

Reorganization Meeting

The Duncansville Borough Council Reorganization meeting was held Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Duncansville Borough building.

Visitors: Lloyd & Regina Forshey, Sue Kornowski, Jami Prosser, Glenn & Martha Bougher, Rodney Noel, Deborah Young, Ed Zang, Anthony & Roxanne Scaglione, Gary Discavage, John Query

Newly elected Mayor Eric Fritz swore in the newly elected Council members Donald Detrick, Jr, Dave Shaw and Tax Collector, Regina Forshey

Mayor Fritz opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Jeanette Mills, Dave Smith, Cindy Blontz, Donnie Detrick, Dave Shaw, Mayor Fritz

Nomination and Election of Council President:

Dave Shaw made a motion to nominate Dave Smith for President.

Roll call vote: Jeanette Mills-yes, Cindy Blontz-yes, Donnie Detrick-yes, Dave Shaw-yes

Dave Smith was elected Borough Council President

Nomination and Election of Council Vice-President:

Jeanette Mills made a motion to nominate Dave Shaw for Vice-President.

Roll call vote: Jeanette Mills-yes, Dave Smith-yes, Cindy Blontz-yes, Donnie Detrick-yes

Dave Shaw was elected Borough Council Vice-President.

Nomination and Election of President Pro Tem

Dave Shaw nominated Cindy Blontz for President Pro Tem

Roll call vote: Jeanette Mills-yes, Dave Smith-yes, Donnie Detrick-yes, Dave Shaw-yes

Cindy Blontz was elected Borough Council President Pro Tem.

Appointment of Vacancy Board Chairman:

Cindy Blontz made a motion to appoint E. Lynn DeLozier of 1324 7th Avenue, Duncansville to be Vacancy Board Chair. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Other Appointments:

Dave Shaw made a motion to appoint Alyssa Sears as the Zoning Officer. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to appoint Jim Batzel as Assistant Zoning Officer. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, Jeanette Mills abstained, motion carried.

Jeanette Mills made a motion to appoint Paula Fox as Open Records Officer. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Cindy Blontz made a motion to appoint Paula Fox as Secretary. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to appoint Paula Fox as Treasurer. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Jeanette Mills made a motion to appoint Tom Levine as the Borough Engineer. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Cindy Blontz made a motion to appoint Michael Emerick as the Duncansville Borough Solicitor. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to appoint Altoona Mirror as the Borough Newspaper for advertising. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to appoint First Commonwealth Bank as the Borough Depository. Dave Shaw's motion died for the lack of a second motion. Donnie Detrick made a motion to appoint M & T Bank as the Borough Depository. Donnie's motion died for the lack of a second motion. Cindy Blontz made a motion to retain First Commonwealth Bank as the Borough Depository. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, Jeanette Mills abstained, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to advertise the 2020 meeting dates and times as the second Monday and last Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, with the exception of the November 25th meeting to be changed to Monday, November 23, 2020 at 7:00. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

The regular January meeting agenda for Borough Council continues:

Cindy Blontz made a motion to approve the Council minutes held on December 9 & 23, 2019. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority minutes held on December 5, 2019. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitors:

Jami Prosser was present to ask about issues with his water bill. Dave Smith asked him to give him the details after the meeting and he would address them at the Authority meeting. Jami also asked about getting some potholes in the alleys filled.

Deborah Young was concerned about some issues with the 13th Street. She asked how snow removal was going to be handled. Dave Shaw stated that Alleghany Township will take care of the township side of the bridge and Duncansville Borough will handle the borough side.

Secretary:

Paula stated that the police office is without any duct work in their office. She received a quote from Lockard HVAC in the amount of \$200.00 to have the duct work run. Dave Smith asked that the engineer take a look at the quote before it was acted upon.

Paula stated that the zoning officer, Alyssa Sears, would like to attend the Local Floodplain Ordinance Training seminar that is being held on February 18, 2020 at the Bedford County Training room from 1-4 pm. Jeanette Mills made a motion to send Alyssa to the seminar. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor:

Cindy Blontz made a motion to accept the Police report for the month of December 2019. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Fritz asked about people squeezing through the fence and walking across the 13th Street bridge. He wanted to make sure we are covered if anything happened. Mike Emerick stated that it is posted and fenced so if they go across it then they are trespassing. A discussion followed on issues with the bridge.

Mayor Fritz asked about the pickleball court that was being discussed a few meetings back. Dave Smith stated the Dave Satka is still working on that. Mr. Satka feels he can convert the old tennis courts with no expense to the borough.

Chief Ketner spoke about the Emergency Operations Plan. We need to adopt this plan that should have been adopted last year. Council would like to see this plan before they adopt it.

