

**COUDERSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 19, 2017
6:30PM**

The Coudersport Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 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, and Andy Bristol.

Also present were Mayor Whitman, Beverly Morris, Solicitor Glassmire, Holly Hyde, Wayne Wentzel, Jeanette Wragg, Sandra Schwab, Marty Maiuro, Larry Herbstrit, Marlene Fantasky, Andy Dubots, Mike Plummer, Tom Majot, Kathy Majot, Charlotte Neefe, Dolly Bretz, Edith Menschel, Nick Hartranft, Jennifer Mull, Christine Herzig, Adrian Bierlair, Barbra Heimel, Robert Wagner, Robin Fink, Gary Gunzburger, Lou Karija, and Robert Wagner.

Solicitor Glassmire called executive session at the start of the meeting at 6:32pm regarding legal matter and realty.

Executive session ended at 6:48pm with no decisions reached. This was to inform council of the Supreme Court Case of Downingtown that the Solicitor learned about recently.

VISITOR REQUEST AND COMMENTS

Robert Wagner mentions at the Arboretum meeting and Todd Husson brought up who wants the Caboose and looking into trying to find out who owns the Caboose. This will be taken into advisement and will be brought back to the next month's meeting.

Marlene Fantasky stated she has a personal connection to the Arboretum. She had a nephew come to stay with her during his senior years. He joined the Marines and served 9 months until he was killed. His name is on the honor wall and she would like to save the Arboretum and show respect for the honor wall. There is a multibillion dollar company that wants to expand and any way you look at it will obscure that wall. Sheetz have moved into town and put a lot of small town business out of business. With the expansion of Sheetz she has also heard that there will be a sale of alcohol and Mrs. Fantasky has looked up some information online and provided this to Council.

Robin Fink wants to know what changed between last month meetings to take another vote as the very next meeting. Solicitor Glassmire stated there is no way to answer this question. Council can make a motion at any given time.

Dolly Bretz lives by the arboretum and does not want it destroyed.

A comment was made from a member of the public. "I don't live in the borough and not sure how all this works and thank god I don't live in the Borough. Aren't you people supposed to do what the people voted you in what the majority of the people? Do you see what I'm saying? You are like our government, the people's government. Are you really doing what everyone wants you to do or you doing what you want to do. It's all about money the bottom line." Solicitor Galssmire thanks you for the comments.

Edith Menschel made a comment to have the Arboretum put on the voter's card for the November elections. Solicitor Glassmire stated it will be taken under advisement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was motioned by Councilman Todd Husson, seconded by Councilman Andy Bristol to approve the June 21, 2017 meeting minutes. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

VOUCHER LIST

General Fund \$87,384.94, Water Operating Fund \$31,555.69, Sewer Operating Fund \$29,716.33, Street Lighting Fund \$4,463.18, Fire Protection Fund \$5,943.83, Recreation Fund \$6,077.44, and Library Fund \$158.00, Act 13 Gas Well Impact Fund \$9.87. It was motioned by Councilman Todd Husson, seconded by Councilman Bryan Welsh to approve the Voucher list as presented. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

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

NEW BUSINESS

No bids were received for the 2004 Backhoe

Habitat Falling Leaves Outdoor Show will be held Oct 6th and 7th, 2017

They are requesting for the Borough Police to direct traffic during the parade. It was motion by Councilman Todd Husson, seconded by Councilman Andy Bristol to approve the request for the Habitat Falling Leaves Outdoor Festival. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

Right to Know Request & Policy

There was some discussion on the policy and why it is needed. It was motioned by Councilman Todd Husson, seconded by Councilman Andy Bristol to approve the Right to Know Request &

Policy. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hulst Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

Potter County Local Bridge Grant Program

The Mill Street Bridge has been downgraded to poor condition and will need about \$ 28,000 to repair it and have it back to PennDot standards. The application for the grant will need to be complete by mid September 2017. It was motioned by Councilman Andy Bristol, seconded by Todd Husson to approve the application for the Potter County Local Bridge Grant Program. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hulst Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

Bryan Welsh asked for the floor.

Due to recent events through the PA Supreme Court just verify as elected officials we have a right to protect the environment we have a responsibility and duty which we can be found guilty of neglecting and having other things happening and other things in the area.

It was motioned by Councilman Bryan Welsh instructing our Borough Manager and Solicitor to investigate the legality of implementing a moratorium on the processing treatment or storage of hyper fracking waste water of fluid in such a time that the short or long term effects that the waste water to prove beyond a doubt to be non-hazardous not detrimental to the citizens quality of life financially and to be financially not threatening to our tourist driven economy and not at a risk of damage to the environment or over all community financial status. The findings to this can be produced at the August Borough Council meeting.

Motion dies for a lack of a second.

MANAGERS REPORT

There is a feral cat problem on South Main St.

There are a lot of trees in the Borough that are hanging in the way of signs and over sidewalks and streets. Manager Morris would like to send letters to the residence to have them trim or the crew will be trimming them back.

The Sidewalk program has been completed for this year and many have paid in full and also have five additional residences that are interested in next year. This will need to be rebid for next year.

Coudersport Borough Authority will be meeting at the Coudersport Borough Maintenance Building July 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Coudersport Area Municipal Authority meeting will be July 24, 2017 at the Sewer plant on Toles Hollow Rd at 6:30 pm

JKLM will be holding their monthly Stake holders meeting on August 3, 2017 at the Golf course at 9am.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Whitman has been working with the EMS office and Red Cross on finding a location for a safe place for residence to go during a bad storm. Red Cross has approved the Saint Paul's church basement and the basement under the parish hall for a safe place. The food pantry is also willing to donate food during this time. Mayor Whitman is working on getting an auxiliary in place.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Glassmire has learned a lot about the break retarder laws and signage. He is planning on having the ordinance on the break retarder signs advertised and ready for approval at next month's meeting.

UTILITIES, STREETS, BRIDGES, TREES

Discussion on having a temporary stop sign placed at 4th Street and North West Street during the construction. It was discussed and Council decided the stop sign was not needed.

PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT

Through Costars program the 304ERC2 mini excavator \$62,455 and trade in the 2004 Backhoe for \$ 23,000 leaving a balance of \$ 39,455. It was motioned by Councilman Andy Bristol, seconded by Councilman Bryan Welsh to approve the purchase with trade in the 2004 Backhoe and a 2 year lease payment in the amount of \$20,285 per year. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

Update on the work at Mitchell Park

North Penn Supply has closed so Laforge will be getting their stone from Duffy's it has already been approved by Engineer and DEP. They will start in approximately 2 weeks.

Penn Dot are moving along and will have beams for bridge in by the end of July. They are running approximately a week behind schedule due to weather.

RECREATION/LIBRARY

Shell Grant/Pool

The Shell Grant is not able to be used for any construction of the pool, but they would like to fund the safety and emergency equipment like life rings, AED machine and CPR classes for the lifeguards.

FINANCE & ORDINANCE

Manager Morris has started working on the 2018 budget

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn 7:41pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Holly Hyde