

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Duncansville Community Center

Attendance Eric Fritz, Mayor
Dave Smith, President via remotely by conference call
Dave Shaw, Vice President
Cindy Blontz, Pro Tem
Donnie Detrick, Council Member
Jeanette Mills, Council Member

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

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the governor reduced indoor gatherings to 10 people. Residents will not be able to attend the meeting in person, they will need to attend via remotely by conference call. It is unclear under the guidelines whether a council meeting is classified as an indoor gathering or a business function. Cindy Blontz made a motion to allow the residents that showed up for the meeting to remain at the meeting. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to approve the Council minutes held on November 9, 2020. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority minutes held on November 5, 2020. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitors: Ed Blontz, Jessica Sorge, Walter and Lori Kratzer, Rodney Estep, Sue Kornowski via conference call.

Lori Kratzer asked about street cleanup on Kelsey Lane. Jim Batzel stated that even though Kelsey Lane is considered Allegheny Township, he sweeps it in the spring. He stated that if he missed it this past year, he apologizes and that he will make sure it is done in the future.

Rod Estep stated he was concerned about a mask ordinance that Borough Council was thinking about putting into effect. A discussion was held and Mayor Fritz stated it was determined that there should be no need to pass a mask ordinance at this time.

Secretary: Regina Forshey has put in a letter of resignation. She will be unable to finish her last year of her term. Sue Kornowski from 822 8th Avenue has stated she would like to fill in that last year for Regina. Sue stated after speaking with the Hollidaysburg School District and Allegheny Township's tax collector regarding some of the duties of a tax collector, she would like to make some changes. She asked if it would be alright to have the per capita taxes added to the school district taxes that would come out for July. This would save the borough from printing forms and manual typing out each form. Jeanette Mills made a motion to change the per capita tax to be added to the Hollidaysburg Area School District tax statement. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

There is a software package that the school district uses. It was strongly recommended that this software package to be used. The cost of the software last years was \$339.00. Jeanette Mills made a motion to allow Sue to purchase the Tax Collector Software package and the Borough reimburse her. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to appoint Susan Kornowski as Tax Collector beginning January 1, 2021. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor:

Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the Police report for the month of November 2020. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

1. Mayor Fritz gave an update on the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in the county. Based on the numbers, he is recommending that the Borough Office remain closed at this time. Cindy Blontz made a motion to keep the office closed at this time. Dave Smith seconded the motion, Jeanette Mills and Donnie Detrick voting no, motion carried.
2. Mayor Fritz asked about doing a Christmas lunch for the employees to their appreciation. Cindy Blontz stated that this is something that could not be paid out of general fund. She also stated that if this was presented prior to a week before Christmas, they could have planned something. This is something that could be looked at for next year.
3. Mayor Fritz asked if council would like to continue to meet in person or would they rather do our monthly meetings virtually. It was determined that Borough Council would like to meet in person.

Solicitor:

1. Mike reported that M&T Bank took possession of the 1128 4th Avenue property. The paperwork will not be finalized until the end of January. Tom took a look at the property and feels the garage and shed should be demolished but the house seems to be a sound structure. When M&T Bank officially takes possession of this property, that is when we could pursue the demolition.
2. A discussion was held last month regarding the Uniform and Non Uniform pension amendments that are done every six years. Cindy Blontz made a motion to sign the Uniform Police Pension Plan ordinance. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Jeanette Mills-yes, Dave Smith-yes, Cindy Blontz-yes, Donnie Detrick-yes, Dave Shaw-yes.
Cindy Blontz made a motion to sign the Non-Uniform Pension Plan ordinance. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion. Roll Call vote. Jeanette Mills-yes, Dave Smith-yes, Cindy Blontz-yes, Donnie Detrick-yes, Dave Shaw-yes.
3. Cindy Blontz made a motion to approve and sign the resolution setting the monthly meeting dates for 2021. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Engineer:

1. Due to not received the storm sewer items in time the paving on 13th Street did not happen and will be done in the spring. The final payment for Grannas Brothers has been reduced from \$44,658.50 to \$26,989.21. Jeanette Mills made a motion to have Dave Shaw sign the change order. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. A discussion was held on the flood plain review for a fence at 705 10th Street. Cindy Blontz made a motion to accept the flood plain review. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Committees:

Buildings & Grounds-Cindy Blontz: Cindy Blontz reported that we received two bids for electrical work at the Community Center. Brent Cogan gave a bid for \$4,618.91 and S&J Electrical for \$2,688.00. Cindy Blontz made a motion for S&J Electrical to do the electrical work at the Community Center. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Finance-Dave Shaw: Jeanette Mills made a motion to pass the 2021 Budget. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Jeanette Mills made a motion to sign the an ordinance establishing certain tax rates for the 2021 fiscal year. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Jeanette Mills-yes, Dave Smith-yes, Cindy Blontz-yes, Donnie Detrick-yes, Dave Shaw-yes.

Jeanette Mills made a motion to advertise for the fulltime police officer. Cindy Blontz seconded the motions, all in favor, motion carried.

Fire Company-Donnie Detrick: Donnie reported the next upcoming fundraiser for the fire department will be a coyote hunt. The dates will be January 29-31.

Parks & Recreation-Jeanette Mills: The baseball team sent an email stated they will still like to use the field for practices. They were not interested in doing a contract at this time.

Personnel-Dave Smith: Nothing at this time.

Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw: Jim Batzel stated that the trucks are ready for snow.

Water & Sewer-Dave Smith: Cindy Blontz made a motion to accept the water reports November. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Duncansville Community Days: There will not be a cabin fever dance this year due to COVID-19

Unfinished Business Nothing at this time.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Borough Council went into an executive session for personnel and litigation reasons at 8:33 pm.
Borough Council came out of executive session at 8:55 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021

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

A discussion was held on employees working holidays. Cindy Blontz made a motion to pay employees that work on holiday to get paid straight time and receive comp time for the number of hours worked that could be used on another day. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:02 PM

Paula Fox
Secretary/Treasurer