March 26, 2008
Minutes of the 2nd. Meeting in March 26, 2008

The second meeting for March, of the Duncansville Borough Council, was held on Wednesday evening, March 26, 2008, at 7:30 PM, at the Borough Building.

President Donald Rabenstein opened the meeting with the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Secty. called the roll showing: Council-member Michael Jackson – Council-member Herman Beyer – Council-member Lloyd Forshey – President Donald Rabenstein -& Mayor Kenneth L. Davis, II., as present. Council-member Joshua Jackson was absent when the roll was called. Council-member David Shaw was absent due to working & Council-member Cynthia Blontz was absent due to working. Others in attendance at the meeting were: Secty. Barbara G. Haines Secty. - Sam Dunkle-Board Member of the Hicks Memorial Methodist Church & Tony Luther. Council-member Joshua Jackson entered the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Sam Dunkle was present with what the church is calling a vision for expansion youth center in between the Church & Donnelly’s and the 94’x 150’ piece, of the railroad property was given to them, by Willard Campbell. They also bought more of Joe Baker’s Railroad property from their parking lot down to W. 11th. Street, which will be used for excess parking, & possible skate boarding. The donated property is hoped to have a pavilion – fire pit – jungle-gym & building. He said on the Campbell property there are probably six trees, which some of them are on our R/W, and they would like to have permission to have them removed. He also stated that on our R/W behind Donnellys there is Trash & Garbage, Bldg. Supplies.

Council-member Lloyd Forshey made a motion to allow the Methodist Church remove the trees and we will see that the Garbage & Trash is removed. Council-member Michael Jackson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the moratorium for methane houses.

Council-member Lloyd Forshey made a motion for Attorney Emerick not to pursue looking into the keeping out of meth houses any further, because the odds of us being able to do so are very small. Council-member Herman Beyer seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

President Donald Rabenstein & Mayor Davis, said that they would get Chief Ott & Glenn Hartman to look at the garbage etc. behind Donnellys and see what could be done.

Discussion was held on the complaints that the Tax Collector is receiving from the people about the people that are 80 or older having to pay the Per Capita Tax, they are claiming that other places are not charging their people that are over 80 and one lady told the Tax Collector, that she is a nun and has never had to pay taxes. Council wants the Secretary to put this on the Agenda for next month’s meeting and to call other Municipalities and see who they are charging the Per Capita Tax to.

The Bank has questioned the fact that there is only one signature on the payroll checks, when the rest of our checks require two signatures. This has been questioned every so many years since I have been here. They have almost all new people at the bank right now.

Council-member Herman Beyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #3-08-1
WHEREAS, Duncansville Borough Council maintains a payroll account, through the First Commonwealth Bank and,
WHEREAS, There is a General Fund Check – written to cover our payroll, bi-weekly and deposited into the Payroll Account and,
WHEREAS, since 1971, the General Fund Payroll Check and the actual payroll checks have only required one signature.
WHEREAS, The President & Vice-President do not work at our office and are not available when our payroll checks are due to be given out. So it is necessary that the Secy. Treas. Or Assistant Secy. Treas., signatures be the only signature required on anything to do with payroll.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Duncansville Borough Council desires to keep the signing of the payroll checks as it has been for the past 36 years.
BE IT HEREBY BE RESOLVED this 26th. day of March 2008.
Council-member Lloyd Forshey seconded the motion, and with all in favor, Resolution #3-08-01 was adopted.
Both Engineers Stu Sibold & Ted Koch had presented comments concerning the plans for the enlargement of the sewer plant. The Duncansville Borough Planning Commission had looked at the plans, but had not given any comments. There was no action taken on the plans, it was tabled, until the Sewer & Water Authority meeting and the April 14th. Council meeting.
Council-member Lloyd Forshey questioned what was going on with the restoration of the stream bank, along Gillans run. President explained that we were still going through all the red tape paper work, and there were several new families moved in along the creek now that will have to be contacted.
President Donald Rabenstein adjourned the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM.

Signed

Barbara G. Haines
Borough Secty. Treas.