

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, March 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
Jeanette Mills, Council Member

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 February 8, 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 February 4, 2021. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitors: Ed Blontz, Jessica Sorge, Sue Koronowski, Brock Bryan, Dave Brenneman, Dave Brenneman Jr, Ike Fredregill

Brock Bryan from the Intermunicipal Relations Committee was here by request of Borough Council to discuss the contribution fee to the IRC Duncansville Recycling drop off. Brock stated that they currently have 500 people that utilize the recycling facility and that consist of 5% of the people from Duncansville Borough. A discussion was held on the pros and cons of the \$600.00 contribution which allows residents to utilize the facility. Jeanette Mills made a motion to pay the \$600.00 contribution fee. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Jeanette Mills-yes, Dave Smith-yes, Cindy Blontz-no, Donnie Detrick-yes, Dave Shaw-no. Motion carried.

Dave Brenneman, Jr. would like to build a personal bridge over the creek from Vineyard Lane onto 11th Street. He needs to apply for a permit through DEP. He needs a letter from applicant to Municipality signed from the Mayor of the Borough to satisfy Acts 14, 67, 68 and 127. Jeanette Mills made a motion to authorize Mayor Fritz to sign the required documents. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Sue Koronowski asked about the tax ordinance fee that was advertised that will update ordinance 9-91-1. The new ordinance 3-21-1 will authorize the borough tax collector to charge fee for the provision of certain services. Jeanette Mills made a motion to adopt ordinance 3-21-1. Dave Shaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Jeanette Mills-yes, Dave Smith-yes, Cindy Blontz-yes, Donnie Detrick-yes, Dave Shaw-yes. Motion carried.

Secretary:

Nothing at this time but asked for an executive session at the end of the meeting.

Mayor:

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

1. Jeanette Mills asked why the police schedules weren't being distributed to Council Members anymore. Mayor Fritz stated he due to that safety of the officers, he felt that it wasn't necessary to distribute schedules anymore. Mike Emerick stated he will do some research on police schedules to see if the schedules are to be distributed to council members.
2. Mayor Fritz gave an update on the numbers of COVID-19 cases in the county. Based on the numbers, he is recommending that the Borough Office remain closed at this time but feels the decision should be up to council. Donnie Detrick made a motion to open the office. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, Jeanette Mills opposed, motion carried.
3. Mayor Fritz reported that the 13th Street bridge has been approved by the MPO to be on the 2023-2026 improvement program. They will approve that on December 13, 2021. Tom stated that it looks like the 13th Street bridge is the top priority bridge in the county for the 12 year plan. Tom suggested that council speak to Judy Ward and Jim Gregory regarding this issue.

Solicitor:

Nothing at this time

Engineer:

1. A discussion was held on the Army Corps of Engineers study report.
2. Tom gave an update on the Gillan Run project. Mike is working on the easements to be sent out to the residents.
3. Floodplain review was done to construct a deck on the back of their house at 1120 4th Ave. Tom recommends that Council approve the floodplain review. Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the floodplain review for the construction of the deck. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
4. Tom Rollason wants to put shales in the right of way between the edge of the road and his property line to park vehicles. Jeanette Mill made a motion to accept the report. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Committees:

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

Finance-Dave Shaw: Nothing at this time

Fire Company-Donnie Detrick: Nothing at this time.

Parks & Recreation-Jeanette Mills: Jeanette reported that she is working on ordering flags for the park.

Jim Batzel reported that the electrician is coming Tuesday to start the electrical work at the shed. The price of the bid for the electrical work is \$4,000.00. That consists of disconnect and reconnect with 2-200 amp services. Dave Shaw made a motion for the borough to pay \$3,000.00 of the electrical work and Community Days will pay \$1,000.00. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Personnel-Dave Smith: Nothing at this time.

Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw: Jim Batzel reported that they have been working on filling potholes.

Water & Sewer-Dave Smith: Cindy Blontz made a motion to accept the water report for February 2021. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Duncansville Community Days: Eric reported that Community Days are finalizing the food for the event.

Unfinished Business: Jeanette Mills would like to have the ambulance services and the 911 center come to workshop meeting at the end of the month. She states it has been almost a year since we heard from them and should would to hear how everything is going with the services. Paula will contact AMED and the 911 center.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 31, 2021

Borough Council went into an executive session for personnel and litigation reasons at 8:58 pm.

Borough Council came out of executive session at 9:26 pm.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to have all borough hourly employees to clock in and out each workday. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to pay the monthly bills for March 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 9:28 PM

Paula Fox

Secretary/Treasurer