

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, June 14, 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
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 May 10, 2021. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority minutes held on May 6, 2021. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitors: Ashlyn Dugan, Ed Blontz, Jessica Sorge, Ken & Sue Koronowski, Dave Brenneman, Bill Newton, Dave and Kathy Skurnick, Gary Watters

Ashlyn Dugan was visiting to inform council that Duncansville Community Days will be starting a farmer's markets at the Hick's Church parking lot. After speaking with the borough secretary, she found out that each vendor would have to purchase a vendor license. She is asking council to waive the \$40.00 fee for the business license due to several vendors being nonprofit. After a discussion it was decided that Paula and Mike will look at the ordinance to see if there is a provision for nonprofits. A decision will be made at a future meeting.

Jessica Sorge was visiting on behalf of the Blair County 2nd Amendment Coalition. They are sending around a petition around to get the second amendment sanctuary put on the ballot in November. They will start the petition process on July 14th.

Kathy Skurnick was visiting on behalf of Duncansville Ambulance Service. A discussion was held on the Duncansville Ambulance Service.

Sue Koronowski asked if council knew what they were going to do with the American Rescue Plan Act money. Mayor Fritz explained we are still in the application process at this time.

Secretary:

1. Paula spoke with Flemings regarding the 3rd Avenue street cleaning. They said they needed to have an interference vehicle. The price would be \$500.00 to clean 3rd Avenue but would be extra for an interference vehicle. Mayor Fritz stated that the police officer on duty could be the interference vehicle so we didn't have to pay extra. Dave Shaw made a motion to have Flemings clean 3rd Avenue with the police running interference. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

2. Paula reported that the adoption agreement for the pension plan for uniform and non-uniform plans. Dave Shaw made a motion to sign the agreements. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
3. According to the Blair County Tax Collection Committee's bylaws each taxing authority should appoint one representative and 2 alternates to represent the borough and attend their meetings. Stacy Thomas from the Hollidaysburg School District contacted Paula and agreed to be our representative. Dave Shaw and Jeanette Mills agreed to be the alternates. Donnie Detrick made a motion for Stacy Thomas be our representative and Dave Shaw and Jeanette Mills will be the alternates. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
4. Paula was contacted by someone that wanted to rent the pavilion at the park. They would also like to put a bounce house up in the play area for their event. Paula spoke with the insurance company and was told that bounce houses were not covered under our insurance. The insurance company recommended that the person renting the pavilion should purchase an event insurance policy and name us on the policy. Council decided that it wasn't safe for recreational equipment to be used at the park. Dave Shaw made a motion to add a line to the pavilion rental application that states no recreational equipment to be used at the park. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
5. While working on the budget for this year, the subject came up regarding a part time person for the summer to help at the park. It was decided that we would try to get high school kids that need service hours. Paula was contacted by Kate Burke, who is 16 years old, that was interested in working at the park. Due to her age, council decided that without any supervision she would be better suited to help out at community days.

Mayor:

Cindy Blontz made a motion to accept the Police report for the month of May 2021. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

1. Mayor Fritz reported that Office Kochara is doing a good job.
2. Mayor Fritz reported that the body cameras will be covered under the borough insurance. No additional coverage needed.
3. We are having issues with our IT company that takes care of our computers in the office. Paula contacted them regarding some things that needed done for the body cameras and the response that was given to her was he was on vacation and would contact her the following week. Paula has been speaking with 2 different IT companies to get some quotes from. Will bring info to a future meeting.
4. Mayor Fritz reported that the COVID numbers are coming down. He recommends that we could start having our meetings at the borough building. Mike Emerick stated that we would have to advertise if we would move the meetings to the borough building. It was decided that the meetings will continue at the community center.
5. Mayor Fritz spoke with the person in charge of the MPO meetings and they told Eric that the 13th Street bridge is still the highest priority bridge in the county. The next meeting is in September.
6. There will be a municipal tire collection being held. Mayor Fritz has contact information to dispose of these tires to help decrease the mosquito population.
7. Mayor Fritz and Tom Levine will be meeting with Judy Ward's office and some other state representatives regarding flood mitigation.

Solicitor:

1. Mike asked Jeanette Mills if she received a signed agreement from the baseball league regarding the use of the building at the park. Jeanette stated that there was still no signed agreement and they have not received the key.

2. Jeanette Mills stated that she has received complaints regarding people on four wheelers behind Hicks Church. Mayor Fritz stated that Chief Ketner has spoken with them when they are on the road but if they are on the railroad bed, that is private property and he is unable to do anything about that. Mayor Fritz suggested that the complaining residents need to call the non-emergency line when this happens to have the office on duty investigate the issue.

Engineer:

1. Gillans Run Phase 4 Project
 - a. Tom reported that he has received 2 signed easement for the north side and 1 signed easement for the southside and 1 pending easement from the Koronowski's.
 - b. Tom is still waiting on the DEP permit.
 - c. Materials:

Jeanette Mills made a motion for Tom to purchase sandbags from RJ Glass, concrete waste blocks and 2A stone and erosion control material from L/B Water. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to have Tom advertise for bids for rip rap. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Floodplain Reviews:
 - a. Sewer Treatment Plant for the upgrade sludge dewatering system project. Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the report and to be sent to Commonwealth Code. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
 - b. 1109 3rd Avenue replacement of front porch and windows. Cindy Blontz made a motion to accept Tom's report. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Tom performed a dangerous building inspection for 331 13th Street. Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept Tom's report. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to have Tom to send the report certified mail to the building owner. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
4. 1128 4th Avenue. The person that purchased the property would like to salvage the garage on the property. Jerrica is checking with Commonwealth Code to see if he needs to get a permit for the work done to the garage. Will report further next meeting.
5. Blair County Conservation District has their grant program is now open. Tom suggested that the stone surface aggregate for the trails at the park. Council stated that the stone would get washed away with a heavy rain.
6. 2021 Paving:
 - a. Tom suggested 10th Street between 4th and 5th Avenues with drainage More discussion at a later date.

Committees:

Buildings & Grounds-Cindy Blontz: A discussion was held on the rain gardens at the park. Dave Shaw made a motion to authorize Tom to hire someone to clean up the rain gardens and spending up to \$1,000.00. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Fritz reported that the gutters need cleaned at the community center.

Donnie Detrick discussed the furnace at the borough building. He is recommending to put into the budget next year to update the system.

Finance-Dave Shaw: Nothing at this time

Fire Company-Donnie Detrick: Donnie asked for an executive session regarding personnel.

Parks & Recreation-Jeanette Mills: Jeanette Mills reported that the flowers were planted at both ends of 3rd Avenue. Paula asked if flowers would be planted at the borough building. Jeanette Mills stated that she will get flowers and plant at the borough building.

Personnel-Dave Smith: Dave would like to have an executive session.

Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw: Jim Batzel reported street sweeping has been completed.

Water & Sewer-Dave Smith: Cindy Blontz made a motion to accept the water reports for May 2021. Donnie Detrick 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 they are finalizing everything. There are 28 non profits participating this year.

Unfinished Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business: The Water Shed Association is having a fundraising golf outing on August 20, 2021 at Scotch Valley County Club

Next Meeting: July 12, 2021

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

Borough Council went into an executive session for personnel and litigation reasons at 9:10 pm.
Borough Council came out of executive session at 9:40 pm.

Dave Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:41 PM

Paula Fox
Secretary/Treasurer