

**COUDERSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2017
6:30PM**

The Coudersport Borough Council held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 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.

ROLL CALL

Present were Council members George Hults, Richard Neefe IV, Gene Neefe, Bryan Welsh, Todd Husson and Andy Bristol.

Also present were Todd Brown, Dr. Fouany, Wayne Wentzel, Chief McClain, Beverly Morris, Mayor Whitman, Holly Hyde, and Solicitor Glassmire.

VISITOR REQUEST AND COMMENTS

Dr. Fouany was present to address Council about a high water bill and to ask for a reduction in the bill. Council stated he would need to attend the Coudersport Borough Authority meeting January 19, 2017 at 6:30. It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman A. Bristol that Council support the Authority granting Dr. Fouany a reduction in the water bill due to a leak. Roll call taken: Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

Solicitor Glassmire had discussion with Council about the pool.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was motioned by Councilman Gene Neefe, seconded by Councilman Bryan Welsh to approve the December 21, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

VOUCHER LIST

General Fund \$61,326.20, Water Operating Fund \$23,546.29, Sewer Operating Fund \$26,636.88, Fire Protection Fund \$966.00, Street Lighting Fund \$3,207.74, and Recreation Fund \$1,833.52. It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to approve the Voucher list as presented. Roll call taken: Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

It was motioned by Councilman B. Welsh, seconded by Councilman A. Bristol to approve the amended 2016 Budget. Roll call taken: Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

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

OLD BUSINESS

Solicitor Glassmire advised Council to look over the Historical District Sign Ordinance change and Buchsen Zoning. If there is any problems please contact Solicitor Glassmire so changes can be made before next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2017-1 APPOINTMENT

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman E. Neefe to approve the appointment of Shane Wilson as the Emergency Management Officer. Roll call taken: Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

RESOLUTION 2017-2 GRANT

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman E. Neefe to approve the revision to the previous grant that was Resolution 2016-6 changed to Resolution 2017-2 in the amount of \$332,775. Roll call taken: Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

BRIDGE DEDICATION

Potter County Veterans Service Committee request the bridge on Avenue A be dedicated to Philip F. Palmatier Jr. and would like a letter of support. It was motioned by Councilman A. Bristol, seconded by Councilman B. Welsh to approve the bridge dedication on Avenue A. Roll call taken: Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

Regarding the agreement with West Penn Power for LED lights, it was motioned by Councilman A. Bristol, seconded by Councilman B. Welsh to ratify the signatures of the agreement for West Penn Power. Roll call taken: Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes,

Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

MANAGERS REPORT

2017 PSAB Conference May 7-10, 2017

Manager Morris has asked for approval to go to the PSAB Conference. It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman E. Neefe to approve Manager Morris to go to the PSAB Conference in Hershey on May 7-10, 2017. Roll call taken: Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

PSAB Webinar schedule has been placed in your packets.

Potter County Board of Commissioner are denying the reassessment of the redevelopment authority where Zito is located right now. A letter from the Redevelopment Authority to Commissioners thanking them and stating they will not appeal.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

There has been a plate and chain placed in the Police office to hold any prisoners in one location while paperwork is completed. Council asked if they would need restraints. Police Chief McClain said they would be handy. It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman R. Neefe IV to approve the purchase of restraints for the Police office. Roll call taken: Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

Call reports have doubled in 2016 from years prior.

2017 PA Police Chief training conference in Harrisburg in July. The amount of registration is \$250 and the hotel will be split between Bryan Phelps.

It was motioned by Councilman T. Husson, seconded by Councilman A. Bristol to approve Chief McClain to attend the 2017 PA Police Chief training conference. Roll call taken: Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Whitman will be officiating her daughters wedding on February 11, 2017 in the Potter County court room.

Snow Fest will be held on February 25, 2017 Sinnemahoning State Park will be joining us again and will be using the CARP pavilion.

Proclamation has been made for January 22-28 as Coudersport School Choice week

With regret Mayor Whitman will not be running for Mayor again this year but will be running for the office of District Magistrate.

SOLICITOR REPORT

End of meeting during executive session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Coudersport Borough Authority will be purchasing two hydrants and wanted to be sure that Council has no objections.

Workers Comp and Liability Insurance will be increased. Solicitor suggested having a meeting in Bev's office to go over the insurance.

It was motioned by Councilman B. Welsh, seconded by Councilman T. Husson to set and advertise a special meeting on February 8, 2017 at 4pm. Roll call taken: Councilman George Hults Yes, Councilman B. Welsh Yes, Councilman A. Bristol Yes, Councilman R. Neefe IV Yes, Councilman E. Neefe Yes, and Councilman T. Husson Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

Executive session called at 7:33pm

Executive session ended with no decisions reached at 7:43 pm

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilman B. Welsh, seconded by Councilman A. Bristol at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Holly Hyde

Recording Secretary