

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Duncansville Community Center

**Attendance** Eric Fritz, Mayor  
Dave Smith, President  
Dave Shaw, Vice President  
Donnie Detrick, Council Member  
Jeanette Mills, Council Member

**Absent** Cindy Blontz, Pro Tem

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

Dave Shaw made a motion to approve the Council minutes held on April 12, 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 April 1, 2021. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Visitors:** Ed Blontz, Jessica Sorge, Ken & Sue Koronowski, Dave Brenneman, Dave Brenneman Jr, Donna Claycomb, Bonnie Patz, Ellen Cunningham, Robert & Nancy Murray, Terry Dewitt, Carrie Bruce, Joe Pompa, Gary Watters, Dave & Kathy Skurnick, Gerald Corbin

Gerald Corbin visiting on behalf of the Central District Fireman Association to present Terry Dewitt and Officer H.T. Fownes Valor Awards for performing CPR and saving the life of Nancy Murray that choked on food at the Duncansville Best Way at the beginning of the year. Due to H.T. Fownes being out of town, Chief Ketner accepted the award on his behalf.

Jessica Sorge from Hollidaysburg Ambulance was visiting to give a presentation on the Hollidaysburg Ambulance Service. She presented Council with a handout that showed the history of the ambulance service, call volumes, cost, proposal to the Borough of Duncansville and facts and information. She would like to propose an agreement with the borough for emergency medical coverage for the borough. Discussions were made with Hollidaysburg Ambulance and AMED. No decision was made at this time.

Ken and Sue Koronowski were present in concern to a letter received from Tom Levine that was asking for permanent easement on their property to do the Gillans Run Phase 4 project. They would be willing to do a temporary easement for the project. Mike and Tom will look at the wording of the grant and Tom will be in touch them to let them know if they could do a temporary easement or if has to be a permanent easement.

**Secretary:**

Nothing at this time.

**Mayor:**

Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the Police report for the month of April 2021. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

1. Mayor Fritz introduced Officer Ryan Kochara to Borough Council.
2. Mayor Fritz presented a contract for the body cameras. It is a 5 year contract that would total \$6,158.00. The subscription would include extra storage. The first year includes all hardware and freight. Jeanette Mills asked about insurance coverage on the cameras. Paula will call the insurance company to make sure the cameras will be covered. Dave Shaw made a motion approve the contract. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
3. The Duncansville VFW has applied for the street permit with PennDot for the Memorial Day Parade for May 31, 2021 at 12:00 PM.
4. There is a MPO meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. That is the board that will be discussing the bridge project. Mayor Fritz will be attending that meeting to voice concerns that the project will stay high on the project list.
5. Mayor Fritz asked about the Duncansville Borough signs on each end on town. He would like to know if anyone plants flowers and maintains them. Jeanette Mills volunteered to plant flowers at both signs and under the sign at the borough building. Donnie Detrick made a motion for Jeanette Mills to spend up to \$200.00 on flowers and plant them at the signs and borough building. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Solicitor:**

1. Mike asked Tom if there was an update on the property at 1128 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Tom stated that the new owner of the property and he would like to salvage the garage but they tore down the shed and the lean to.

**Engineer:**

1. Gillans Run Phase 4 Project
  - a. Tom reported that he has received a few signed letters for right of way for the project.
  - b. Tom received a comment letter from the DEP permit that was applied for in July 2020. He has made amendments. He will be refileing the permit response that will include the Authority water system.
  - c. The contractor does not have any labor help for the waterline instillation.
  - d. Tom has received equipment and material quotes for the project except for landscaping.
2. Floodplain Review for 409 16<sup>th</sup> Street for a fence. Tom recommends that council accepts the report. Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the floodplain review. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Tom reported that he was asked at last months meeting to determine the borough portion of 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Paula found an ordinance from 1977 that showed it extends from the 7<sup>th</sup> Ave alley being 40 feet in width and 120 feet in distance. He can either locate the pins or he can relay the information to Brenneman Jr's engineer. Borough Council decided to have Tom relay in the information to Brenneman Jr's engineer.
4. Tom prepared a project summary the Army Corps of Engineers work that is being done in the borough. He has also drafted a letter for the mayor to sign to be sent to Jim Gregory's office. Jeanette Mills made a motion for Mayor Fritz to sign the letter for Jim Gregory's office and other representatives. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Committees:**

**Buildings & Grounds-Cindy Blontz:** Donnie Detrick reported that the borough received a quote from Season Aire for a new furnace at the borough building. He feels the bid came in high. Donnie would like to see other bids.

**Finance-Dave Shaw:** Nothing at this time

**Fire Company-Donnie Detrick:** The fire department had a successful chicken bbq in April. The next dinner will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Parks & Recreation-Jeanette Mills:** Jeanette Mills stated that the license agreement for concession stand for the baseball league so no keys have been turned over to them.

The flags hopefully will be here in about a week or so. Paula has the information to fill out to get them sent to us.

**Personnel-Dave Smith:** Nothing at this time.

**Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw:** Dave Shaw reported that Jim Batzel received bids to the 13<sup>th</sup> street project. The prices range from \$16,000.00 to \$20,000.00. Tom looked at the bids and he would like to see a completed date on the contract. Dave Shaw made a motion to award the bid to T.L Long Excavating pending the completion date of September 15, 2021 added to contract in the amount of \$16, 030.00. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Jim Batzel stated he would like to start sweeping streets. He will get with Chief Ketner to get cars moved for the streets to be cleaned.

**Water & Sewer-Dave Smith:** Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the water reports for March and April 2021. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Smith reported that the Authority received a grant for press project at the plant.

**Duncansville Community Days:** Eric reported that they are finalizing the placement of all the organizations that will be at community days this year.

**Unfinished Business:** Mayor Fritz reported the boy scouts will be cleaning up the memorial at the park on May 26<sup>th</sup> and put the new flags up.

Mayor Fritz was contacted by one of the supervisors of Logan Township about the MS4 project. He would like to get signatures of all the municipalities to sign the letter of petition to be sent to Representative Joyce. Jeanette Mills made a motion to have Mayor Fritz sign the letter. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Business:** Nothing at this time.

**Next Meeting:** June 14, 2021

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

Dave Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:07 PM

**Paula Fox**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**