and G. Hults Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

The public Library is having their annual 5K on August 22, 2015 at 9am. They will be using the same route as they have in the past and wanting Mitchell bathrooms to be unlocked from 7:30 till noon.

It was motioned by Councilman R. Angood, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to approve the 5K for the Public Library on August 22, 2015. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, R. Angood Yes, G. Neefe Yes, T. Husson Yes, and G. Hults Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

Marty Fry has purchased all the property's around 107 East Pine St and would like us to vacate the street (Cartee from Cherry to Pine). The Manager and Solicitor would like to research this and report back at next month's meeting.

MANAGERS REPORT

The County has hired a Main Street Manager and he will be at the Borough Office on July 21, 2015 at noon. Anyone interested in meeting him should be present.

The flashing speed sign has been repaired and is placed on different streets in the Borough.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Mayor and Officer McClain have been working on a Facebook page and has it all set up.

Officer McClain has completed the UCR's for the next two months.

MAYOR REPORT

The Mayors next project is working on the bell in the courthouse tower and getting it working again.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Glassmire has addressed everything during the course of the meeting.

PERSONNEL/POLICE

Interview with police chief candidates are Friday July 17, 2015

UTILITIES, STREETS, BRIDGES, TREES

Advertise for Antiskid for the winter/spring (2015-2016)

A storm drain letter has been sent to all the business from First Potter (East Second St) to Olgas and from Olgas to DBC Enterprises. There has been a storm drain placed behind Olsen and Tengluand in alley way. They will need to hook into it before the Penn Dot main street project comes through if their sewer is hooked into the storm drain system.

The proposed detour plans are at the Borough office if anyone is interested in looking them over.

PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT

SHEETZ PROPOSAL

We have received a proposal from Sheetz to purchase the .35 acers (Arboretum).

It was motioned by Councilman E. Neefe, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to reject the proposal from Sheetz. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, R. Angood Yes, G. Neefe Yes, T. Husson Yes, and G. Hults Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

With the passing of Jeremy Sprouse we have asked Shane Wilson and Beau Gross to help out with the mowing of the properties. The Borough Manager will contact the family in a few weeks to see what their plan is.

There is a Grant provided by Glidden and Home Depot, it is through the Keep PA Beautiful program. The Rotary is applying for the grant, is for a nonprofit building and they will provide 20 gallons of paint. They are looking at have the Borough Office painted if they approve the grant. It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to pursue the grant. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, R. Angood Yes, G. Neefe Yes, T. Husson Yes, and G. Hults Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

RECREATION/LIBRARY

There will be water aerobics classes on Wednesday starting July 27, 2015 at the Coudersport pool.

The lifeguards have done a wonderful job with the swim lessons this year.

It was motioned by Councilman E. Neefe, seconded by Councilman T. Husson to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Holly Hyde

