

**COUDERSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2016  
6:30PM**

The Coudersport Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday February 17, 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, Eugene Neefe, Bryan Welsh, Andy Bristol and Todd Husson.

Also present were Solicitor Glassmire, Chief McClain, Renee McClain, Manager Morris, Mayor Whitman, Todd Brown, Jason Holmberg, Lou Karija, Wayne Wenzel, Rick Angood, Marty Fry, David Brooks, Richard Hatfield, and Holly Hyde.

**VISITORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS**

Wayne Wenzel is requesting the line at the red light by Olgas needs repainted. The sign that states stop here on red is still up but no one abides by it. Chief McClain will patrol the area. The line will be repainted when weather allows.

The second thing Wayne Wenzel has is drain problems on the West side of North East St between Fourth St and Fifth St. The Borough crew will look into this.

The third request is to have Lou Karija, Wayne Wenzel, and Lions Club would like to be included when and if the Arboretum is to be moved.

Jason Holmberg is requesting that the Solicitor bring Council up to speed about the indemnification and Whole Hearted Clause. Solicitor Glassmire asks Council to let him take this under advisement, so he can bring Council up to speed.

Councilman George Hults advises Solicitor Glassmire to take this under advisement.

Mr. Holmberg wants to request that Council in light of the Environmental issues that are going on and in light of the fact the Mr. Majot didn't respond to the motion that was passed at the last meeting, to discontinuing negotiations and starting looking back over the proposal that was made by Potter Lands LLC back in August 2015.

Solicitor Glassmire has not spoken with Council but has spoken with the Borough Manager and he is in agreement with the approach with Mr. Majot is taken. He has spoken to Mr. Ward from

Uni-Tec and done independent research and has come to the conclusions that you could spend a lot of money on a phase I. Simply by virtue and that it was a gas station you will get an inconclusive verdict from a phase I study and have to do a phase II study. He was presented a letter when coming into meeting that Mr. Ward is not in agreement with Mr. Majot. Mr. Ward's wants to see a report established by Mr. Majot's environmentalist to review and approve before moving forward to the proposal. Solicitor Glassmire will leave it up to what Council decides to do and will back there decision to the best of his ability's.

Marty Fry is here to state that Mr. Majot is not procrastinating. It is very complicated and in-depth to do it correctly. Part of the consideration in all this has to do with the cost factor, a cost like this in any other business can go from one price to twice to three times the amount. He is trying to be prudent and being able to get a qualified individual to do it, but at a reasonable be cost and having problems with time of the year. Mr. Majot is trying to abide by Council recommendation.

Councilman E. Neefe stated there has to establish a base line study in Phase I. This would be a historical study. This will tell us what we should test for in the Phase II study. When you do the AAI (All Available Inquiries) that was set up by EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) will tell you what testing will need done.

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to give Mr. Majot another 30 days from today 2/17/16 to come up with a response with how he will proceed and which response within the 30 days be reviewed by Mr. Ward and be found as an acceptable way to proceed. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman B. Welsh No, Councilman G. Hults No, Councilman E. Neefe No, Councilman T. Husson Yes, and Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes. 3 Yes and 3 No. Tie breaker will be Mayor Whitman votes No. Motion failed.

It was motioned by Councilman E. Neefe, seconded by Councilman B. Welsh to give Mr. Majot 15 days from 2/17/16 to get a Phase I study started and that in which he is proposing to do is in agreement and acceptable with Mr. Ward. Roll call taken: Councilman A. Bristol No, Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, Councilman T. Husson No, and Councilman R. Neefe IV No. 3 Yes and 3 No. Tie breaker will be Mayor Whitman votes Yes. Motion Passed

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson if Mr. Majot has not complied with the previous motion to have the phase I study underway with in the 15 days provided, that we advertise for the sale of the property where the land that Sheetz wants. No Council members seconded, motion dies.

David Brooks is here to request to have Third St closed for the Gods Country Marathon and wanting to add a "Concour the Grill" Kansas City BBQ society and to use Third St on June 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Requesting from Potter County Commissioners to have a Beer tent on the Court House

Square and has providing diagram with the zonings, where cooking BBQ, and Open container on Third St. The beer tent is contingent on the approval of the Commissioners and Court House.

