

**COUDERSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2018
6:30 PM**

The Coudersport Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 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, Wayne Hathaway, Todd Husson, Gary Walaski, April Castano and Brian Ruane.

Also present were Mayor Andy Dubots, Manager Beverly Morris, Solicitor Tom Shaffer, Junior Council Person Hannah Taylor, Police Chief Curt McClain, John Wright, Rick Duzick, Chris Herzig, Wayne Wentzel, Jan Perkowski, John Bobar, Valerie Mosch, Bill Pekarski, Wayne Foust, Dr. Bob Wagner, Robin Fink, Lonnie Jo Hynds, Muriel Pekarski, Laurie Barr, Ed Easton, Tom Majot, Kathy Majot, Atty. Mike Plummer, Ed Darrin and Todd Brown.

VISITORS REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

Dr. Wagner inquired about the presentation that was given during the workshop and why it was done during the workshop and not at the meeting. The presentation was from Potter County Redevelopment Authority's John Wright and Rick Duzick on their concept of what the Arboretum would look like if it were moved to their empty lot across the street from the Borough office. Dr. Wagner questioned if this was a violation of the sunshine law and Solicitor Tom Shaffer quickly responded that it was not.

Council President Hults let the audience banter back and forth for a minute for and against moving the Arboretum before he announced that Council was ready to move on with their regular meeting. There were no other visitor's requests or comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Hults asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the reorganizational meeting of January 2, 2018 or the regular meeting minutes of January 17, 2018. As there were none the minutes will stand as presented.

VOUCHER LIST

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Walaski to approve the voucher list in the following amounts: General Fund \$96,304.74, Water Operating \$23,926.27, Sewer Operating \$34,077.76, Street Lighting Fund \$2,584.04, Fire Protection \$6,368.00, Recreation \$1,487.18, Library \$154.00 and Act 13 \$5,630.73. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes,

Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

Reports received were the Police, Activity Report, Voucher List, Fund Balance and Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

AUTHORIZATION OF CHECK SIGNATURES

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Ruane to authorize George Hults, Wayne Hathaway and Beverly Morris as appropriate signatures on the checking accounts and authorize the manger to change the paperwork at the bank. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2018-5 ELIOT NESS FESTIVAL BANNER

It was motioned by Councilperson Castano, seconded by Councilman Ruane to adopt resolution 2018-5 the request to PennDOT to hang a banner for Eliot Ness Festival, July 20 – 22, 2018. Roll call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

ELIOT NESS FESTIVAL STREET CLOSURE AND PARADE July 20th, 21st & 22nd, 2018

The Eliot Ness Festival committee is requesting the following street closures – Main Street from Water to East Second, West and East First Streets to the alley, Third from Main to North East and North East from Second to Third on **Saturday July 22nd only** from 7 am to 5:00 pm. The parade is scheduled for Saturday at 2:00 pm beginning at Allegany Avenue and proceeding to Third Street, with line up on Allegany, S. East and Cartee. It was motioned by Councilman Ruane, seconded by Councilperson Castano to approve the request for the street closure and parade for Eliot Ness Festival. Roll call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

CRITTENDEN CLASSIC CAR SHOW June 26, 2018

The Hotel Crittenden is hosting Eastern Divisional Vintage Car Tour that will feature 30 -35 pre 1931 vehicles. They will be dining at the Crittenden and then be by their cars for questions, photos and conversation from 3 pm until 5 pm. The Crittenden is asking to block off parking spaces – Both sides of West Second Street, Main Street in front of the restaurant and around Court House on Main and East Second Street. It was motioned by Councilman Ruane, seconded by Councilman Walaski to approve this request. Roll call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

ST. EULALIA’S COMMUNITY FESTIVAL July 13th & 14th 2018

St. Eulalia’s is having their annual festival on July 13th and 14th. They are requesting closing Maple Street from Main to East and having the Borough their banners put up. Roll call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

SIDEWALK PROJECT BIDS FOR 2018

Bids were received for the 2018 sidewalk project from:

	4” per sq. ft.	6” per sq. ft.
Fourness Excavating	\$29.25	\$34.75
Concreteman, Inc	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.75

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Walaski to accept the bid from Concreteman in the amount of \$7.00 for 4” and \$7.75 for 6” cement for the 2018 sidewalk program. Roll call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

REPOSITORY OF PROPERTY – 369 ROUTE SIX WEST

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Hathaway to accept the sale of this property to Richard and Lori Harding in the amount of \$250. Roll call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

DISABLED VETERAN TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST

The PA Veterans Commission has approved and is recommending to the taxing authorities (Borough, County & School) that Lucinda Heffner, 24 Mockingbird Lane be declared tax exempt for the real estate tax. Roll call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

MANAGER’S REPORT

The Coudersport Area Municipal Authority will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 26, 2018 and they have moved meetings to the Maintenance Facility because of room constraints at the wastewater treatment plant.

George Hults and Manager Morris will attend the McWaPEC meeting Thursday, February 22, 2018 in Bradford PA.

SnowFest will be held this Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 1 pm to 3 pm at CARP.

Manager Morris is requesting authorization to attend the 2018 PSAB Conference in Hershey, PA June 10 – 13, 2018 and to be authorized as the voting delegate. Council has approved this request.

Two Councilmen – Gary Walaski and Brian Ruane will be attending PSAB new councilmen training that will be held in Coudersport at the Gunzburger Building March 2 and 3, 2018.

The sidewalk maintenance for the bridge at Dingman Run that is scheduled for construction in August of 2018 will be taken care of by the local PennDOT maintenance crew. Coudersport Borough will not be required to sign a maintenance agreement.

Lee Zeger, engineer for levee project, is working on DEP permit so last phase of the levee project can be started.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief McClain is requesting approval to attend Chief's of Police Conference in the Pocono's June 17 – 20th, 2018. Registration cost is \$275 and motel room is \$503. Roll call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 6 Yes 0 No.

All officers have completed their yearly updates.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT- None at this time.

JR. COUNCIL REPORT

Hannah Taylor reported that she is working on a new website for the Borough and showed Council what she is working on.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL/POLICE

New counters have been installed in the Police office.

UTILITIES, STREETS, BRIDGES & TREES

Manager Morris has been in touch with West Penn Power to find out what is needed and the costs of putting an additional street light on South Main and Larch Street.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The last payment on the five year lease for the backhoe has been made.

RECREATION/LIBRARY

The Borough crew has begun approved demolition in the bathhouse of the pool. Further work will have to wait until approvals are given from engineering and DCNR. There will be a phone conference with our DCNR rep. on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 9 am.

FINANCE/ORDINANCE

The compliance audit for the Police Pension and Non Uniform Pension has been completed and no issues were found.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Darrin felt there should be more discussion on the Arboretum and asked Muriel Pekarski to speak. Muriel stated that the trees should be left.

Dr. Wagner questioned the presentation by PCRA. Sol. Shaffer stated that no action was taken, no vote was taken.

Lonnie Jo Hynds asked if the Arboretum is for sale. Manager Morris stated that Council has not authorized proposals or bids for the Arboretum and the presentation was not requested by Council. Sol. Shaffer stated that the last action taken by Council was to not advertise for proposals and no other action has been taken.

Ed Darrin thought there would be a presentation at the Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Walaski to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Morris
Manager

