

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at Duncansville Community Center

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

Absent

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

Cindy Blontz made a motion to approve the Council minutes held on June 14, 2021. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority minutes held on June 3, 2021. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitors: Ashlyn Dugan, Ed Blontz, Jessica Sorge, Ken Koronowski, Nicole & Rod Estep, Alyssa Wills, Chad & Michele Beck, JT Black, Gary Watters, Sandra Mosel

Alyssa Wills from the Duncansville Fire Department was visiting to inform council that the fire department is planning on having a Color Run/Walk Fundraiser on August 28, 2021. Alyssa stated that the as of right now there has not been a route planned out. Mike told her that she will have to attend the August meeting to let council know what streets they were planning on closing down for this event so they could approve the request.

JT Black from the Teeter Group was visiting to speak to council regarding the upcoming insurance renewal that will take effect on August 1, 2021. He informed council that the workers compensation for the fire department has been dropped from the Amtrust police due to excessive claims. They were able to obtain the fire department workers comp insurance through State Workers' Insurance Fund. Dave Shaw made a motion to renew the insurance policy effective August 1, 2021. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Darrin and Vinnie from Document Solutions were visiting to speak to council regarding IT support. Their company would provide proactive care and backup our systems daily. The proactive care portion of the bill would be \$310.00 per month and there would be a charge of \$10.00 in addition per month for each computer for backup which would include unlimited gigabytes. Dave Shaw made a motion to accept this proposal and sign an agreement with Document Solutions. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Ed Blontz asked if anything can be done with a lilac bush that is at the end of the alley on 11th Street between 3rd and 4th Avenue. Chief Ketner will notify the homeowner to inform them to trim the lilac bush.

Ed Blontz also asked if there was an ordinance regarding portable carports. He stated that during a wind storm a few weeks ago one blew down the street due to it not being tied down. Chief Ketner speaks to the homeowner of this property weekly about cleaning up his yard.

Rodney Estep spoke to council regarding the ambulance service. He would like to see council have a final discussion and a decision made regarding the ambulance service. A discussion was held. Dave Shaw made a motion to switch to Hollidaysburg Ambulance Service. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Jeanette Mills-Abstained, Dave

Smith-no, Cindy Blontz-yes, Donnie Detrick-no, Dave Shaw-yes. With the vote being a tie, Mayor Fritz voted with a no vote. Mike suggested to have the workshop meeting at the end of the month to hear any concerns of the residents regarding the ambulance service. Cindy Blontz made a motion to advertise the July 28, 2021 meeting to invite the public to speak about concerns of the ambulance service. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Chad Beck was visiting to inform borough council that he was informed that the Municipal Authority was planning on bringing pipe and equipment in on Friday, July 16th which would be during Community Days. He stated that he would be required to move all his vehicles and trailers to make room for this equipment. In doing so, he will need to park on 8th Avenue which will limit parking for Community Days. Tom will speak with the Authority engineer and let him know that it would be at the best interest to wait until Monday after Community Days.

Ashlyn Dugan stated that the ticket booth for Community Days is in need of volunteers to help Paula when she is unable to run the booth. She asked if anyone on Council could help with this. Several council members stated they prior engagements and could not help.

Secretary:

1. Paula reported that there has been a complaint about the house at 1145 4th Avenue. There is a piece of the roof hanging from the front of the house. Chief Ketner will notify the homeowner regarding this matter.
2. Paula stated in the past the office was closed down early on Thursday and Friday during Community Days in order for the office staff to go to the park and help. She asked if that could be done again this year. Cindy Blontz made a motion to allow Paula close the office at 2 PM on Thursday and Friday, July 15th and 16th so Paula, Jerrica and Andy can go to the park and help with Community Days. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor:

Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the Police report for the month of June 2021. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

1. Officer Kochara would like to attend a one day seminar in Westmorland County on deceptive behaviors and hidden compartments in the amount of \$199.00. Jeanette Mills made a motion to send Ryan to the seminar at the borough expense. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. A discussion was held on how the comp time works when an employee works over 40 hrs per week.
3. Mayor Fritz and Tom Levine met with Senator Ward and a representative from Congressman Joyce's office regarding the flood litigation plans.
4. Mayor Fritz reported that the police department has received the body cams. Chief Ketner is working on the body cam policy that will need to be added to the police policy book and approved by borough council.
5. Mayor Fritz received a letter from Allegheny Township. They are requesting that the 13th Street bridge to be opened to pedestrian traffic for exercise. After speaking with Tom and Mike it was determined from a previous report from Lehman Engineers that the bridge was deemed unsafe for pedestrian traffic.
6. A discussion was held on Business and Mercantile license fees. Cindy Blontz made a motion to have Mike amend the Mercantile ordinance to reflect the \$40.00 fee for all business and mercantile licenses.

Solicitor:

1. Mike stated the only thing on his agenda was the Mercantile Licenses. That was taken care of in the Mayor's report.

Engineer:

1. Gillans Run Phase 4 Project
 - a. Payment to Vineyard Excavating in the amount of \$15,785.00.
 - b. A reimbursement form for the Commonwealth Financing Authority that would reimburse council for the Vineyard Excavating bill, Engineering fee minus the borough share. Jeanette Mills made a motion for Dave Smith and Paula Fox to sign the reimbursement request. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
 - c. Bids were opened on July 9, 2021 for the aggregates for Gillan Run project. Only one bid was received from New Enterprise Stone and Lime. Jeanette Mills made a motion for Dave Smith and Paula Fox to sign the proposed bid from New Enterprise Stone and Lime. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor motion carried.
2. Tom received a call from Jerrica regarding a property at 1304 6th Avenue regarding a potential nuisance regarding cats. Tom visited the property but nobody was home to gain entry to the property. He took pictures around the outside of the property and he didn't feel the property was a nuisance. He did see at least 2 cats in the window. Tom stated the issue seems to be between the tenant and the landlord since the only complaint came from the landlord.

Committees:

Buildings & Grounds-Cindy Blontz: Nothing at this time.

Finance-Dave Shaw: Budget meetings will start in September

Fire Company-Donnie Detrick: Donnie thanked the borough for allowing the family of Scott Gearhart to utilize the Community Center for the funeral services.

Donnie will coordinate with Alyssa Wills regarding the Color Run scheduled for August 28, 2021

Parks & Recreation-Jeanette Mills: Jeanette asked if mulch was allowed in the rain garden. Tom stated that there was special type of mulch used. He stated that there should be enough in the rain gardens at this time.

Personnel-Dave Smith: Nothing

Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw: Jim Batzel stated they need a new power inverter due to the one they have is no longer working. Council decided to let Jim buy a new inverter.

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

Dave Smith reported that the sewer plant project is on moving along and on track.

Duncansville Community Days: Eric reported that all community days and non-profit tents were up when a storm came through and destroyed all of them. The public has been donating tents and money to replace the damaged tents for community days.

The rain gardens have been cleaned up by conservation district and help from the water shed association. Several loads were hauled out of the rain gardens. Mayor Fritz invited everyone to drive down and take a look at them.

Unfinished Business: Donnie Detrick asked if there was anything that could be done with the bush at 5th Ave and 14th Street. Jimmy will talk with the homeowner regarding this issue.

New Business: Nothing

Next Meeting: July 28, 2021

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

Dave Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:23 PM

Paula Fox
Secretary/Treasurer