

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, March 14, 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.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to approve the Council minutes held on February 23, 2022. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority minutes held on February 3, 2022. Jeff Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitors: Dave & Jessica Brenneman, Dave Brenneman, Jerome Eckardt, Kara Brenneman, Betty Robertson, Debbie Chamberlain, Ken Davis II, Charlene Davis, Bill Newton, Jordan Bard, Beth Schalles Castel, Sue & Ken Koronowski, Elizabeth Heggi, Ashley Glunt, Bill Lloyd

Secretary: Nothing at this time

Mayor:

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

1. Mayor Fritz reported that there was a complaint regarding the flags at the park. The flags have been replaced. Mayor Fritz spoke with the street department and the police department and asked them to keep a better watch on them so we don't get complaints in the future.
2. Mayor Fritz is proposing that the Community Yard Sale be set for May 14, 2022. Borough Council is in agreement with that date.

Solicitor:

1. Mike gave an update on the 2nd Amendment Sanctuary. Mike is recommending that the Council signs the resolution and agreement and the documents would go to the County for final approval. Annette Lewis made a motion for Mayor Fritz to sign the Resolution and President Blontz to sign the agreement. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Council asked that amendments be made to the personnel policy regarding vacation, personal and sick time. Annette Lewis made a motion to sign the resolution amending the personnel policy regarding personal, vacation and sick time effective immediately. Jeff Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Mike gave council a copy of a commercial lease for parking for the Brumbaugh Insurance Group. He asked council to look it over and they will discuss it at next month's meeting.

Engineer:

1. A discussion was held on the Antique Depot Land Development Plan. The applicant is asking for preliminary approval. Mike Emerick is working on the developer's agreement. Tom is recommending that council grant the preliminary plan approval conditioned upon those plans being executed by the applicant and the agreement that Mike is drafting is executed by the applicant. Annette Lewis made a motion for Tom's recommendation. Dave Shaw second the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Tom has made contact with the property owner of the dangerous building at 612 13th Steet. He is making arrangements to get inside that building.
3. Jerrica received a curb repair request in front of 800 Kelsy Lane. Tom states that it is the borough's curb and we should repair it.
4. Tom gave an update on the Storm Sewer Project on 7th Ave and 10th St. He is meeting with the property owner on 7th Ave regarding an easement.
5. Floodplain Review on the Brenneman Bridge. Tom states that the project is consistent with the floodplain ordinance with two conditions. The conditions that have to be met:
 1. The Brenneman have to produce a water obstruction encroachment permit from DEP/Army Corp of Engineers.
 2. Once the bridge is constructed the ordinance requires the applicant obtain from FEMA a letter of map change which is the official way to change the flood map.
 3. Mike suggested that the access for emergency vehicles should be part of the condition's approval.

At this time, Beth Castel read a statement that her and her husband prepared asking Borough Council to take everyone's concerns into consideration before voting on this project. A discussion was held with other residents in the area where the bridge would be constructed.

Dave Shaw made a motion to approve Tom's Floodplain review on the Brenneman Bridge. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion. The motion did not pass with Dave Shaw and Donnie Detrick voting yes and Annette Lewis, Jeff Lynn and Cindy Blontz voting no.

Committees:

Buildings & Grounds-Donnie Detrick: Donnie reported that someone fell at the handicap curb on the corner of the sidewalk at the community center. Donnie asked if we could paint that portion of the curb to identify that so this don't happen again.

Donnie reported that Joe Robertson tried a few things on the community center floor to repair it. Everything that was tried, did not work. He states we need to come up with different options to try to fix the floor.

Finance-Dave Shaw: Nothing at this time.

Fire Company-Donnie Detrick: Nothing at this time.

Parks & Recreation-Annette Lewis: Annette received information from Tom regarding addition bicycle and pedestrian grant program that is open until the end of May.

Jim Batzel asked if the fence at the tennis court could be taken down. Tom stated that if it has become a public safety hazard, it should be taken down. Dave Shaw made a motion to take the fence down at the tennis court. Annette Lewis seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Personnel-Cindy Blontz: Nothing at this time.

Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw: Jim Batzel took the backhoe out for a program update.

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

Jeff Lynn reported the complaint that the Mayor received from Gentle Family Dentistry was taken care of by the Authority. There is adequate pressure to the building and it is an internal issue and the landlord was notified.

Duncansville Community Days: Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business: Donnie Detrick wanted to revisit the property at 1040 3rd Avenue. Chief Ketner stated that there is nobody living there at this time due to not having water. The property owner will make sure it will get cleaned up as soon as their daughter is back in the house after getting the water meter fixed.

Jessica Brenneman asked to disclose for the record who on Borough Council or any Borough Representative is involved with the Tri Run Water Shed or has served in the last three years. Mayor Fritz stated he is on the board of the Water Shed, he was the President and one of the founders when it was started but no longer has a position on the board. Annette Lewis stated that she is on the board and is Vice President and one of the founders and it is a non-paid position.

New Business:

Next Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2022

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

Cindy Blontz adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM

Paula Fox
Secretary/Treasurer