

**COUDERSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2017
6:30PM**

The Coudersport Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 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, Richard Neefe IV, Eugene Neefe, and Andy Bristol.

Also present were Mayor Whitman, Beverly Morris, Solicitor Glassmire, Holly Hyde, Wayne Wentzel, Hannah Taylor, Mike Plummer, Tom Majot, Pamela Ruane, Robert Wagner, George Stenhach, Andy Dubots, Valerie Mosch, Laurie Barr, Nick Hartraft, Todd Brown, Dolly Bretz, Charlotte Neefe, Lonnie Jo Hynds, Edie Menschel, Georgeanna Decarlo, Thad Taylor, Bryan Phelps, John Wright and Chris Herzig.

VISITOR REQUEST AND COMMENTS

Mr. Wagner started by referring to the Downingtown Supreme Court Case that was mentioned at the last meeting. Mr. Wagner states that there was a formal dedication and the speaker was Doug Morley County Commissioner. There were some issues that arose and Mr. Glassmire asked Mr. Plummer if he would like to address them.

Mr. Plummer stated that the land has not been dedicated for public use and that the County Commissioner has no authority to dedicate the land. This should have been done through Council and a Resolution or Ordinance put in place. He states there was no motion or no ratification by Council.

Solicitor Glassmire opened the floor to allow everyone to speak about the pros and cons. There was a lot of discussion on the Arboretum.

Solicitor Glassmire stated that he will need to look into it more, but his opinion tend to disagree with Mr. Plumber on acts and written documentation. Dedication can be applied with a number of acts.

It was motioned by Councilman Todd Husson, seconded by Councilman Bryan Welsh to close the public topic on the arboretum. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

It was motioned by Councilman Todd Husson, seconded by Councilman Andy Bristol to take under advisement and the arboretum be tabled. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

Lori Barr has a grievance regarding CAMA Board in reference to Epiphany. Lori read over minutes and over deeds. Solicitor Glassmire explained to her that Council doesn't have any say in CAMA or CBA as they are separate boards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was motioned by Councilman Todd Husson, seconded by Councilman Andy Bristol to approve the July 15, 2017 meeting minutes. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

VOUCHER LIST

General Fund \$55,551.04, Water Operating Fund \$18,972.37, Sewer Operating Fund \$30,239.27, Capital Reserve Fund \$20,285.87, Street Lighting Fund \$3,832.11, Fire Protection Fund \$1,092.00, Recreation Fund \$5,018.86, Act 13 Gas Well Impact Fund \$1,008.28. It was motioned by Councilman Todd Husson, seconded by Councilman Gene Neefe 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, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2017-6 COUNTY AID

County Aid in the amount of \$5,528.13 It was motioned by Councilman Rich Neefe IV, seconded by Councilman Bryan Welsh to approve Resolution 2017-6 for County Aid in the amount of \$5,528.13. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

It was motioned by Councilman Todd Husson, seconded by Councilman Andy Bristol to advertise for Anti Skid. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

Library 5K

The library has requested to their annual 5K on August 19, 2017 at 9am starting and finishing at the library and avoiding all construction zones. No fire police have been requested. It was motioned by Councilman Andy Bristol, seconded by Councilman Todd Husson to approve the request for the Library 5K. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

Tax Collector

Teresa Kisiel is requesting to go to the Pennsylvania Tax Collectors Association Convention and this will provide her with 7 EDU Credits. This will cost \$160 plus lodging. It was motioned by Councilman Gene Neefe, seconded by Councilman Andy Bristol to approve the request up to \$250. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

Fire Police

The School has requested Fire Police for the home football games and for a cross country meet.

RESOLUTION 2017-7

The Appointment of Junior Council Member under Resolution 2017-7, appointing Hannah Taylor as Junior Council Member. Hannah will be joining us for the Council meeting starting in September through May. She will be using this as her senior project. It was motioned by Councilman Rich Neefe IV, seconded by Councilman Gene Neefe to approve Hannah Taylor as Junior Councilman. Roll call taken: Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes and Gene Neefe Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

Chief Phelps was here to cover the training for the Fire Dept. They are waiting on permits to do a controlled structure burn at the old Gleason's building.

MANAGERS REPORT

Manger Morris has met with the Shade Tree committee (Wayne Wentzel) they drove around and found 90 properties that have either trees or bushes that overhang the streets or sidewalks. They will need trimmed back.

CBA meeting will be held at the Borough Maintenance building August 17, 2017 at 6:30pm

CAMA meeting will be held at the Sewer plant on Toles Hollow Rd on August 28, 2017 at 6:30pm

The street lights will not be working while they are being fixed.

Gozelski Garbage has sent a letter to notify us that they will be increasing their rates by 2%.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Calls have increased and will have another record year.

MAYOR REPORT

August 31, 2017 the American Red Cross will be holding a hand on class for opening and emergency shelter.

August 18, 2017 the Red Cross will be here to evaluate more locations for during a storm.

Constitution Day will be held September 17, 2017 this will include ringing of the bell at 4pm.

Mayor Whitman will be performing a wedding for Allie Kelsey and Chip Sinnamond on September 16, 2017.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Nothing more that wasn't already covered.

UTILITIES, STREETS, BRIDGES, TREES

West Second Street paving

The Borough is putting a lot of material into this street three to four times a year. We will be getting quotes to pave.

PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT

UPDATE –LEVEE AT MITCHELL

All is going well and within two weeks the stream will be complete. It is under budget and may have enough grant monies to do CARP this fall.

Penn Dot will be paving end of August

The Arboretum is going to be working on a pollinator garden in front of the Borough Building for bees, butterflies and humming birds.

FINANCE & ORDINANCE

Working on the 2018 Budget

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Todd Husson asked about the slate will be removed from the handicap spots.

Bryan Welsh has the plans on Epiphany in digital and hard copy if anyone would want them.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn 8:36pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Holly Hyde