

Reorganization Meeting

The Duncansville Borough Council Reorganization meeting was held Monday January 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Duncansville Community Center.

Visitors: Ed Blontz, Jerome Eckardt, David Brenneman, Kara Brenneman, Ken Davis II, David Brenneman Jr, Beth Schalles, Brandi Lucas, Ryan Lucas, Sue Koronowski, Ken Koronowski, Annette Blair, Carissa Blair, Ashley Glunt, Jordon & Erin Bard, Terry Lewis, Jessica Foley, Debra Wade, Bob Treece, Ron Grados, Bill Lloyd, Bill Newton

Mayor Eric Fritz opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Eric Fritz swore in the newly elected Council members Annette Lewis, Jeffrey Lynn and Cynthia Blontz

Roll Call:

Jeffrey Lynn, Annette Lewis, Cindy Blontz, Donnie Detrick, Dave Shaw, Mayor Fritz

Nomination and Election of Council President:

Cindy Blontz made a motion to nominate Dave Shaw for President. Dave Shaw declined the nomination.

Dave Shaw made a motion to nominate Cindy Blontz for President. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Jeffrey Lynn-yes, Annette Lewis-yes, Donnie Detrick-yes, Dave Shaw-yes

Cindy Blontz was elected Borough Council President

Nomination and Election of Council Vice-President:

Cindy Blontz made a motion to nominate Donnie Detrick for Vice President. Dave Shaw seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Jeffrey Lynn-yes, Annette Lewis-yes, Dave Shaw-yes, Cindy Blontz-yes

Donnie Detrick was elected Borough Council Vice President

Nomination and Election of President Pro Tem:

Cindy Blontz made a motion to nominate Dave Shaw for President Pro Tem. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Jeffrey Lynn-yes, Annette Lewis-yes, Cindy Blontz-yes, Donnie Detrick-yes

Dave Shaw was elected Borough President Pro Tem.

Mayor Fritz turned the meeting over to newly elected President Cindy Blontz.

Appointment:

Dave Shaw made a motion to appoint Paula Fox as Borough Treasurer. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to appoint Paula Fox as Borough Secretary. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to appoint Michael Emerick as the Borough Solicitor. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to appoint Tom Levine as the Borough Engineer. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to appoint Paula Fox as the Borough Open records Officer. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to appoint E Lynn Delozier of 1324 7th Avenue, Duncansville to be Vacancy Board Chair. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to appoint First Commonwealth Bank as the Borough's Depositories. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Annette Lewis made a motion to appoint Altoona Mirror as the borough's official newspaper. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Annette Lewis made a motion to appoint Jerrica Grance as the Borough's Zoning Officer. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Annette Lewis made a motion to advertise the 2022 meeting dates and times as the second Monday and last Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Annette suggested having one meeting a month and using the seconded meeting advertised as needed. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

The regular January meeting agenda for Borough Council continues:

Dave Shaw made a motion to approve the Council minutes held on December 13, 2021. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority minutes held on December 2, 2021. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitors:

Sue Koronowski was present to present the Tax Collectors Report. Annette Lewis made a motion to approve the Tax Collectors Closing Report for 2021 and Uncollected Real Estate Taxes from the Borough Tax Collector Sue Koronowski. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Secretary:

Paula went over the quotes we received from cleaning companies for the community center and the park pavilion. Annette Lewis made a motion to hire Renee Swisher as our cleaning person and the deep clean done by Premier Cleaning. Jeffrey Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Paula received several quotes to replace the sign in front of the Borough Building. The sign was damaged from a car accident on 3rd Avenue. Paula asked council to take a look at the quotes and decide if they would like the same sign that was there prior or go with something different. The subject was tabled until February's meeting.

Mayor:

Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the Police report for the month of December 2021. Jeffrey Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Fritz went over the quotes from Stuckey Ford for \$47,025.00 which includes all the outfitting and Tri Star Ford for \$48,232.00 to replace D1. Annette Lewis made a motion to purchase the new Ford Explorer from Stuckey Ford with the outfitting being done by Team Force in the amount of \$47,025.00. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Fritz reported that the 13th Street Bridge is on the TIP and we are on the approval list for 2023. The projected completion date is 2023-2026.

Annette Lewis made a motion to appoint Jessica Foley as the Borough's Tax Collector and have Mayor Fritz sign the resolution for appointment. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to reappoint Barry Feltenberger to the Duncansville Municipal Authority. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Fritz reported that a few months ago, Borough Council approved the use of flashing lights for the stop signs on 14th Street and 4th Avenue. The lights were ordered and shipped. Dave Shaw made a motion to have the Street Department place the flashing lights at the stop signs on 14th Street and 4th Avenue. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Fritz reported that there is a Clean Water Forum being held on March 9, 2022. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Mayor Fritz and Annette Lewis will attend this forum.

Solicitor:

Mike reported that he is still waiting for paperwork to terminate Duncansville Borough as a named defendant in the lawsuit involving a motorcycle accident in front of Rutter's on Plank Road.

Mike presented a copy of the Second Amendment Sanctuary Agreement. Mike asked Council to take a look at the agreement and let him know if there are any questions or amendments they want to change to the agreement and it will be discussed at February's meeting.

Engineer:

Several residents were here regarding the Brenneman Bridge. Dave Brenneman Jr will need to build a small ramp at the dead-end portion of 11th Street at Gillian Run. The ramp would consist of raising a small portion of 11th Street approximately 2 feet where the ramp would be. Several residents are concerned what the raising of the road could mean for flooding in the area. Jeff Lynn made a suggestion to have Mr. Brenneman's engineer come to the next meeting to hear the concerns of the residents of the raising of the road. Dave will check with him to see if he will be available to come to the January 26, 2022 meeting. This subject will be tabled until next meeting.

Tom reported that the Antique Depot would like to construct two more storage units. Tom suggested that the engineer for the Antique Depot submit a new land development plan and request a modification to improve the current condition.

Committees:

Buildings & Grounds: Nothing

Finance: Dave reported that there will be no tax increase for next year.

Fire Company: Donnie reported that the new Fire Engine is in service.

Parks & Recreation: Annette Lewis reported that there is a tree on the 8th Ave side of the park that looks like it might fall on the path. Jimmy will take a look at it tomorrow.

Personnel: Cindy Blontz and Mayor Fritz will be taking a look at the application for the Laborer positions. Mayor Fritz reported that there are 3 part time officers out due to COVID at this time.

Streets & Equipment: Nothing at this time.

Water & Sewer: Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the water report for the month of December. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Duncansville Community Days: Mayor Fritz reported that there will be a band at the park once a month this summer.

Unfinished Business: Paula was asked about the property at 1040 3rd Avenue. Mayor Fritz reported that they have been working on it. As long as they continue to clean it up there won't be any more citations issued.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Next Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for January 26, 2022

Dave Shaw made a motion to pay the monthly bills for the month of January 2022 and accept the financial report subject to future audit. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried,

Cindy Blontz adjourned the meeting at 9:17 PM.

Paula J Fox
Secretary/Treasurer