

**COUDERSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 20, 2018
6:40 PM**

The Coudersport Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at the Coudersport Borough Maintenance Facility on Damascus Street.

Council President George Hults called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present were Council members George Hults, Wayne Hathaway, Todd Husson, Gary Walaski, April Castano by phone and Brian Ruane.

Also present were Mayor Andy Dubots, Manager Beverly Morris, Solicitor Glassmire, Junior Council Person Hannah Taylor, Holly Hyde, Tom Majot, Kathy Majot, Attorney Mike Plummer, Todd Brown, Lonnie Jo Hynds, Robert Wagner, Valerie Mosch, Wayne Wentzel, Brian Pekarski, Minelle Snay, Steve Benna, Kathy Kinard, Gayla Yentzer, Walter and Donna Foust, Lee Zeger and Robin Fink.

VISITORS REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Lee Zeger with CES Engineer was present to advise council of the Phase 6 project on the levee. The Phase 6 will be near Park Ave and will include encasing the sewer line. Lee is asking for Council to reject all bids and put back out to bid again in the Fall. We have only received one bid for this project as a result of the time we placed it for bid. Lee stated that he feels we wait for Fall we will receive more bids for this project. Lee also explained to the public present what this means for the levee to be certified and that Council did this for the public. This saves the public in flood zone money for flood insurance.

Kathy Kinard is present on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary asking Council to sponsor a wreath for the veterans at Christmas time. This can be purchased through Wreaths Across America. Website is www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

Steve Benna is the Director of Outreach with the First Baptist Church in Galeton. He is here with veteran banners and to see if Council would be interested on adding them to our town. Galeton Borough has given their approval and they have started putting them up in town. Galeton has received approval from Penelec to use their poles for the banners. They are being completed by the Sign Shop. Steve has more information and left his card with the Borough Manager.

Jennifer Rossman is present requesting from the Potter County Historical Society for the Eliot Ness Festival that the Borough consider allowing the committee to display fireworks during the Eliot Ness Festival. The committee has communicated with a licensed Certified Explosives group out of Rochester, NY and would like to commit to contracting with them to provide fireworks during that festival on Saturday night July 21, 2018 at 10pm with a 15 minute firework show with a finale. A reserved rain date

would be the day before that if there is something coming in the weather. The Potter County Historical Society has asked for an additional rider on the events liability insurance for fireworks plus this company also holds their own. There is a site visit to the site where we would like to have the fireworks set off which is the property owned by Todd Brown above the pool where there is a helipad. A representative from Young Explosives is coming to look at the pad tomorrow to make sure it would be appropriate. Jennifer asked if this could be considered. She is also asking for permission to park at CARP for overflow parking and to have bathrooms unlocked. Manager Morris stated we will need to see if anyone has reserved the park. There will be additional parking at Century link (Level 3) and will have monitors to help park vehicles. There will also be an ATA buss to shuttle people to town.

It was motioned by Councilman Ruane, seconded by Councilman Walaski to use CARP for overflow parking. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

RESOLUTION 2018-8 “Eliot Ness Festival”

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Ruane to adopt Resolution 2018-8 to display fireworks for Eliot Ness Festival on Saturday July 21, 2018 with a rain date of July 20, 2018. They will use the property owned by Todd and Micki Brown on Mountain Spring Rd. The fireworks will be displayed by a professional fireworks company and will provide the Coudersport Borough with a proof of license to display fireworks and proof of liability insurance. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

Brian Pekarski is present to provide Council with an itinerary for the Elliot Ness Festival.

Robert Wagner is present to discuss the caboose and the Arboretum.

Lonnie Jo Hynds asked for clarification on the moving wall memorial. Manager Morris stated that it was going to be by the Freeman house but wasn't approved so they have moved the ceremony to the Football field at CARP.

Minelle Snay has many ideas for the pool and would like to be on the pool committee.

