

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:54 P.M. at the Duncansville Community Center

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

Dave Smith stated he would like to thank all the council members for maintaining the operation of the Borough during the COVID-19 pandemic. He would like to give a special thanks to Mayor Eric Fritz for all he has done on top of his duties as Mayor.

Dave Shaw made a motion to approve the Council minutes held on March 9, 2020. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Cindy Blontz made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority minutes held on March 5, 2020. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitors: Jim Batzel, Jessica Sorge

Jessica Sorge was present to give an update on the Hollidaysburg Ambulance Service and everything that they did during the COVID-19 pandemic. She wanted to ensure everyone that they are available when anything is needed such as PPE products.

Jim Batzel commented that he would like to thank Paula Fox and Jerrica Grance for everything they did during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Secretary:

1. Jerome Eckardt would like permission to attend three PA Rural Water Seminars that are need for his certification. Jeanette Mills made a motion to allow Jerome to attend these seminars. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. We received an email from Grant Wills at the 911 Center regarding an address needed for a property on Cherry Alley, also known as 8th Street. Granted needed to know what the street name was due to the fact the 911 center has the road as Cherry Alley and the Borough has street signs up that say 8th Street. Tom stated he would check the Type 5 Map through PennDot to see how the street is identified. Council stated that if it is labeled as Cherry Alley they would like to keep it as Cherry Alley and if is labeled as 8th Street, they would like to change it to Cherry Alley.
3. An email was received from Angela Whestine from the Blair County Tax Collection Bureau regarding the need for voting delegates for the Blair county Tax Collection Committee. Each municipality and school district should assign a voting delegate to the Blair Co Tax Collection Committee. Duncansville Borough hasn't had any representative at their meetings for several years and she needs to have someone from the Borough to be a

voice at their meetings. Jeanette Mills made a motion to have Dave Smith attend the meeting in September and a decision would be made regarding future meetings. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

4. A copy of a resolution needs signed formally ratifying actions taken via telecommunication vote since the March 9, 2020 meeting. Donnie Detrick made a motion to sign the resolution. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor:

Cindy Blontz made a motion to accept the Police report for the Months of April and May 2020. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

1. The police are in need of a toximeter to check for DUI. There is a grant program that Chief Ketner will apply for that would get it at no cost. If unable to obtain the grant, one would need be purchased at the cost of \$500.00-\$600.00. A decision will be made after the grant is applied for.
2. A discussion was held on additional speed limit signs needed in the borough. Tom will look at the speed limit ordinance to see if a traffic study is necessary and to see where signs can be placed.
3. Mayor Fritz stated that he would be talking to all the police officers in regards to police backup. With all the protests lately he wants to be sure they get the proper backup.
4. Mayor Fritz was speaking on behalf of the Hollidaysburg Baseball League. He presented council with a list of safety protocols and rules for the 2020 season. They would like to have permission to use the fields for practice. Cindy Blontz made a motion to use the field for practice with a 2 week grace period until someone gets in touch with Mike to set up an agreement. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
5. A discussion was held in regards to opening the office. A decision was made to keep the office closed and re-evaluate at next month's meeting.
6. The next Water Shed meeting is being held on July 9, 2020. Mayor Fritz would like permission to hold the meeting at the community center. Council approved and Paula will make sure that date is available for use.
7. Mayor Fritz received a letter of interest from Eizu Fredrickson for the open position on Local Emergency Medical Coordinator. Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the letter of interest from Eizu Fredrickson as LEMC. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Solicitor:

1. A discussion was held on how the ambulance services are dispatched to calls. Mayor Fritz will call the 911 center and have them come to the next council meeting.
2. There was a handicap sign removed from 1141 4th Avenue. This needs to be done by resolution. Mike will have a resolution to sign for next month's meeting.
3. Mike reported that there was two Right To Know Requests that were submitted during the pandemic.
4. Mayor Fritz asked about the lease agreement that was set with Duncansville Pharmacy ten years ago. He read in meeting minutes from 2010 that there was a ten year lease. The lease would be up this year. They would have to renew their lease this year. A discussion was also held on parking at the Brumbaugh parking area. Mayor Fritz will contact Brumbaugh Insurance to get their input regarding this matter.

Engineer:

1. Zoning received an application for work being done at one of the Oxford Plaza suites to put in a CBD Store. The property site is zoned business. There is nothing in the zoning ordinance that states there can't be that type of store in the borough.

2. Tom gave an update on the Flood Resiliency program. Tom and Mayor Fritz will be having a conference call with the consultant of this project sometime between now and before the next meeting.
3. The Tri Run Watershed Association put together a list of damages of flooding from 2018 and 2019 and sent them to DEP. DEP evaluated the information and came up with some preliminary findings. They want to continue to explore Duncansville Borough. They want Council to sign the resolution presented so they can continue to do the work. After reviewing the resolution Council felt it was not desirable as it is written and decided to table this matter until a future meeting. Tom will notify Doug Hill at DEP regarding this matter.
4. Tom reported that the Gillans Run Stream Bank Maintenance project is now complete.
5. A discussion was held on Gillans Run Phase 4. Tom will report more at the next meeting.
6. We received final payment for the 2019 Dirt and Gravel Road program from The Blair County Conservation District.
7. A discussion was held on the Stuckey Land Development Plan. Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the amendment to the land development plan based on the revisions dated 3/10/20. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
8. A discussion was held the North American Communications Groundwater remediation.
9. Received a request from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. They are looking for information regarding our rain gardens at the park. Tom will contact Graham Markowitz regarding this matter.
10. Tom presented a quote from US Municipal for signs. Dave Shaw made a motion to purchase the signs for \$1,753.65. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, Jeanette Mills opposed, motion carried.
11. Tom has the Duncansville Memorial Park master plan. The plans will be at the office for everyone to review.
12. There were two floodplain reviews done during COVID-19
 - a. Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the report for 403 W 14th Street for a shed. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
 - b. Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the report for 800 Kelsy Lane for a front porch. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
13. The MS4 permit training for employees has been complete.
14. There are a few trees located on the north side of 8th Avenue and 10th Street that Rich Knott would like removed due to the fact if they fall they will fall across his driveway. Tom will talk to Dave Brennaman and see if he could take the trees down and have the street department clean them up. Tom will report at the next meeting.

Committees:

Buildings & Grounds-Cindy Blontz: Nothing at this time.

Finance-Dave Shaw: Dave Shaw reported that we have been receiving the real estate tax money and the business and mercantile tax money by the April deadline.

Fire Company-Donnie Detrick: Donnie gave an update on some fundraisers that the fire department is losing out on due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He asked if anyone knows of any fundraisers that the fire department could do to supplement their loss, please let them know.

Parks & Recreation-Jeanette Mills: Jeanette Mills stated she didn't have anything to report at this time. Jim Batzel reported that the men's bathroom toilet needs replaced due to it leaking.

A discussion was held on opening the bathrooms at the park during the COVID-19. It was decided that the bathrooms will only be opened when there is a rental at the pavilion.

Personnel-Dave Smith: Nothing at this time.

Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw: Jim Batzel reported that they have been working on line painting, cold patching and they got the boards for the mower shed.

Water & Sewer-Dave Smith: Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the water reports for March, April and May. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Duncansville Community Days: Nothing to report due to Community Days has been cancelled.

Unfinished Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2020

Cindy Blontz made a motion to pay the monthly bills for June 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 9:33 PM

Paula Fox
Secretary/Treasurer