

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:00 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 entered at 7:11 pm  
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 Shaw made a motion to approve the Council minutes held on January 11, 2021. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority minutes held on January 7, 2021. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Visitors:** Ed Blontz, Jessica Sorge, Sue & Ken Koronowski, Greg Werstil and family, Guy Leonard

Guy Leonard from Scout Troop 30 was present to thank Borough Council for allowing him to fulfill his Eagle Scout Rank project by constructing a pathway and installing metal benches in front of the memorial located at the Duncansville Memorial Park.

Sue Koronowski spoke to council about the deputy tax collector. She would like to name Donald Wagner, Tax Collector for Allegheny Township as her deputy tax collector. Dave Shaw made a motion to appoint Donald Wagner as deputy tax collector. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Sue also spoke about ordinance 9-91-1 needs updated with an NSF check fee and duplicate fee to be in compliance with the tax laws. Jeanette Mills made a motion to advertise and amend ordinance 9-91-1 adding duplicate fee of \$5.00 and NSF check fee of \$25.00 or whatever the bank charges. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Eric Fritz introduced Ashlyn Dugan. She would like to take over as co-chair of Duncansville Community Days. Dave Shaw made a motion to appoint Ashlyn Dugan as co-chairperson of Duncansville Community Days. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Greg Werstil was present to ask Borough Council to waive the fees and interest to his case. Borough Council stated that they will take all that into consideration with Mike Emerick.

**Secretary:**

1. Paula reported that we received the Intermunicipal Relations Committee recycling drop off contribution bill for \$600.00. Jeanette Mills stated she would like to have someone from IRC to come to the next meeting to explain this service before paying this bill. Paula will contact IRC and have a representative attend the next meeting.

**Mayor:**

Cindy Blontz made a motion to accept the Police report for the month of January 2021. 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. Dave Shaw made a motion to keep the office closed at this time. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, Donnie Detrick opposed, motion carried.
2. Mayor Fritz reported that the personnel committee and Chief Ketner and himself interviewed 2 candidates for the full-time police officer position. The committee would like to offer Ryan Kochera the position. A discussion was held to waive the probationary pay rate and change the employment agreement to reflect two years employment instead of one. Cindy Blontz made a motion to offer Ryan Kochera the full-time position and waive the reduction of the probationary pay rate and change the employment agreement to reflect 2 years at a rate of \$16.30 per hour. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Solicitor:**

1. Mike reported that 1128 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue property has been transferred to M&T Bank.
2. The AATBL has signed the license agreement for the use of the Sunbrook Baseball Fields. Jeanette Mills made a motion to sign the license agreement. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Engineer:**

1. A discussion was held on the land development plan for the construction of pole barns and two storage buildings at the Antique Depot. No action to be taken at this time.
2. The property owner at 828 8<sup>th</sup> Ave would like to put in a shed. The property is in the floodplain but the location for the shed is not. No action needs to be taken.
3. Floodplain review was done to replace the shed at the park. Tom recommends that Council approve the floodplain review. Cindy Blontz made a motion to accept the floodplain review for the replacement of the shed at the park. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
4. The Army Corps of Engineers has provided Tom with the 10 year analysis that they did in the Borough. The are asked for any input to this analysis.
5. DEP is requesting on the MS4 annual report any solutions for pollution.

**Committees:**

**Buildings & Grounds-Cindy Blontz:** Eric Fritz reported that the power is at its capacity for Community Days. He would like to update the electrical boxes at the time of putting the new shed in. Community Days would pay the up charge to put in the 200 amp service.

Paula reported that we received a service agreement from Season-Aire for the Community Center and Borough building in the amount of \$350.00 per inspection to be done twice a year. Donnie Detrick made a motion to approve the agreement. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Finance-Dave Shaw:** Dave Shaw went over the improvements that have been done at the community center.

**Fire Company-Donnie Detrick:**

1. The fire department had a coyote hunt at the end of January. Have not seen any results at this time.
2. The fire whistle malfunctioned after the electrical work was done. It has been repaired.

**Parks & Recreation-Jeanette Mills:** Jeanette reported that she will be ordering flags for the park.

**Personnel-Dave Smith:** Nothing at this time.

**Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw:** Jim Batzel reported that they have been doing a lot of plowing.

**Water & Sewer-Dave Smith:** Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the water report for January 2021. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

The Authority is behind on repairing some meters due to COVID.

**Duncansville Community Days:** Eric reported that Community Days are trying to come up with different ideas to make Community Days a little better this year. They would like to do a corn hole tournament and craft show this year.

**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 8:19 pm.

Borough Council came out of executive session at 8:45 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 8, 2021

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

Dave Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM

**Paula Fox**

**Secretary/Treasurer**