

**COUDERSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 15, 2015
6:30PM**

The Coudersport Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday April 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, Ron Angood, and Eugene Neefe.

Also present were Solicitor Tom Shafer, Police Chief Lee Gross, Manager Morris, Mayor Whitman, Lou Karija, Wayne Wentzel, Curt Weinhold, Tony Winters, Tom Majot and Carl Sprouse.

VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS

Tom Majot is here to see what council has decided on the Storm Water Management Ordinance. This will be discussed later during the meeting.

Curt Weinhold is here on behalf of Natalie Stenhach regarding the Tom Leete Nature Trail.

Tony Winters is here to discuss the Adopt a Block program for the town. He is starting with the downtown area. This is all voluntary by picking up garbage, cutting or pulling weeds in sidewalks. There have been several blocks that volunteers have come forward and adopted.

Carl Sprouse is here with a concern of the home that burned in late winter at 407 South West St. There has been garbage blowing around the yards in the neighborhood. There are animals that are starting to make this a home. Chief Gross stated that a letter has been sent to the land owner and there is a meeting set up with the Solicitor next week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was motioned by Councilman R. Angood, seconded by Councilman E. Neefe to approve the minutes for March 18, 2015 as presented. Motion Carried.

VOUCHER LIST

General Fund \$6,8995.23, Water Operating Fund \$3,4995.48, Sewer Operating Fund \$28,693.97, Capital Reserve Fund \$4,408.74, Street Lighting Fund \$2,900.95, Fire Protection Fund \$762.00, Recreation Fund \$2,884.31, and Act 13 Gas Well Fund \$1,932.27. Motion made

by Councilman R. Neefe IV seconded by Councilman G. Neefe to approve the Voucher list as presented. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, R. Angood Yes, G. Neefe Yes, and G. Hults Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No.

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

OLD BUSINESS

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

It was motioned by Councilman R. Angood, seconded by Councilman G. Neefe to approve the Storm Water Management Ordinance by changing it from 5,000 square feet to 1 Acre. This is subject to DEP approval. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, R. Angood Yes, G. Neefe Yes, and G. Hults Yes, 4 Yes and 0 No.

RESOLUTION 2015-3

It was motioned by Councilman R. Angood, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to approve Resolution 2015-3 and to have the president of Council sign for the grant from the Tom Leete Nature Trail in the amount of \$25,000 subject to Solicitor review. The president of Council will also sign the PNDI which is for endangered species. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, R. Angood Yes, G. Neefe Yes, and G. Hults Yes, 4 Yes and 0 No.

NEW BUSINESS

Mowing Quote

We have received one bid for mowing from Jeremy Sprouse.

Sewer Plant: \$110 per mow

Water Plant: no bid

Arboretum/General property: \$80 per mow

Provided us with Insurance

It was motioned by Councilman G. Neefe, seconded by Councilman R. Angood to approve the quote presented from Jeremy Sprouse for Sewer and Arboretum/ General Properties. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV No, R. Angood Yes, G. Neefe Yes, and G. Hults Yes, 3 Yes and 1 No.

Received a letter from Hans Neilson (Owner of Crittenden) is requesting to block off West Second Street on Saturday July 4th from 4:30am till 6pm for a BBQ cook off. Council would like for Mr. Neilson and Mr. Swank to talk and work it out as they are not in favor of closing the street.

Brian Dingus (Sheetz) wants to meet with Council to have discussion if there is any interest in selling a portion of the Borough property that the Arboretum sits on. Council wants them to put a proposal together to be reviewed in future months.

PIB Loan in the amount of \$200,000 through Penn Dot for the paving of several streets. This would have to go through the unit debt act for approval. This would be a 4 year loan at 1.62% interest and we could use our liquid fuels to pay it back.

CBDG Grant for the water line on Seventh Street, do to new rules this would have to be done again and not through our office. If the grant goes through we may or may not receive the funding by 2016.

MANAGERS REPORT

Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 25, 2015

Relay for Life June 20 and 21st, 2015. Kathy Kinard would like to use ribbons and lights to decorate the lights down town. Kightlingers Motors have sponsored the lights for The Relay for Life.

God's Country Marathon is requesting fire police on Allegany Avenue to Third Street for June 6, 2015.

Clean up Days

We have been in contact with Cowanesque Salvage Yard (Vince Osborne) and are interested in doing this again this year. Working on dates

Manager Morris attended a school board meeting to discuss their support for the pool and parks.

McWaPec dinner is held in Bradford hosted by Lewis Run Borough on April 23, 2015. If anyone is interested we need to have reservations in as soon as possible.

PUBLIC WORKS:

We have been remodeling CARP bathrooms to be handicap accessible. We will be starting work on the pool next week.

Gary Buchsen is not doing the flowers down town. The Chamber is paying for the flowers from the high school and the flower baskets will be put together at the Potter County Women Rehabilitation Center. Once weather allows they will be displayed down Main Street.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

The Mayor and Chief Gross have been working on a couple of properties in the borough on clean up.

Chief Gross was in Schooling in Harrisburg March 31, and April 1, 2015. He has invited a gentleman from Ohio to come and present information on Social media. We have several interests in this from Schools, County, and local Municipality's.

MAYOR REPORT

Thank you for all the out pouring of support through this difficult time.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Nothing to report at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL/POLICE:

It was motioned by Councilman R. Angood, seconded by Councilman G. Neefe to promote Jeff Schroder to Foreman. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, R. Angood Yes, G. Neefe Yes, and G. Hults Yes, 4 Yes and 0 No.

UTILITIES, STREETS, BRIDGES, TREES:

There will be a delay in the levee project this summer do to a DEP. Permit modification.

Cleveland Brothers will be bringing up a used truck so we can see if it is something we would be interested in and they will also be bringing a sweeper when they bring the truck.

RECREATION/LIBRARY:

There will be no change in the Pool fees this year.

FINANCE & ORDINANCE:

COUNCILMANS COMMENTS:

Water line replacement starting May 11, 2015. This will begin on West Chestnut to South Main around the corner to East Maple Street.

It was motioned by Councilman G. Neefe, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Holly Hyde