

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Duncansville Community Center

Attendance Eric Fritz, Mayor
Cindy Blontz, President
Donnie Detrick, Vice President
Dave Smith, 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.

Annette Lewis made a motion to approve the Council minutes held on April 11, 2022. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority minutes held on April 7, 2022. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitors: Ed Blontz, Sue Koronowski, Dave Brenneman, Jerome Eckardt, Debbie Chamberlain, David Brenneman Jr, Jessica Brenneman, Beth & Joe Castel, Jordan Bard, Rod Estep

Jerome Eckardt asked why there hasn't been a committee formed yet to set up meetings to help get the residents of Vineyard Lane fire protection. Donnie Detrick apologized and stated that he volunteered to chair a committee and he will reach out to the residents and set up a meeting and have some discussion to try to come up with a solution to get fire protection to the resident.

Secretary:

1. Paula stated that she received a phone call from Tel Power regarding the traffic signals in the borough. They need inspected and cleaned annually. The signals have not been done for a couple of years due to them being new. This year it should be done with a cost of approximately \$1,500.00. Annette Lewis made a motion for Tel Power to inspect and clean the traffic signals. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor:

Annette Lewis made a motion to accept the Police report for the month of April 2022. Jeff Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion passed.

1. Mayor Fritz reported that he spoke with Allegheny Township and Blair Township regarding outsourcing the police department. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the pros and cons with doing this. Annette Lewis made a motion to attempt to hire a police chief at a higher wage. Jeff Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Solicitor:

1. Mike reported that we received a proposal from Comcast to become part of the Blair County Cable Consortium for the negotiation of franchise along with Hollidaysburg Borough, Blair Township, Allegheny Township, Logan Township, Frankstown Township and the City of Altoona. As part of that consortium, they would hire outside representatives to negotiate this on their behalf. Currently, Mike is

not ready to make a recommendation regarding this. He would like to table this until next month until he gets more information regarding this matter.

2. Mike gave Paula the copy of the lease agreement for the Brumbaugh Insurance Parking. She will have him look at it with his attorney.
3. A gentleman from Abbottstown Borough is trying to get as many municipalities as possible to pass a resolution to legalize cannabis throughout the Commonwealth. He would like to present them at the PSAB conference in June. Mike stated he could do a resolution for council to sign for next meeting if that is what they choose to do. Council had no interest in doing a resolution.

Engineer:

1. A discussion was held regarding the Antique Depot land development plan. The applicant is interested in obtaining a final approval plan and posting security of the site work.
2. Pizza Hut is going to have a curbside pick-up and drive thru at the Oxford Plaza. They are moving forward with this project.
3. Floodplain Reviews:
 - a) Jordan and Erin Bard from 1112 7th Ave would like to build a fence in their front yard. The fence is permissible according to the floodplain ordinance. The applicant wants to construct the fence up to the curb line which is not permissible. The installation of the fence should be a setback of 4 feet. Annette Lewis made a motion to accept the floodplain portion of the report. Jeff Lynn seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Per Mike the encroachment of the fence into the right of way possesses a setback issue with the zoning ordinance and would need a hearing with the zoning hearing board to grant that modification. The applicant can also amend his plans to conform to the ordinance.
 - b) Anthony Scaglione from 1301 3rd Ave would like to construct a handicap ramp into his business. The construction of the ramp meets the requirements in the floodplain ordinance. The location of the existing building does not give the applicant enough room to construct the ramp without encroaching the setback of 30 feet in the commercial district. The applicant will have to apply for a hearing with the zoning hearing board. Annette Lewis made a motion to accept the floodplain review per Tom's recommendations. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.
4. Tom reported the owner of the building at 612 13th St has received by certified mail the dangerous building report that was prepared along with a list of things that needed done and any permits that needed obtained.

Committees:

Buildings & Grounds-Donnie Detrick: Donnie stated that we need to move forward with getting the floor repaired at the community center. Rod Estep suggested contacting Mike Kozak to get a bid on the floor.

Finance-Dave Shaw: Nothing at this time.

Fire Company-Donnie Detrick: Chicken BBQ is Saturday, May 14, 2022

Parks & Recreation-Annette Lewis: Annette they are working on grants for the park. She asked if there were any recommendations that council would like to see done at the park to let her know.

A request was put in for a grant from the Blair County Garden Club. They are waiting to hear back from the.

Personnel-Cindy Blontz: Mayor Fritz requested an executive session.

Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw: Jim Batzel reported that he started sweeping streets. He would like to do

4th, 5th, West 14th St and Sunbrook Manor Drive. The streets need posted with “No Parking” signs. The days to be posted would be May 16th and 17th.

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

Jeff Lynn reported stated he was unable to attend the meeting so there was no report.

Duncansville Community Days: The first Park Jams at the park had to be rescheduled due to rain. They set the tent up at the stage and it got damaged due to the amount of rain we got. A new tent will need purchased to replace the damaged one.

Mayor Fritz reported that Community Days had owned a bounce house but gave it to Fisher’s Party Store with the condition that if Community Days would need to use it they would bring it in and set it up at no charge and it would fall under Fisher’s insurance policy. Council decided against having the bounce house in the park.

Unfinished Business: Nothing at this time

New Business: Mayor Fritz reported that there is a substantial water leak being repaired on 3rd Avenue on Thursday and everyone from Dairy Queen to 11th Street will be without water while they repair the leak.

Borough Council went into and executive session at 8:22 pm for personnel reasons.

Borough Council came out of executive session at 9:12 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 13, 2022

Dave Shaw made a motion to pay the monthly bills for May 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 9:13 PM

Paula J Fox
Secretary/Treasurer