

**COUDERSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2020
6:30PM**

The Coudersport Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at the Coudersport Borough Maintenance Facility on Damascus Street.

Council President Wayne Hathaway 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 and Marty Fry

Also present were Mayor Andy Dubots, Manager Beverly Morris, Solicitor Glassmire, Holly Hyde, Chief McClain, Meredith Peachey, Wayne Wentzel, David Castano, Kori Ditty, Terry Foster, Cecelia Foster, Andrew Kayes, Dennis Goodenough, Lynn Grupp, Nancy Grupp, Stan Swank, Ralph & Margaret Caldwell and Sharon Fitzgerald.

VISTIORS REQUEST AND COMMENTS

Sharon Fitzgerald was present to request the street closure and to sign the waiver for the open container law. Sharon stated there are many of the public that are all for the beer garden and very supportive of the Ness Festival.

It was motioned by Councilman Fry, seconded by Councilman Hults to approve the parking and the elements in the letter dates November 14, 2019 requested from the Ness Fess Committee excluding item 13 that had to do with requesting water that was taken to the Coudersport Borough Authority for approval. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Fry Yes, and Councilman Hults Yes. 4 Yes and 0 No

It was motioned by Councilman Ruane, seconded by Councilman Husson to approve the waiver for the open container waiver law in the confinement of the beer garden to be held during the Ness Festival. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Fry No, Councilman Hults No and Councilman Ruane Yes. 3 Yes and 2 No

Ralph Caldwell was present to answers questions on the Honor Wall. He has been working on getting flag poles reset after they blew down, working to gather names again, and also replace the glass so they will be solid and it will not be able to be tampered with. It's possible to redo everything in the felt material like it is now. Also, Mr. Caldwell has a quote to complete the names in bronze but the cost is \$52000.

The names would be placed in alphabetical order and will be placed under the War that a Coudersport resident was in.

Councilman Husson would like Mr. Caldwell to have a meeting with the Property and Equipment Committee and then they can report back to Council.

Dennis Goodenough with the Coudersport Public library committee was present to update Council on the plans and grants they are working on.

Council Husson asked about the problem that happened with the Arboretum using park property and if this will deflect in any way. David Castano stated it was a trust and he has information on it. Solicitor Glassmire stated he would like Mr. Castano to see what he has in his file and if there is anything else he would gladly add it to his file. Solicitor Glassmire would like to meet with David Castano and Dennis Goodenough about the recent experience with the property act. This would be no charge from the Solicitor to cover the property act.

Stan Swank asked who owns the alley behind his store because it's a mess. Councilman Hults stated that the property owners from both sides share it. Solicitor Glassmire stated it's very complicated and would take a long time to explain and it's not something for a public meeting because of the time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Hathaway asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of January 15, 2020. It was motioned by Councilman Ruane, seconded by Councilman Hults to approve as presented. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Fry Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

VOUCHER LIST

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Ruane to approve the voucher list : General Fund \$99,894.81, Water Operating \$31,707.05, Sewer Operating \$42,043.67, Street Lighting Fund \$3,097.68, Fire Protection Fund \$ 1,172.42, Recreation Fund \$5,279.96, and Library Fund \$98.00. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Fry Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

REPORTS RECEIVED

Police, meeting notes, voucher list, fund balance, and treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

It was motioned by Councilman Hults, seconded by Councilman Fry to ratify the new water employee hire per union contract. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Fry Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

NEW BUSINESS

Maple Festival May 1 & 2, 2020 request for closure of the roads from Allegany Ave to Fourth St for a parade, 55 gal trash cans, banners, meters be bagged around courthouse, and police a fire police presents for traffic control. It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Hults. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Fry Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

2019 Tax Refund

It was motioned by Councilman Hults, seconded by Councilman Ruane to approve the 2019 Tax refund to Eric Monger in the amount of \$ 490.20 and \$ 12.26 to Eulalia Township. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Fry Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

MANAGERS REPORT

Coudersport Borough Authority meeting will be held on Thursday February 20, 2020 at 6:30pm

Coudersport Area Municipal Authority meeting will be held on February 24, 2020 at 6:30 at the WWTP

CVFD Appreciation dinner will be held on March 14, 2020

It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Ruane to authorization for sidewalk bids. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Fry Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

It was motioned by Councilman Hults, seconded by Councilman Ruane to advertise for sidewalk and concrete insulation. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Fry Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

In addition to the report Chief McClain stated they have received many reports on snowmobilers crossing through residence yards.

MAYOR DUBOTS REPORT

The Mayor stated he has talked to a few snowmobilers as well.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Solicitor Glassmire stated he has covered the report throughout the meeting.

UTILITIES, STREETS, BRIDGES, TREES

Rt 872 & Rt6 Traffic/ Signal Study

Eulalia Street light is in progress and Manager Morris will keep everyone updated as she gets them.

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

Ford 550 is at Kightlinger's and we will be meeting with them on Monday to discuss some issues.

RECREATION/LIBRARY

First Energy donated \$2000 to the Coudersport pool

FINANCE & ORDINANCE

Engagement letter from Auditors need appropriate signatures. It was motioned by Councilman Husson, seconded by Councilman Ruane to have the appropriate signatures sign. Roll Call vote taken: Councilman Husson Yes, Councilman Hathaway Yes, Councilman Fry Yes, Councilman Hults Yes, and Councilman Ruane Yes. 5 Yes and 0 No

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn 7:53 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,

Holly Hyde