Mayor Fritz announced that we are still in need of and LEMC. Donnie Detrick stated that he knows someone that is interested. Donnie will ask to write a letter of interest and submit it to Council.

Solicitor:

Mike Emerick thanked Borough Council for the reappointment as the Borough Solicitor.

No further questions or concerns.

Engineer:

1. A discussion was held on the floodplain review for the fence at Hicks UMC. Tom Levine recommended that Borough Council pass this report onto the applicant for review so they can process it and move on with the project. The Zoning Officer, Alyssa Sears, feels that the report does not meet the criteria for the project. Jeanette Mills made a motion to table this issue until next meeting. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. We received a letter from the Metropolitan Planning Organization asking about the 13th Street bridge. Dave Shaw stated that we allocated a principle interest payment for \$13,000.00 which would be the first year payment for a ten year loan of \$100,000.00 put into the 2020 budget to replace the bridge. Tom will report that information to the Metropolitan Planning Organization.
3. A discussion regarding change order for Grannas Brother for the 2019 4th Avenue paving project.
 - a) The change order is to compensate the bid price of \$83,510.12 to the actual price of \$68,911.49. Cindy Blontz made a motion for president of council to sign the change order. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Tom stated that he needs change orders signed for the park project.
 - a) Jeanette Mills made a motion to sign the change order #3 adding 58 consecutive days to the project. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion all in favor, motion carried.
 - b) Cindy Blontz made a motion to sign change order #4 for an additional \$26,226.00 for addition pavers. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
 - c) Jeanette Mills made a motion to sign change order #5 to add \$2,400.00 to install additional split rail fence. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
 - d) Dave Shaw made a motion to sign change order #6 to add \$837.00 to install pipe ballards to keep cars off the pedestrian bridge. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
 - e) Cindy Blontz made a motion to sign change order #7 to add \$830.00 to purchase addition mulch to add to the original rain garden to make it look good for the final inspection. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
 - f) Jeanette Mills made a motion to sign change order #8 that compensates the quantities in the unit price contract and deducts \$4,764.00 from the contract. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
5. We received a letter for DCED regarding the Flood Mitigation Grant project stating that the grant is due to expire on June 30, 2020. Tom would like to write them and ask for an extension for the grant. Jeanette Mills made a motion for Tom to ask for the extension for the grant and for the \$62,000.00 that was budgeted in 2019 to be carried over to the 2020 budge to complete the project. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Committees:

Building & Grounds: Cindy Blontz will oversee this committee. Cindy stated that she don't have anything to report on at this time.

Finance: Dave Shaw and Dave Smith will oversee this committee. Dave went over some figures on the budget. Dave stated that the funds for the 4th Ave paving project will be paid as follows, \$25,000.00 will come out of the highways account, \$25,000.00 will come out of Liquid Fuels account. There is an \$18,000.00 balance on the Grannas Brothers bill. Dave Shaw made a motion to take \$18,000.00 out of the Truck & Equipment Account to pay the balance of the paving project. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Fire Company: Donnie Detrick will oversee this committee. Donnie stated he don't have anything to report on at this time.

Park & Recreation: Jeanette Mills will oversee this committee.

Personnel: Dave Smith and Cindy Blontz will oversee this committee.

Street & Equipment: Dave Shaw will oversee this committee. Dave stated that he would like Jim Batzel to come to meetings. Dave Shaw made a motion to have Jim to come to meetings and to compensate everyone that comes to meetings for work purposes to be compensated \$50.00 for the meeting. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, Jeanette Mills abstained, motion carried.

Water & Sewer: Dave Smith will oversee this committee. Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the water report for the month of December. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Duncansville Community Days: Next meeting February 3, 2020. Eric Fritz reported that Cabin Fever is February 8, 2020. He also reported what entertainment they are scheduling for Community Days.

Unfinished Business: Lloyd & Regina Forshey was present to present the Tax Collectors Report. Jeanette Mills made a motion to approve the Tax Collectors Closing Report for 2019 and Uncollected Real Estate Taxes from the Borough Tax Collector Regina K. Forshey and forward on the 2019 Per Capita Delinquent List – Non-payment to Berkheimer Associates. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Borough Council went into and executive session at 9:00 PM for personel issues
Borough Council came out of executive session at 9:40 PM.

Jeanette Mills made a motion to hire Andrew Long for Street Department Laboror at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to promote Jim Batzel at Street Department Foreman at the rate of \$20.49 per hour. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, Jeanette Mills abstained, motion carried.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to pay Paula Fox the same rate as all other supervisors of \$20.49 per hour. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Paula J Fox
Secretary/Treasurer