

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

The Coudersport Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 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 (phone), 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 officer William Wenzel, Tom Majot, Atty. Mike Plummer, Todd Brown, Adrian Bierlair, Valerie Mosch, Kelly Ahearn, Laurie Barr, David Hartman, Kim Kudrick, Bill Durst, William Krog, Shane Titus, Larry Becelia, Melissa Troutman, Lonnie Jo Hynds, Robert Wagner, Barry Miller, Janise Ahearn, John Jacob, Christine Herzig, Ed Easton III, Jami Stuckey, Savanna Eckert, Norman Weeks, Diane Weeks, Wayne Wentzel, Bill Pekarski

**VISITORS REQUESTS AND COMMENTS**

Laurie Barr stated that March 22, 2018 is United Nations World Water Day and a group will be meeting at CARP at 6 to bless the water.

Dr. Stoltz spoke at the Seneca Nations meeting and Manager Morris has stated that she has reached out to Engineers but has had no response so if you could reach out to Dr. Stoltz he would be able to touch base on the environmental part.

Barry Miller is from Hinsdale

He respects all the efforts to make the best decisions for the people, land, animals, plants and water in the area that will be affected by permitting this frack water recycling plant. Barry provided some research that he has done and made points to technology and problems that could arise.

Council Husson states to Barry that we are not CAMA and CAMA makes their own decisions. What this board here does is allow three representatives be on the board of CAMA. CAMA makes its own decisions. They are pretty much independent of us.

David Hartman lives at Burrous Rd and has had some water issues. Noticed the Hospital has been purging there system for some time. He was wondering if we could give him some insight on what is going on. He states this is what they have done 2 years ago when the water was contaminated. He states people are getting sick and his animals are sick as well. He has contacted the DEP and states they had pulled all the water testing off their web site because of the request from the gas company. Mayor Dubots states the hospital has their own water system. We have only helped Tuesday morning to help get there water system pressures back up. Council referred him to check with the engineering of the hospital.

Lonnie Jo Hynds states she attended the Water meeting and one gentleman said to the other gentleman “Hey hospital water is offline and they are flushing it down the storm drain”. It was asked up to the hospital and she was told nothing is going on. There is something going on if this gentleman has sickness not only in humans but also in his animals. Councilman Hults states we can contact our local representatives to find out what’s going on.

Robert Wagner further input on the hospital water on Monday and Tuesdays are the major orthopedic days and all appointments were cancelled because of a water issue.

Councilman Ruane has a statement he would like to read. “ To the citizens of Coudersport and the members of CAMA

It has come to the attention of the Coudersport Borough Council that CAMA is currently communicating with Epiphany Allegany LLC to build a centralized water treatment facility. Borough Council members have been approached by numerous citizens of the Borough voicing their concerns regarding the environmental and financial impact this project could have on our community.

Based on the recommendations of several State and Federal government agencies and the overwhelming numbers of borough citizens whom have voiced concern over the project, we the Borough Council of Coudersport, the representatives of the people, here by recommend against this treatment facility, furthermore we respectfully request that CAMA adopt a motion to cease all activity regarding this project at their next meeting. “

It was motioned by Councilman Ruane , seconded by Councilperson Castano to cease all activity regarding a water treatment facility. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Husson Yes, Councilperson Castano Yes, Councilman Hathaway No, Councilman Ruane Yes and Councilman Hults Yes. Motion carried 5 Yes 1 No.

Councilman Hathaway stated why he voted No. He states he has spent time at the sewer plant and talked to all three of the employees and asked them how they feel about it since they would be working with it on a daily basis. He doesn’t feel we have all the facts from DEP and EPA. He also wants to know if any of the other Councilmember’s have spent any time at the sewer plant.

Councilperson Castano states that the letter will be presented at the CAMA meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council President Hults asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2018. As there were none the minutes will stand as presented.

## **VOUCHER LIST**

Manager Morris wants to amend the Voucher List to include a payment to the Solicitor for September 2017-March 2018.

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Castano to approve the voucher list in the following amounts: General Fund \$71,215.16, Water Operating \$22,134.80, Sewer Operating \$35,247.96, Street Lighting Fund \$2,720.31, Recreation \$2,821.59, and Library \$75.00. 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**

Access Agreement MEA/Kudrick property

Monitoring wells for the environmental issues. Mark Stevens with DEP has asked the Borough if they can put a few monitoring wells on the property and dig holes for testing. With much discussion on this matter it has been referred to the Property & Equipment Committee to meet and discuss this matter.

