

**COUDERSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 16, 2016
6:30PM**

The Coudersport Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday March 16, 2016 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 Richard Neefe IV, George Hults, Andy Bristol and Todd Husson.

Also present were Solicitor Glassmire, Officer Collins, Manager Morris, Mayor Whitman, Todd Brown, Jason Holmberg, Wayne Wentzel, Marty Fry, Tom Majot, Matt Baker, Bryan Phelps, Calee Phelps, Trooper Butler, Evan Rodriguez, Chris Heimel, Kelly Stemcosky, and Holly Hyde

MAYOR WHITMAN'S PRESENTATION

Mayor Whitman presented certificates of appreciation to all involved in rescuing the young man from the channel on February 26, 2016. Certificates were presented to Trooper Kyle Butler, Coudersport Vol. Fire Dept. and the Coudersport Borough Police Dept.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS

Jason Holmberg is asking for an update on the Phase I study. Tom Majot states that the Coudersport Boroughs Engineer Uni-Tec is in agreement with the company; Mr. Majot has hired to complete the Phase I study and waiting on the company to have it completed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to approve the February 2016 minutes as amended. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, and Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

VOUCHER LIST

General Fund \$60,322.78, Water Operating Fund \$27,187.38, Sewer Operating Fund \$36,724.37, Street Lighting Fund \$3,229.01, Fire Protection Fund \$ 971.00, and Recreation Fund \$3,337.25. It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman A. Bristol to approve the voucher list as presented. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, and Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

REPORTS RECEIVED: Fund Balance, Treasurer's report, meeting notes, police report, and voucher list.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2016-4 MUNICIPALITYS TO USE RADAR GUNS

Mayor Whitman will be going to Harrisburg April 5, 2016 to a rally with other Mayors from Municipalities from Pennsylvania with this Resolution to urge the House and Senate to pass laws allowing municipal police to use radar.

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to approve Resolution 2016-4 to take to Harrisburg to urge the House and Senate to pass laws allowing municipal police to use radar. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, and Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

SIDEWALK BIDS

Manager Morris has advertised for sidewalk bids. Solicitor Glassmire has been assisting with the agreement for residents that wish to have their sidewalks done.

Concrete man submitted a bid for \$6.00 a square foot and \$6.75 for a 6inch side walk for a drive way.

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman A. Bristol to accept the bid from the Concrete man. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, and Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

Advertise for Mowing

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to allow Manager Morris to advertise for mowing Borough Properties. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, and Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

SWEET RUN 5K

The CMA Church is requesting to have a 5k starting at the Court House to Woodlawn Ave, to Alliance church then back to Court House on May 7, 2016. The run will being at 10am and be completed by noon.

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman A. Bristol to allow the 5k Sweet Run on May 7, 2016. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, and Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

5-K YELLOW RIBBON

The Potter County Yellow Ribbon club is requesting to have a 5k race that will begin and end at Mitchell Park on Saturday, May 28, 2016. Registration will begin at 8am, race begins at 9am.

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman A. Bristol to approve the Yellow Ribbon 5k on May 28, 2016. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, and Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

MANAGER'S REPORT

Noah Delp is working toward his Scouts badge and would like to complete some drainage on the proposed Tom Leete trail. He will be contacting the Conservation District for approval.

H2O GRANT

Manager Morris has asked for and received an extension on the H2O Grant the original amount was \$466,730 that was set to expire in June 2016. This grant was for the levee system. We have used \$411,979 of it and have \$54,750 left that we can combine with the Flood Mitigation Grant of \$376,000 for a total of \$430,750 for the remaining work to be done.

Manager Morris and Mayor Whitman attended a McWaPEC in Ridgeway on March 10, 2016.

The Fireman's annual banquet will be held on April 16, 2016, if interested the reservations are due by April 9, 2016.

The Eulalia Cemetery Association has asked for the crews help in repairing the top road in the cemetery.

It was motioned by Councilman R. Neefe IV, seconded by Councilman A. Bristol to allow the Borough crew to help with the Cemetery road. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman T. Husson No, and Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes. 3 Yes and 1 No

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief's Report given by Manager Morris. The police officers are interested in purchasing their old fire arms for \$200. Chief McClain also is asking if the council would be interested in giving Lee Gross his old firearm or having him purchase it for \$200.

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson to allow the Police officers to purchase their fire arms at \$200 each and to offer Lee gross to purchase his old fire arms. The motion dies for the lack of a second. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, and Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

It was motioned by Councilman A. Bristol, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to allow the police officers to purchase their old fire arms for \$200 each and to give Lee Gross his old fire arm for all his years of service.

Chief McClain has received a letter from Rhys Lewis from Ulysses requesting a ride along with the Police officers as his schedule would permit.

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to approve Rhys to ride along with the Borough Police officers. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, and Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Whitman has proclaimed April 21, 2016 as the Power Talk 21 Day, which is Mothers against drunk driving.

Mayor Whitman has had several residents wanting to know if we will be holding Borough Clean up days again this year. Manager Morris will look into costs.

Mayor Whitman is asking if the Borough would help out the Senior citizens in any way. She is working on relocating them.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Glassmire has been working on various projects and are in good shape.

Solicitor Glassmire attended the last CAMA meeting in regards to the sewer line that is now in the Levee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Personnel committee met with Mayor Whitman about hiring a full time police officer

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman A. Bristol to ratify and hire a full time police officer. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, and Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

The water shed grant for the debris basin, meeting has been postponed.

RESOLUTION 2016-5 SHADE TREE

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman A. Bristol to appoint Wayne Wenzel as the Chairman of the Shade Tree Committee. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, and Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

Manager Morris stated that we only received 1 applicate for the water operator position and he was requesting \$84,000 a year.

PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT

FORD 550 TRUCK

It was motioned by Councilman A. Bristol, seconded by Councilman T. Husson to proceed with the purchase of a Ford 550 truck from Kightlingers in the amount of \$71,815 and to purchase it with a stainless steel bed that will be \$ 500.00. Total amount will be \$72,315. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, and Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

FINANCE AND ORDINANCE

BRAKE RETARDER SIGNS

PennDOT has completed their study of East Second Street to determine if brake retarder signs are possible. They have determined that from RT. 872 to the intersection of north East Street meets the criteria to permit an engine brake retarder prohibition. It is will be up to Council to decide to proceed with an ordinance.

President Hults is requesting to have them look at RT. 49 to the light then going forward with working on the Ordinance.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There was discussion on getting rid of the two vehicles either bidding them out or trading both in. Manager Morris will check with Kightlingers and get some quotes.

ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned to adjourn at 7:22 pm