Gayla Yentzer is present to see if there can be a sign put up by 102 Main Street. There is an empty lot that is owned by Karen Cahilly that tenants use to allow their dogs to use and have not been cleaning up after them. Councilman Hathaway states there is an Ordinance and if they can be caught to take it to the police department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Hults asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2018. As there were none the minutes will stand as presented.

VOUCHER LIST

It was motioned by Councilman Hathaway, seconded by Councilman Ruane to approve the voucher list in the following amounts: General Fund \$60,290.08, Water Operating \$20,919.51, Sewer Operating

\$40,232.95, Street Lighting Fund \$2,428.49, Fire Protection Fund \$1,270.00, Recreation \$10,705.66, Library \$10,075.00, and Swimming Pool Fund \$ 10,000.00, and Act 13 Gas Well Impact Fund \$ 429.50. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

Reports received were the Police, Meeting notes, Voucher List, Fund Balance and Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

ARBORETUM

Executive session called at 7:57pm to discuss real-estate matters and litigations.

Executive session ended at 8:23 pm with no decisions reached.

There has been distributed a document entitled request for bids for sale and real estate and or proposals for exchange of Borough property. This document has been exclusively prepared by Attorney Mike Plummer; Solicitor Glassmire has reviewed it and commented on it. Solicitor Glassmire has given his private advice to Council concerning it and if there is a majority will go forward with it. There are certain changes, and certain modifications and request that Council will allow the Solicitor to make. The matter is now on the table because this document was distributed by Bev and to all members of Council. If we go through with this we will use the original sketch from Sheetz that actually has the dimensions on it and .35acers.

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Hathaway to put the property up for bid, subject to Solicitor incursion of a description, subject to Solicitors discursion and incursion of other provisions which would include making sure if there are any litigations that the high bidder is responsible for that expense that we are indentified from it and such other conditions that the Solicitor that are protection from the public interest and also to make it clear the bid will make it extraordinary clear that it does not go through and that the written contract which Solicitor Glassmire will design and will be part of the bid package. This will also include that the bidder will get approval from the Court of Common Pleas of Potter County. Solicitor Glassmire will prepare the documents and have it at next month's meeting for review. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski No, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano No, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane No and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 3 Yes 3 No; Mayor Dubots will cast the tie vote Mayor Dubots Yes

Youth Football Storage Building

The 12' x 20' Youth football storage building was tabled from last month's meeting. It was motioned by Councilman Ruane, seconded by Councilman Walaski to allow the Youth Football to place a storage shed once they have a rental lease agreement signed and have them pay a \$1 a month for the building to be placed near the Little League storage shed at CARP. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

Street Light at Chestnut & Eulaliah

It was motioned by Councilman Walaski, seconded by Councilman Husson to approve a street light be placed at the intersection of Chestnut and Eulalia Streets purchased by the Coudersport Borough. There was discussion that there is dismal lighting in this area and was told that someone wishes to pay for the light. The Borough is responsible for the street lights and will accept no private pay for the light. They will be able to donate to the Borough but not for specific things. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2018-7 APPOINTMENTS TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Ron Morey resigned and term would have ended 2022.

Marlin Moore has passed and term would have ended 2020

Jeff Wilcox would replace Ron Morey

Gene Neeffe would replace Marlin Moore

It was motioned by Councilman Hathaway, seconded by Councilman Ruane to appoint Jeff Wilcox to the term ending 2022 and Gene Neeffe to the term ending 2020 for the Civil Service Commission. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

PAVING BIDS

We have received two bids for paving.

