

**COUDERSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023
5:30 PM**

Coudersport Borough Council held their regular meeting on Friday, April 21, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Coudersport Borough Maintenance Facility on Damascus Road.

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Hathaway who led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Present were Council members Wayne Hathaway, George Hults, Jack Keifer, Jesse Minor, Todd Husson and Marty Fry.

Also present were Mayor Andy Dubots, Manager Beverly Morris, Police Chief Curt McClain, Penny Thomas, Jim Thomas, Donna LeSchander and Wayne Wentzel

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

It was motioned by Councilman Hults, seconded by Councilman Fry to add to the agenda the reimbursement to lifeguards for certification during the Recreation/Library portion. Motion unanimously carried.

VISITORS REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

ARBORETUM

Wayne Wentzel representing the Arboretum requested approval for underground electric and internet lines be run. The electric will be run from the caboose to the stage. A certified electrician will be doing the work.

It was motioned by Councilman Fry, seconded by Councilman Keifer to approve this request. Roll call vote taken: Councilman Keifer Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Fry Yes, Councilman Minor Yes and Councilman Hathaway Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Keifer to approve the minutes of the special meeting on March 3, 2021 and the regular meeting on March 17, 2023 as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

VOUCHER LIST

It was motioned by Councilman Keifer, seconded by Councilman Hults to approve the voucher list as presented in the amounts of General Fund \$97,818.33, Water Operating Fund \$29,816.26, Sewer Operating Fund \$37,200.49, Street Lighting Fund \$3,678.56, Fire Protection Fund \$1,237.00, Recreation Fund \$4,049.46, Library Fund \$12,063.00, and Swimming Pool Fund \$6,831.20. Roll call vote taken:

Councilman Minor Yes, Councilman Fry Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Husson Yes and Councilman Keifer Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

Monthly reports received were: meeting notes, voucher list, fund balance, treasurer's report and police report.

OLD BUSINESS

POOL REPAIR CONTRACT

The contract with Francis J. Palo, Inc for the repairs at the pool in the amount of \$149,348.80 was reviewed. This bid includes the stainless steel railings. Councilman Fry asked if there would be any other issues or costs. There could be additional engineering fees. Councilman Husson stated that he talked extensively to Engineer Chris Ernst who assured him that this contractor is a reliable contractor and Councilman Husson does not see any additional expenses. There could also be issues in the future trying to find another contractor as good as what the engineer says this company is. The contractor is to be on site on May 1, 2023 and expects to have everything completed in two weeks.

It was motioned by Councilman Hults, seconded by Councilman Husson to approve the contract with Francis J. Palo, Inc for pool repairs in the amount of \$149,348.80. Roll call vote taken: Councilman Keifer Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Fry Yes and Councilman Minor Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 GOD'S COUNTRY MARATHON

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Keifer to approve the request for the 2023 God's Country Marathon to be held on June 3, 2023. The marathon committee is requesting bagging of parking meters from Allegany Avenue to the finish line on Main Street and to have use of the garbage cans. Roll call vote taken: Councilman Minor Yes, Councilman Fry Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Husson Yes and Councilman Keifer Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

MANAGER'S REPORT

CBA held meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2023 and CAMA will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023.

The 175th Anniversary of the Borough will include a booth at Maple Festival where elected officials can talk to constituents. The Coudersport High School's 8th grade art is making a float in honor of the celebration. Brochures are being made that give information on the Borough.

The Potter County Historical Society will be putting on a presentation of the founding of Coudersport Borough on April 30, 2023 beginning at 2:30 pm.

The salt contract with COSTARS for the 2023-2024 season has been secured. 200 ton of salt was requested.

There have been Zoom meetings with Jason Dailey the consultant for Pennsylvania Economy League reviewing procedures and recommendations through the STMP grant.

The manager met with John Lenox the printer of the hometown hero banners. The banner committee has redesigned the banners for better reading and will get the banners to the borough for installation. The old banners will be replaced.

The traffic signal at the corner of Main and E. Second St. is being looked at to see if the digital double conversion traffic UPS can be repaired or needs to be replaced.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dubots reported on the fire at the Crittenden. He stated that every fire department involved was impressed with the flow and pressure of the water from the hydrants. He also stated that the water department worked together to make sure there was always enough water. It was a tremendous help in a bad situation.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief McClain reported that two body cameras and a new computer for the police department have been purchased, received and are in use. This equipment is being paid for out of the County's technology grant.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL/POLICE – NONE

UTILITIES, STREETS, BRIDGES AND TREES

SIDEWALK AGREEMENTS

Two sidewalk agreements were presented to Council for approval – Jonathon Suladi of 7 Fifth Street and Jackie Gardner of 502 South East Street. Replacement was done by Concreteman. Council suggested that more time be given to property owners for repayment of sidewalk agreements.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

It was motioned by Councilman Hults, seconded by Councilman Husson to table action on the repair/replacement of the 1999 Kubota tractor and to have this equipment delivered to Joe Russell for him to look at and give a quote to repair. Roll call vote taken: Councilman Keifer Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Fry Yes and Councilman Minor Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No

RECREATION/LIBRARY

There has been an interest among residents to have pickle ball courts placed at CARP. The Manager will look at the courts in Port Allegany. Borough Council approves looking into this activity.

SWIM LESSONS

Over \$5,000 in contributions has been received for free swim lessons. Councilman Husson requested a letter be sent to UPMC requesting their yearly donation. Many thanks to the "Friends of the Pool" for spearheading this cause.

LIFEGUARD REIMBURSEMENT

It was motioned by Councilman Fry, seconded by Councilman Minor to pay \$150 to each new lifeguard who passes their lifeguard certification and works the entire summer with no infractions. Roll call vote taken: Councilman Keifer Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Fry Yes and Councilman Minor Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

FINANCE/ORDINANCE – NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS – NONE

ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Keifer to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm. Motion unanimously carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Beverly Morris, Secretary