

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, February 23, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Duncansville Community Center

**Attendance** Eric Fritz, Mayor  
Cynthia Blontz, President  
Donnie Detrick, Vice President  
Dave Shaw, Pro Tem  
Annette Lewis, Council Member  
Jeffrey Lynn, Council Member

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

Annette Lewis made a motion to approve the Council minutes held on January 10 & 26, 2022. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority minutes held on January 6, 2022. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Visitors:** Dave Brenneman, Kara Brenneman, Ed Blontz, Gayle Weir, Cindy Bernazzoli, Richard Chamberlain, Debbie Chamberlain, Sue & Ken Korownoski, Bill Newton, Jerome Eckardt, Jessie Musselman, Ken Davis II, Joe Castel, Beth Schalles, Dave Smith, Terry Lewis, Bill Lloyd, Alyssa Wills, Shawn Lloyd, Dylan Zeiders, Jordan Bard, Ron Grados, Rich Morris, Sandra Mosel, Dave Brenneman Jr, Jessica Brenneman, Michael Adams, Aaron Craig, Jim Frank, Debra Wade, Lori Kratzer, Walt Kratzer, Rick Beard, Ashley Glunt

Jim Frank and Aaron Craig were visiting to speak to council regarding the 13<sup>th</sup> Street bridge engineer selection process. Annette Lewis made a motion to accept Lehman Engineering as the Borough's Bridge Engineer with the caveat for any additions that could be made in the future. Jeffrey Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave and Jessica Brenneman were visiting to ask council if there was anything else that is needed to be able to vote on the right of way off of 11<sup>th</sup> Street for the bridge structure. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that the Brenneman's will need to obtain a flood plain review to be in compliance with the flood plain ordinance.

**Secretary:**

1. We received a letter from Brumbaugh Insurance Group asking to be able to take over the parking area in front on their business. They are aware there may be costs incurred and are willing to do what is necessary to make parking easier their elderly customers. Dave Shaw made a motion to have Mike draft a lease for Brumbaugh Insurance Company before presenting that to them. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Paula told council that she needs a decision on what borough sign design they would like to see in front of the borough building to replace the one that was damaged during a traffic accident. Jerrica designed a sign with a reader board under the sign that could be used as an informational board. The cost of the sign would be \$3,400.00 that would be covered under the insurance company. Annette Lewis made a motion to purchase the sign designed by Jerrica. Jeff Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
3. The South Central Counties Borough Association will hold their next meeting on March 2, 2022. Paula will need to know who will be attending so she can send in the reservations for the borough. Annette Lewis will attend.

4. Jerrica Grance would like to participate in a webinar for agendas, minutes social media & communications. Annette Lewis made motion to allow Jerrica to participate in the webinar. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Mike suggested that Paula sit in on the webinar as well.
5. The Duncansville VFW would like approval for the annual Memorial Day Parade. Donnie Detrick made a motion to allow the VFW to hold their annual Memorial Day Parade on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Mayor:**

Annette Lewis made a motion to accept the Police report for the month of January 2022. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

1. Mayor Fritz reported that the Blair County Planning Commission reached out to him regarding a grant that will end at the end of April. They asked what they would like to do with the park with the park grant. They discussed making the old tennis courts into a basketball court. The first 30% of the grant would not have matching funds but anything after that would require matching funds. The funding would come in during the summer of 2023. Tom has a copy of a master plan for the grant that he will email to Annette. Dave Shaw made a motion to approve working with the Blair County Planning Commission to structure the grant application. Jeff Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Mayor Fritz received a complaint from Gentle Family Dentistry regarding water pressure at their building. He gave the written complaint to Jeff Lynn so it could be presented to the water authority at their next meeting.
3. Mayor Fritz asked Tom Levine for an update on the abandoned garage on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that he sent a certified letter to him but has not received the acknowledgement back yet.
4. Mayor Fritz updated council on the Summer Concerts at the park for this summer hosted by Community Days. The concerts will be held the first Friday of each month from May through September.