Hawbakers \$78,055

IA Construction \$ 79,295.56

All paving has to be completed by October 15, 2018

Councilman Walaski states that he is not happy with Hawbakers work in the Borough. Personally in the past and present would rather go with IA because of their quality of work. It's got to be better than the work they have been doing just my personal opinion. Hawbakers do very shoddy shoddy work. Solicitor Glassmire states "that is a reasonable decision to make and if that's majority decision and that would Solicitors opinion stand in court." Councilman Walaski states "if you put lipstick on a pig? What do you have? A pig!" What they did up in front of the courthouse is to me is disgusting, terrible they drilled holes to drain the water "Oh it will drain" Hawbaker said. "Councilman Walaski stated when the sun comes out and evaporates it! Well it's not working". Councilman Hults states they won't take the blame for it. Councilman Walaski states that was there work and there escape goat and not happy with it. Councilman

Ruane states it took its toll on the businesses downtown with all the pounding loosened bricks on some of the buildings. Councilman Walaski states he would personally go with IA Construction.

It was motioned by Councilman Walaski, seconded by Councilman Hathaway to accept IA Constructions bid for 2018 paving. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults No. Motion carried 5 Yes 1 No

2005 CHEVY TRUCK BIDS

D Gardino \$2,510

Clyde Dheart \$1,600

It was motioned by Councilman Walaksi to reject all bids. Motion dies for a lack of second.

There was discussion on how much the 2005 Chevy truck lists for in poor condition. The Council would like to look into this further.

It was motioned by Councilman Walaksi, seconded by Councilman Hathaway to table the sale of the 2005 Chevy Truck. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

A Way Out Christmas in July

Requesting for bagging parking meters around court house, closure of Third Street and North East Street, Garbage cans, and Police assistance as needed.

It was motioned by Councilman Ruane, seconded by Councilman Walaski to accept the request from A Way Out Christmas in July.

MANAGER'S REPORT

CBA meeting 6/21/2018 6:30 at the Borough Maintenance building

CAMA meeting 6/25/2018 6:30 pm at the WWTP

JKLM stakeholder meeting June 28, 2018 9am

PSAB Conference Manager Morris attended and main topic was Emergency Management and was very informative.

Open house/Media Day at Mobile Health Exam Center will be held on June 21, 2018 from 9am-noon

McWaPEC meeting will be held in Eldred on June 28, 2018

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief McClain is at a Chief of Police convention

MAYORS REPORT

WPSU are seeking stories about Coudersport. They are planning on doing an "OUR TOWN" Program meeting June 26, 2018 at 6:30pm if anyone has an idea or story they want to so you can meet at the public library. The production date around the July 14, 2018 TBA

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Working on various projects but nothing further to report at this time

JR. COUNCIL REPORT

Hannah has been working on the Borough website would like to place a calendar of events, Ordinance, links, Festivals, Minutes, and have a drone visual of the Borough on the website as well. If anyone would like anything specific please let Hannah know. PSAB also will be providing awards for the best website.

PERSONNEL / POLICE

Union Negotiations

UTILITIES, STREETS, BRIDGES, TREES

Jeff Schroeder have been in contact with the Conservation District about the drainage and erosion on West Second Street. He applied for a grant for the drainage and paving. The Borough has received the grant and will be completed in the next month. Contract has been sent to Solicitor Glassmire for review.

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Walaski to approve the work on West Second Street subject to Solicitor approval. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Phase 6 Levee Project

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Ruane to reject all bids. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

RECREATION/LIBRARY

Chris Ernst with E & M Engineers was present during the workshop and explained the pool design to Council. It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Ruane to accept Option B ramp design from E & M Engineers. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Walaski states there has been an ongoing issue with lights from Dollar General that are shining right into other neighbor windows. Councilman would like to have the Solicitor send a letter to

the owner to even place a shield on them. It was motioned by Councilman Walaski, seconded by Councilman Ruane to have the Solicitor send a letter to Dollar General about the lights that face residential houses. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

Councilman Husson states when the downtown revitalization project went through the area there was wooden poles put out to hold signage and feels that it should not be wood poles and feels that they should be enhanced to look nice. There is a zoning ordinance with signage there will look over it to be sure they are in compliance.

ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Walaski to adjourn at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Hyde