

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, April 12th 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Duncansville Community Center.

Attendance:

- Eric Fritz, Mayor
- Dave Smith, President
- Dave Shaw, Vice President
- Cindy Blontz, Pro Term
- Donnie Detrick, Council Member
- Jeanette Mills, Council Member

Dave Smith opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call was done by President, Dave Smith due to the secretary being absent due to a possible covid interaction.

Cindy Blontz made a motion to approve the Council minutes held on March 8th, 2021. Dave Shaw second the motion, all in favor, motioned carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority meeting minutes held on March 4th, 2021. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitors: Gerald Corbin Central District VFA, Jennifer Farabaugh Western PA Conservancy, Rodney Estep Resident of Duncansville, Ed Blontz, Steve Ott AMED, Sandra Mosel AMED, Dino Conigy AMED, Jeff Summers, Gary Watters AMED, Mike Glunt, Beth Futrick Blair Conservation District, Matthew Novak Hollidaysburg Ambulance, Emily State 911 Center.

Duncansville EMS Managed by AMED. Presented by Gary Watters and employees who can be requested by management for names. The presentation was followed up with a handout to follow along during the presentation. The packet included all calls made by DEMS (Duncansville EMS) for the years of 2019,2020 and 2021. Gary Watters stated Blair County had the 2nd fastest response time. Details of certain reports are located in the packet given to each member of the council members. A new unit waiting on proper lighting was also purchased for the DEMS (Duncansville EMS). Due to covid the project is still in the process of being completed. Questions were asked and concerns were brought up. Donnie Detrick expressed his concern on the billing. Gary Watters explained the membership is still in effect for any Duncansville resident. If any billing issue occurs the affected should reach out to the billing department at AMED. Donnie Detrick also expressed a question about the location of a further unit. Gary explained it is rare to call a response from that far if there is a closer until available.

The Solicitor, Michael Emerick, asked if the Hollidaysburg Ambulance would honor the Duncansville EMS membership. Rodney Estep, President of the Board, spoke up and mentioned he would like to have Jessica Sorge, Executive Director, present to answer any questions. Hollidaysburg Ambulance will be present at the next council meeting. The Executive Director, Jessica Sorge has been present at every meeting except for this one noted Rodney Estep.

Dave Smith mentioned no action would be taken at this time without more information.

Emily Stakes the 911 center representative mentioned they call the closest available and the most qualified for the call.

Jennifer Farbaugh was there to have a letter of support for the grant being applied for. This would help update the 20 year flood-plan. Updates to the projects being done and money available to have public meetings to keep the communities informed. Boro would not be responsible for any matching funds. Dave Shaw made the motion to approve the support to move forward with Cindy Blontz seconding the motion. All in Favor.

Beth from the Blair County Conservation District was visiting for support to apply for the funding for the Urban Agriculture. Hoop house is in the plans to help with the project. Cindy Blontz made the motion to move forward to apply for the grant with Donnie Detrick seconding the motion. All in Favor.

Jeff Summers visiting on behalf of the Antique Depot project and Ty Dively not being able to attend.. He was seeking the agreement to continue the project. Tom Levine and Michael Emerick explained the project would need to be spoken to Ty Dively. No action taken for Jeff Summers.

Gerald Corbin visiting on behalf of the Central District Firemen Convention. He was seeking to invite the 2 people who helped save a citizen's life at Best Way in Duncansville. An award will be presented at the next meeting in May. Jeanette Mills made the motion for the awards to be presented by the Central District Firemen's Convention to the heroes that saved their life. Cindy Blontz seconding the motion. All in Favor.

Michael and Brenda Glunt expressed concerns about the proposed bridge being built by their house. He wanted to know if the project was approved and Tom Levine followed up saying that DEP has to approve anything with this project to move forward. The council only gave permission to move forward with the idea but DEP has to approve anything. No action taken due to permits need approval and this is private property.