It was motioned by Councilman B. Welsh, seconded by Councilman A. Bristol to approve the BBQ cook off and the closing down of Third St on June 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes and Councilman A. Bristol Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to have open containers during the event should they be able to obtain proper license share and approval from the Commissioners. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, Councilman G. Hults No, Councilman B. Welsh Yes and Councilman A. Bristol Yes. 5 Yes and 1 No

### **Presentation to Rich Angood**

Mayor Whitman presents on behalf of the Coudersport Borough presented a Key to the City to the Angood family. "There are not enough words to express all the things that Ron Angood has done for our community." Mayor Whitman stated

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council President G. Hults stated the January 2016 minutes approved as presented. No objections were made.

### **VOUCHER LIST**

General Fund \$119,658.93, Water Operating Fund \$18,941.28, Sewer Operating Fund \$40,346.78, Street Lighting Fund \$3,289.23, Fire Protection Fund \$ 4,619.00, and Recreation Fund \$2,461.85. It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman E. Neefe to approve the voucher list as presented. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes and Councilman A. Bristol Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **St. Eulalia Festival**

The St. Eulalia Catholic Church is requesting permission to have East Maple St closed from the South Main to South East St from 11:00 a.m. July 15, 2016 to 11:pm on July 16, 2016 and also requesting to have the 2 banners placed above Route Six.

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman B. Welsh to approve the St. Eulalia Festival and to have the 2 banners placed above Route Six. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes and Councilman A. Bristol Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No.

### **Veteran's Walk**

The American Legion is requesting to have fire police at the crossing on Route Six for the Veterans Walk on July 30, 2016 from the Old railroad right of way to the Honor Wall, where they would like to have a short ceremony.

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to approve the Veterans Walk on July 30, 2016. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes and Councilman A. Bristol Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

The McWaPEC meeting is 3/10/16 at noon in Ridgway, if anyone is interested in going will need to have reservations in by March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tom Leete Nature Trail**

We have been awarded the DCED grant for the Tom Leete Nature Trail in the amount of \$12,500.

### **SIDEWALK**

Manager Morris and Solicitor Glassmire have been working hard on a contract between the Borough and residence for sidewalk replacements. They are ready to go out and have several residents approach the Borough Manager in regards to replacing there sidewalks in front of their residence.

PSAB Conference will be held June 5-8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Manager Morris would like to attend again this year. She was awarded a free registration for this year. It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by B. Welsh to approve the Borough Manager to attend the PSAB Conference. Roll call taken: Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman T. Husson Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, Councilman G. Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes and Councilman A. Bristol Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

All officers have been to Bradford and completed their Annual Act 80 updates.

The old police truck has been transferred to the streets.

## **MAYOR REPORT**

The 2016 Snow Fest was not a total wash and thanks to everyone who helped or participated, the back pack program got about \$400 from the event.

Mayor Whitman will be marrying China and James Cowell on June 19, 2016.

Chief McClain and the Mayor Whitman participated in the officer Phil program at the Elementary School last week. This is a great way for the children to learn.

The senior center has been having some difficulties and has asked the Mayor to present to the Council to see if the Borough could help them with funding. Mayor Whitman is going to take care of the garbage and has an individual to plow for them. No one can find them due to the sign being placed on the opposite side of the road.

Solicitor Glassmire states in the Borough Code section 1202 that we do have the power to appropriate funds that benefit senior citizens or make grants to civic organizations that represent senior citizens provide services to senior citizens.

## **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Solicitor Glassmire would like to commend Manger Morris for her aggressiveness to learn and to be a great Borough Manager.

Solicitor Glassmire's report was covered in the Visitor's request and Comments.

At some point wants to meet with whomever the President would like to assign to him to discuss the whole idea of citizens attempting to have the Solicitor to do research to answer questions.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Information only, the Coudersport Borough Authority is taking applications for a Water Operator till February 24, 2016.

## **UTILITIES, STREETS, BRIDGES, TREES**

No updated for the Main St project

### **Pennsylvania Rapid Bridge Replacement**

The bridge by Kightlingers on Route Six to be replaced June –July 2017 which will coincide with the Main St Project and the Penn Dot projected detour will be Route 155 down to Keating Summit to Route 872 back to Route 6.

Water test have just come back from DEP and JKLM concerning the East Wells and are being reviewed by DEP and our Engineers. We are hopeful all is well and can turn the East well back on.

### **PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT**

We are researching the possibility of purchasing a new truck for the streets department. We have had some problems with the GMC and will keep you informed.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman T. Husson has noticed that there has been no one on the shade tree committee and is recommending Wayne Wenzel to this committee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to Adjourn at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Holly Hyde

Recording Secretary