**Solicitor:**

1. Mike gave an update on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary. They have now submitted for review a proposed ordinance. The county hasn't really made a decision yet. Mike suggested to wait to see if there is another revised proposal for this sanctuary.

**Engineer:**

1. Brenneman Bridge Project:
  - a. Ken Kornowski asked if the bridge will be built in a flood way. Tom stated that it will be built in a flood way. Ken handed out a flyer stating that building in a floodway alters the pathway and can increase the flood risk in a community, which is why such activity must be regulated. He just wanted to bring that to the attention of council.
2. Flood Plain Reviews:
  - a. 525 14<sup>th</sup> Street-Mr. Blackburn would like to build a 36x50 barn type structure to store his antique cars in. He will need to elevate it appropriately 3 feet to be in compliance with the Flood Plain Ordinance. He will have to prepare an elevation certificate. Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the flood plain review. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
  - b. Ace Hardware at 86 16<sup>th</sup> Street would like to put solar panel on their roof. Tom put in his report the Ace hardware will have to meet the building code and they have to prove that no DEP permit is required. Annette Lewis made a motion to accept Tom's report after they provide the documentation. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

3. Storm Sewer Projects:

- a. Before the paving project for 2022 on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Street the storm sewer needs to be place prior to the project. There will be one easement required for this project. Also, the general permits for outfall will need authorized. Annette Lewis made a motion to acquire the easement and apply for the general permits. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Committees:**

**Buildings & Grounds-Donnie Detrick:** Donnie reported that a local resident, Joe Robertson, has stated that he could try a buffer and chemicals and try to buff the floor. Annette Lewis made a motion to have Joe try buffing the floor. Jeff Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Finance-Dave Shaw:** Nothing at this time.

**Fire Company-Donnie Detrick:** Nothing at this time.

**Parks & Recreation-Annette Lewis:** Nothing at this time.

**Personnel-Cindy Blontz:** Request for an executive session.

**Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw:** Nothing at this time.

**Water & Sewer-Jeff Lynn:** Annette Lewis made a motion to accept the water report for January 2022. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Jeff Lynn reported that he attended the Authority meeting on February 3, 2022. He states that the authority is looking into implementing a credit card system in the office to take water and sewer payment. They are concerned about the fees that come along with the have a credit card machine. They will continue to look into some more options.

**Duncansville Community Days:** Nothing at this time.

**Unfinished Business:** Donnie Detrick wanted to revisit the property at 1040 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. He stated that they did a good job at cleaning up but there is still stuff that needs to be cleaned up. Mayor Fritz will speak with Jeff Ketner to have him follow up on this.

Sandra Mosel from Duncansville EMS reported that they have a signed agreement with Hollidaysburg Ambulance that states the Duncansville residents memberships are covered through them effective February 1, 2022.

**New Business:** Alyssa Wills would like to see a temporary stop sign at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Tom stated that Chief Ketner will have to look at the history of the intersection and if he is in support of the stop sign then Tom will do a study on the intersection.

Paula reported that a letter was received from Intermunicipal Relations Committee regarding the contribution to the IRC Recycling drop off site in Duncansville. In the past they have asked for a \$600.00 contribution that would allow the

Duncansville Borough residents to be able to purchase a \$25.00 key card to be able to utilize the facility to dispose of their recyclables. The IRC has decided to open the facility up to all Municipalities weather or not they contributed to the IRC

or not. They asked for all municipalities to continue to contribute but it will no longer be mandatory. Dave Shaw made a motion to contribute \$300.00 to the IRC Recycling drop off. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Borough Council went into an executive session for personnel reasons at 8:44 pm.

Borough Council came out of executive session at 9:11 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 14, 2022

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

Dave Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:16 PM

**Paula Fox**

**Secretary/Treasurer**