

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Duncansville Community Center

Attendance Eric Fritz, Mayor
Donnie Detrick, Vice President
Dave Smith, Pro Tem
Annette Lewis, Council Member
Jeffrey Lynn, Council Member

Absent: Cindy Blontz, President

Donnie Detrick opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and roll call by the Borough Secretary.

Jeff Lynn made a motion to approve the Council minutes held on March 14, 2022. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority minutes held on March 3, 2022. Jeff Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitors: Ed Blontz, Trish Haight, Alisa LeComte, Dave Brenneman Jr, Jessica Brenneman, Jerome Eckardt, Dave Brenneman, Susan Koronowski, Debbie Chamberlain, Jordan Bard, Mike & Brenda Glunt, Jason Faterski, Michael Stoppe

Alisa LeComte from Feel Good Entertainment was visiting to ask Borough Council for the use of the Duncansville Memorial Park to hold an event she called "Adult Recess". This would consist of giant outdoor blowup toys such as slides, rock climbing, bounce houses and giant-sized games. She would also like to serve alcohol. Mike Emerick told her that Duncansville Borough is a dry town and there was no alcohol permitted at the park. He also stated that Council has not permitted bounce houses in the past due to liability issues.

Jason Fajerski & Mike Stoppe from Comcast were visiting to request council's consideration of Comcast achieving a franchise agreement in the Borough of Duncansville. A discussion was held with them. This subject will be tabled until next meeting.

Trish Haight was visiting to introduce herself to Council. She is running for PA State Representative District 80.

Jerome Eckardt asked Council what they were going to do about supplying fire protection to the residents on Vineyard Lane. He states it is the responsibility of the borough to supply fire coverage to the tax paying residents. Dave Brenneman Sr suggested that council pay to have a bridge built off of Park Avenue. Annette Lewis stated that we are trying to repair a bridge on 13th St and wouldn't be able to repair one bridge and build another bridge. Donnie stated that borough council needs to get a plan in place to get fire protection for these residents. He stated that this is something that needs done now and not 2 years down the line. Mike asked the residents of Vineyard Lane, if brough council would form a committee to discuss options of getting fire protection to them, would they work with them. They were all in agreement.

Secretary:

1. The Volunteers Insurance Policy is up for renewal. She asked if council would like to renew it at the price of \$300.00 for the year. Dave Shaw made a motion to renew the insurance policy. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

2. There was a complaint regarding potholes on 6th St. Residents are stating that it is from the trucks entering and exiting from NAPA. Tom suggested to put the street on the paving list. He stated that this street should be next on the list after 7th and 10th. Mayor Fritz asked Jim Batzel if he could put some stone in the potholes for now.
3. The water has been turned on at the park. Paula asked when council would like to open the bathrooms daily. Mayor Fritz suggested to only unlock the bathrooms only if there is a rental at the park. Annette feels the restrooms need to be open during the day in the summer. Council decided that they would open the restrooms on May 1st and just leave them unlocked. If vandalism becomes an issue, they will go back to locking them up again.
4. Rich Dennis from Q94 stopped at the office and asked if he could use the park on the pavilion side to hold an event during Father's Day weekend. He would have a band and food vendors. Council stated it was a good idea but would like him to submit a detailed proposal that includes hours and where he would put food vendors.

Mayor:

Annette Lewis made a motion to accept the Police report for the month of March 2022. Jeff Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Fritz stated that he would like to advertise for part-time police officers and Chief of Police. He would like to the police chief to be the Chief/Borough Manager. Annette stated there is a lot to consider and there should be a committee formed to discuss the pay, duties and job descriptions of this position. Donnie stated this should be discussed when Cindy is back and they could discuss it as a whole. Mayor Fritz would like to start by advertising for the part time officers. Annette Lewis made a motion to advertise for part time officers. Jeff Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

Mayor Fritz stated that there was going to be a Christmas luncheon for the employees but it had to be cancelled due to several employees being out for COVID. The new date for the luncheon will be Thursday, April 14th at noon. He stated that council, Mike and Tom would be invited to attend.

Solicitor:

Mike stated he presented council with a draft of a commercial lease for the Brumbaugh Insurance property at last month's meeting. He asked if there were questions or additions from council. Dave Shaw stated he would like to see a 10 year lease and \$2,500.00 due at the time of signing the lease. Mike will send it to Brumbaugh's when it's complete.

Engineer:

Tom gave a report on the dangerous building at 612 13th Street. He states that building is several additions over the course of the years. Tom reported that the roof needs to come off and 2 walls on the southern side the needs to come down immediately since it presents a lot of danger to the neighbor. There is yard waste and overgrown vegetation that needs removed from the outside of the building. The owner stated he needs 6 months to bring up to compliance. Annette Lewis made a motion accept the terms of 6 months timeline and start the clock immediately. Jeff Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Committees:

Buildings & Grounds-Donnie Detrick Nothing at this time.

Finance-Dave Shaw: Nothing at this time.

Fire Company-Donnie Detrick: Donnie reported that Chief Craig Hazlett has resigned as chief due to personal issues.

May 14, 2022 will be the first chicken bbq for the year. This will be held the same day as the community yard sale.

Parks & Recreation-Annette Lewis: Annette reported that she met with Sherry Socie this past week. They missed the deadline for one of the grants they were going to apply for. She will have more information at a future meeting.

Personnel-Cindy Blontz: Mayor Fritz requested an executive session.

Borough Council went into an executive session at 8:45 pm for personnel reasons.

Borough Council came out of executive session at 9:20 pm.

Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw: Jim Batzel reported that the pressure washer quit working. He will try to repair it, if not it will need replaced.

Water & Sewer-Jeff Lynn: Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the water report for March 2022. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Jeff Lynn reported the Authority is finishing up the press project. He also reported that they now have a credit card setup for bill paying.

Duncansville Community Days: Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business: Nothing at this time

New Business: Nothing at this time

Next Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2022

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

Donnie Detrick adjourned the meeting at 9:26 PM

Paula J Fox
Secretary/Treasurer