

**COUDERSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 2019  
6:30PM**

The Coudersport Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 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, Brian Ruane, Jack Keifer and Gary Walaski.

Also present were Mayor Andy Dubots, Manager Beverly Morris, Solicitor Shaffer, Holly Hyde, Jr. Council Member Hannah Taylor, Officer Kevin Sipe, Todd Brown, Gary Gunzburger, Halie Kines, Kim Goodrich, Madison Hoak, Clarence Confer, Glenda Taylor, Hans Neilson, Chuck Jewell, Terry Metzger, and Jerry Songster.

**VISTIORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS**

Kim Goodrich asked about the alley behind Bruce Fink's business on South East Street. Property owners own up to the 16 foot alley that has been maintained by the Borough for over the last 65 years. Kim wants to know why the last year it was not maintained by the Borough. She stated she has all the deeds and it shows it as a public alley that is not owned by the property owners.

Solicitor Glassmire stated the first thing we look at is if there is an Ordinance that the alley is ordained.

Council stated that they will have the Solicitor look into it along with the streets committee and set up a date so they can have an answer at the next month's meeting.

Kim also brought up garbage at a residence on South East St. Manager Morris stated the land owner does not care and it's in foreclosure. She did speak to the tenant and they said they would clean it up by September 26, 2019.

Chuck Jewell lives at 791 North Main St and states he lives next to a dump. Chuck has been in many times to see what can be done with the property at 789 North Main St. He has spoken with Manager Morris and Officer Collins about this property. The owner has been cited several times. Chuck has spoken with the Health Department and they referred him to speak with the code enforcer for the area. He has had meetings with the County Commissioner Susan Keefover and

was told this is not just a Borough issue, but a County issue as well. Chuck has also called the company that hold the mortgage and Mr. Carson will be coming to meet Chuck at the property. There needs to be a change in the Ordinance and there needs to be larger charges for the owners.

Hans Neilson was present to request closing Third Street, North East Street to Third Street on August 31 and September 1<sup>st</sup> for a BBQ cook off. He is also requesting meters to be bagged around the court house square, water hookup, electric and suspend the open container for the two days.

Mayor Dubots will talk with the Chief and get back to Hans before the weekend.

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Ruane to omit the open container and approve the closing of the streets, water, electric and bagging of the meters. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hults No, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Walaski Yes, Councilman Keifer Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 5 Yes and 1 No

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council President Hults asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of July 17, 2019 as there were none the minutes were approved as presented.

### **VOUCHER LIST**

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Ruane to approve the voucher list in the following amounts: General Fund \$73,166.32, Water Operating \$35,777.68, Sewer Operating \$37,415.63, Street Lighting Fund \$2,883.63, Fire Protection Fund \$1,380.96, Recreation \$103,936.44, and Pool Fund \$5,000.00. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Walaski Yes, Jack Keifer Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

**REPORTS RECEIVED** Police, meeting notes, voucher list, fund balances, treasurer's report

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RESOLUTION 2019-8 COUNTY AID**

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Ruane to approve Resolution 2019-8 for County Aid in the amount of \$ 5,391.32. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Walaski Yes, Jack Keifer Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

### **TAX COLLECTOR CONFERENCE**

Teresa Kisiel is requesting to go to the Tax Collector Conference on October 11 & 12, 2019 with the expense of \$160 plus lodging. It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the conference for the Tax Collector Teresa Kisiel. Roll Call

vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Walaski Yes, Jack Keifer Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

## **MANAGERS REPORT**

Welcome our new Councilman Jack Kiefer

CAMA meeting will be held on August 26, 2019 at 6:30pm

Planning Commission Meeting will be September 4, 2019 at 6pm

JKLM Stakeholder meeting will be August 29, 2019

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Farm Show will be September 14, 2019

Manager Morris will be on vacation the first week of September

## **MAYORS REPORT**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **SOLICITOR REPORT**

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Ruane to advertise for a public meeting for the Noise Ordinance on September 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Walaski Yes, Jack Keifer Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

Sheetz would like to sell alcohol. Solicitor stated that Council could just say no or it can be referred for a study. It was motioned by Councilman Ruane, seconded by Councilman Husson to have this referred to a study. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Walaski Yes, Jack Keifer Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

Solicitor stated there is some issues brewing with the pool and needs a report from the Engineer about the pool issues. It was motioned by Councilman Ruane, seconded by Councilman Husson to have the Engineer and Solicitor investigate the issues with the pool. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Walaski Yes, Jack Keifer Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

Solicitor Glassmire stated at last month's meeting there was an executive session held to discuss personnel matter and this was a mistake due to changes in the Sunshine Act. This has to be completed in a public setting, not in executive session. Going forward this will be done in a public setting.

## **JR. COUNCIL REPORT**

Hannah did a presentation on the website during the workshop.

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

DGR Grant in the amount of \$9,517.66 will be used for drainage on Damascus Rd

CBA is working on a water line project on North Main Street and it has gone very well.

### **ANTI SKID**

It was motioned by Councilman Hathaway, seconded by Councilman Husson to advertise for Anti Skid. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Walaski Yes, Jack Keifer Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

### **PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Mary Caldwell passed away and was the Mayor of Coudersport in ? Kim Walters her daughter would like to plant a rose bush in the Arboretum in her honor. It was motioned by Councilman Husson , seconded by Councilman Ruane to approve the request to plant a rose bush in the Arboretum as she maintains the bush and signs the agreement. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Walaski Yes, Jack Keifer Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

Jackie Sprouse's son Parker passed away recently and she would like to install a little library in the Arboretum near Jeremy Sprouse bench. It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the installation of a little library in the Arboretum in Parkers memory with the understanding that she will maintain the library and sign the agreement from the Borough. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Walaski Yes, Jack Keifer Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 6 Yes and 0 No

### **RECREATION/LIBRARY**

A donation from the class of 1969 was made to the pool in the amount of \$1,556.00

A donation from Homer Township in the amount of \$500 was made to the pool.

Councilman Husson would like to thank June and the lifeguards for doing an amazing job at the pool.

Council Husson would like to thank Deb Tubbs for concession duties and not charge her for the short time we were open.

Councilman Ruane asked if there could be some kind of compensation for Deb due to the fact she bought a trailer for the pool and was not able to use it this year. Councilman Hathaway stated

this was a business transaction and some do not turn out the way you want them too. This was referred to the Solicitor for review.

## **FINANCE & ORDINANCE**

### **2020 MMO**

The 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension in the amount of \$52,892, and the non-uniform pension in the amount of \$ 110,570.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn 8:12 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Holly Hyde