

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Duncansville Borough Building

**Attendance** Eric Fritz, Mayor  
Dave Smith, President  
Dave Shaw, Vice President  
Cindy Blontz, Pro Tem  
Donnie Detrick, Council Member  
Jeanette Mills, Council Member

Dave Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and roll call by the Borough Secretary

Cindy Blontz made a motion to approve the Council minutes held on January 13, 2020. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority minutes held on January 2, 2020. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Visitors:** Rich Morris, Ed Blontz, Jessica Sorge, Sam Dunkle, Matthew Gieg, Tony Scaglione, Ed Zang, John Smith, Marissa Smith, Craig Brennecke, Rodney Estep, Jack Thompson, Ken Szala

Rich Morris from Hicks United Methodist Church spoke on behalf of the church. They would like to erect a fence that separates their property and Tony's Antiques. They applied for a permit back in December 2019 for the fence. They have complied with the additional request made from the Borough related to the application. They are completing an amended application. They look forward to a speedy resolution.

Ed Zang, attorney for Tony Scaglione, spoke on behalf of Tony's Antiques. He would like to come to some mutual arrangement. He is requesting a copy of the engineer's report with the changes when the new application is filed so they can make sure it complies with those changes.

Rodney Estep spoke with Borough Council regarding the ambulance service in Duncansville Borough. He is concerned about how calls are being dispatched to the borough through the 911 center. He states he would like to see Borough Council to direct the 911 center to dispatch the closest ambulance service for the call in the Borough. As it stands the 911 center will dispatch AMED to these calls since Duncansville Ambulance Service is being managed by AMED. Jessica Sorge also spoke regarding this issue. She states that the 911 center sometimes dispatches ambulances from as far as Bellwood. She states that the Borough can create a resolution that states that Duncansville Ambulance is our primary ambulance and the second due would be the closest ambulance service. Dave Smith asked Mike Emerick to come up with a resolution for our next meeting.

**Secretary:**

1. The IRC recycling contribution is up for renewal. Jeanette Mills made a motion to pay the IRC renewal. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. The South Central Counties Boroughs Association will hold their next meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2020. RSVP no later than February 25, 2020.

**Mayor:**

Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the Police report for the Month of January 2020. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

1. Mayor Fritz asked about the dog boxes at the park. He asked if there is a set schedule when these boxes are emptied. Jim Batzel states that they are done weekly.
2. There was a concern about the sidewalks and parking lot at the Borough building being cleaned off in the mornings when it snows. Jim Batzel stated that he gets to the Borough Building as early as he can to get the sidewalk cleaned off.
3. Mayor Fritz is concerned about the Per Capita taxes that were returned to the Tax Collector undeliverable. Mayor Fritz will speak with the post office regarding this matter.

**Solicitor:**

1. The appeal of Greg Werstil is in the hands of the Superior Court. They will issue a decision in the future.
2. Mike would like to go into an executive session at the end of the meeting for personnel issues.

**Engineer:**

1. Floodplain Review for Hicks United Methodist Church regarding the fence. Tom states the fence is permissible under the current floodplain ordinance. Cindy Blontz made a motion to accept the floodplain review for Hicks United Methodist Church. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. The Stuckey land development plan modifications.
  - a. The Stuckey building has no need for curbing. Lehman Engineering is asking for modification for this project for curbing. Jeanette Mills made a motion to section 602.4 regarding curbing. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
  - b. Modification to the stormwater management system. Jeanette Mills made a motion to make modification to section 702.1.2. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
  - c. Modification on the minimum pipe size is 12 inches. The pipes they are using is 8-10 inch which is large enough to carry a 100 year storm. Jenette Mills made a motion to make modification to section 703.5.B.4 on piping. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
  - d. Jeanette Mills made a motion approve the land development plan subject to the solicitor providing a developer agreement that incorporates a financial agreement and any other conditions that the solicitor deems necessary. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Tom received a response from the MPO regarding the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge and they are requesting a pre project coordination documents. They will consider this project at the July 24, 2020 meeting. Cindy Blontz made a motion to allow Tom Levine to prepare the Community Collaboration Program meeting documentation. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Committees:**

**Buildings & Grounds-Cindy Blontz:** The light at the entrance of the community center needs replace. Jim Batzel would like to replace it with a LED floodlight. Dave Shaw made a motion to replace the light with and LED floodlight at the entrance of the Community Center. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Jim Batzel asked council if he could replace the upper lights at the Community Center that are not secure to the building. Cindy Blontz made a motion to replace the upper lights at the Community Center. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Finance-Dave Shaw:** Nothing at this time.

**Fire Company-Jeanette Mills:** The fire department would like the water department to provide flow test on the fire hydrants. The fire department would like to have a 1 inch tap to the left side of the building. There is not enough pressure inside the fire station. It was suggested to go to the Authority meeting.

**Parks & Recreation-Jeanette Mills:** DCNR grant applications are available. Applications are due April 22, 2020.

**Personnel-Dave Smith:** Will discuss in executive meeting

**Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw:** Jim Batzel is cleaning up at the park and he rented a brush hog to clean up some brush.

Jim reported that some of the street signs and post need replaced.

**Water & Sewer-Dave Smith:** Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the water report for the month of January. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Duncansville Community Days:** Next meeting March 2, 2020

**Unfinished Business:** Donnie Detrick stated that Scott Gearhart submitted a letter of interest for the Local Emergency Management Coordinator. Jeanette Mills made a motion to appoint Scott Gearhart as LEMC. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Jeff Ketner stated he would be willing to step in as assistant LEMC. Cindy Blontz made a motion to appoint Jeff Ketner at assistant LEMC. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:** Shawn Vanderpool from Troop 30 was here to observe the meeting as a requirement for a merit badge.

Cindy Blontz reported that there is a handicap sign in front of a home on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and 11<sup>th</sup> Street that she believes the resident has passed away. Jeanette Mills suggested that Jeff Ketner check to see if there is anyone in that house that needs the handicap sign.

Cindy Blontz also reported there are several street lights in the borough that need fixed. There have several requests sent into penelec to have them fixed. It was suggested that we call penelec and have them look into the matter.

Cindy Blontz stated that we need to change authorized buyers on our accounts at Lowes and Tractor Supply. Cindy Blontz made a motion to put Jim Batzel, Andrew Long, Brian Edwards, Jerome Eckardt and Paula Fox as authorized buyers for the Lowes and Tractor Supply accounts. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Borough Council went into an executive session for personnel reasons at 9:05 pm.

Borough Council came out of executive session at 9:31 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 9, 2020

Jeanette Mills made a motion to pay the monthly bills for February and accept the financial report subject to future audit. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM

**Paula Fox**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**