The Property & Equipment Committee will include Councilman Walaksi, Councilperson Castano, and Councilman Ruane.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Maple Festival**

Maple Festival will be held on May 4 & 5, 2018 they are requesting banners be hung, assistance from the Borough Police and fire police. Bagging parking meters around the Court House, trash cans, road closed from Third Street to North East Street. Parade will begin and line up at Allegany Avenue and go up Main Street. Mark Benson will be in charge of clean up.

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Walaski to accept the request for the Maple 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.

### **Brodhun Power Gym Color Run**

Macey Brodhun is requesting approval for a color run on May 19, 2018 they will be using the same route as the Library 5K. It was motioned by Councilman Husson , seconded by Councilman Ruane to approve the Color run as long as she has the appropriate fire police in place. 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.

Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough and will need to get proper badge and attire for this position and will provide cost at next month's meeting.

Proposal from Environmental Engineer

Manager Morris will be sending out to additional Engineers and Solicitor feels it is a wise decision.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

CAMA meeting is March 26, 2018 held at the Borough Maintenance Building

The Volunteer Fire Department appreciation dinner will be on April 14, 2018 if interested in going please contact the Fire Dept.

JKLM stakeholder meeting will be on March 29, 2018 at the Coudersport Golf Course.

**No Parking at corner to be placed on Chestnut Street**

We are having issues with semi trucks stopping and blocking the flow of traffic. Manager Morris has been in contact with PennDot and will be looking at some additional locations in the Borough. When this has been looked over signs maybe placed along the highway for no parking at corner to resolve the issue.

Weather emergency drill set for May 9, 2018 and would like to get it set up in the Borough as well.

PSAB Boot Camp

Councilman Walaski and Mayor Dubots attended this and stated it was very informative.

### **Public Question**

Lonnie Jo Hynds asked what trailers are going to be placed on South West Street and Beech Street? It was mentioned at the Water Authority Meeting she attended. Manager Morris stated the Potter County Redevelopment Authority was having them placed for a Health Survey for a few months so she would have to call them for more information.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

The break retarder signs have been in place and Mayor Dubots are hearing many good things from the public and they are very pleased with this.

### **Proclamation**

The Month of April 2018 will be recognized as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month” The Utility notification information center is celebrating its 46<sup>th</sup> year of continuous service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### **SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

The Manager is doing a great job trying to get more Environmental Engineers involved with the Monitoring wells.

There are negotiations with the tax assessment appeal on the Redevelopment building and should soon be brought to council.

There is a letter from Keystone asking us to maintain the Dingman Run Bridge sidewalks. Manager Morris has received a letter from County? Stating they will maintain the sidewalks on the bridge.

### **JR. COUNCIL REPORT**

The Government teacher will be sending some students to the Council Meetings

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Sidewalk letters have been sent out and have 12 residents already interested in replacing there sidewalks. Manager Morris has also asked for a quote from the Concrete man to cement between the Curb and the sidewalk on Main Street from Second and Third Street.

## **PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

George Hults has asked for an estimate on new doors on the Borough Building. We have received two estimates on replace the doors. Glass Erectors from Reynoldsville, PA for Aluminum doors in the quote of \$18,500 includes both sets of doors. Western N. Y Glass & Door Co. Inc. for \$7,070.82 this has been referred to Property & Equipment Committee.

## **RECREATION/LIBRARY**

Proposal for engineering/design of the pool

E & M Engineers has subcontracted the design of the pool to be done by WADE Associates II, LLC

Solicitor Glassmire would like to have an addendum so we are getting what we need from our money.

Councilperson Castano states the name of contractors and who they have chosen. They are Wade Associates and Carlton pools.

It was motioned by Councilperson Castano, seconded by Councilman Walaski to approve E & M Engineering proposal with a subcontract with Wade & Associates subject to the Solicitors addendum. 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.

## **FINANCE & ORDINANCE**

2018 Liability Insurance renewal

We will need to renew our Liability Insurance and its only \$100 more this year than last year. Manager recommends using Matson Insurance again this year. It was motioned by Council Ruane , seconded by Councilman Walaski to approve the Liability renewal for 2018 with Matson Insurance. 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.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Husson stated the proposal from the Redevelopment Authority on moving the Arboretum was very nice and will be bringing it up at the next's months meeting.

Bill Pekarski stated everything with the Elliot Ness festival is taking off and will need volunteers and will be posting meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

7:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,