Susan Kornowski Tax Collector was present to seek the approval from council on the extensions of the penalties and fees for taxes. The item was motioned to be approved to move the extension date to May 17th, 2021. Jeanette Mills made the motion and Cindy Blontz seconded. All in Favor.

Community Yard Sale was still in the process of being put together and Mayor Eric Fritz would follow up with a date. The Hicks United Church partners with the community to have a yard sale every year. The date will be sent once scheduled.

Cindy Blontz asked if there will be a permit for the Memorial Day parade. No permit was applied for as of 04-12-2021.

Secretary:

Not present excused absence

Mayor:

1. Police Report was motioned for approval. Cindy Blontz motioned for approval for the April Police report and Dave Shaw seconded the motion for approval. All in Favor.
2. Eric Fritz mentioned the Full time officer will be starting soon. The Certs are cleared and the background check was completed. Covid did put a delay on the hiring process.
3. Funding is still low and Tom Levine will be writing a letter for more funding .
4. Eric also stated the Stimulus for the Municipality could be up to \$110,000.00 for spending related to covid. Federal money should be available to the BORO between May and July.

Solicitor:

1. The Baseball League will need to sign an agreement for the storage shed. Jeanette Mills has the permission from the council to have the correct people sign and then exchange the key.

Engineer:

1. Land Development and flood plain review needed done for the Antique Depot project.
2. Small provisions needed made to the project for correct drainage.
3. Kenneth Sula the Engineer for Antique Depot agreed to the changes that needed made.
4. No curbing modification will need done.

Jeanette Mills made the motion to move forward with the changes that need to take place per Tom Levine. Dave Shaw seconded the motion. All in Favor.

5. Detention pond is on private property for the Antique Depot and Tom Levine mentioned this is the property owners responsibility to take care of.

Donnie Detrick made the motion to move forward to make sure the pond stays clean and not backed up with water. All in Favor.

6. Tom Levine mentioned the owner Ty Dively will need to contact his office for the adjustments that need to be made to move forward.
7. Vineyard Excavating will have the payment bond to move forward on Phase 4 of the Gillan's Run phase.

Committees:

Building and Grounds:

1. Proposal from Bettwy to install the Relay at the Community Center. Cost of the project is \$549.00 Dave Shaw made the motion to install the relay needed with Cindy Blontz seconded the motion.
2. The shed has been installed at the park. James Batzel, Street Foreman mentioned Penelec is now scheduled to come inspect the project.
3. Restrooms will be open in the morning and closed at night. The restrooms will be opened by employees of the boro with the Police Department closing them at night.
4. The BORO office is now open to the public with proper screens to protect the community and employees.
5. 2 more bids need to be completed before moving forward with the drainage project on 13th street.

Finance:

1. Liquid Fuel funds have been completed to the BORO and received. Total funds were \$41,976.49

Fire Company:

1. Chicken BBQ scheduled for April 24, 2021. Tickets are available until sold out.

Park and Recreation:

1. License Agreement for the Baseball League needs to be signed before keys are released.

Personnel:

1. Mayor Fritz mentioned an employee tested positive for Covid and there are a few employees off until further notice. All precautions are being taken.

Street and Equipment:

1. Dave Smith mentioned the employees have been fixing the potholes as quick as they can.

Water and Sewer:

1. No report to approve.
2. Leak is being looked at the Brumbaugh Farm to determine the issue.

Duncansville Community Days:

1. Mayor Fritz mentioned volunteers needed the weekend prior to the event.
2. Brochures will be handed out this year instead of the booklets.
3. Mayor Fritz also mentioned how thankful they were that the street crew brought up the trailer to move shed items for community days.

New Business:

1. Old School building on 4th avenue has been pumping water on the street.
2. Tom Levine will be following up with the building to review the issue.

Next Meeting to be held on May 10th, 2021

Pay the monthly bills: Cindy Blontz made the motion to approve to pay the bills. Dave Shaw seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Executive Session at 9:30 pm to discuss personnel. No action was being taken.

9:45 dismissal of the meeting.