

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at 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 October 11, 2021. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority minutes held on October 7, 2021. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitors: Ed Blontz, Todd Weitzel, Seth Weitzel, Sue Koronowski

Secretary: Paula received a text message from Shields Cleaning Service giving her a two week notice that he will not be able to clean the community center and park any longer. Paula stated that she is have problems finding anyone that does commercial cleaning. She asked council to let her know if they know of anyone. She will continue to call around for bids.

Mayor:

Cindy Blontz made a motion to accept the Police report for the month of October 2021. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

1. Mayor Fritz stated that the 2014 Police Cruiser has had some major issues with it in the past year. He feels that it is time to replace it. He did start getting some prices on a new cruiser that range around \$38,000.00 to \$40,000.00 plus around \$13,000.00 in outfitting the cruiser. Chief Ketner is requesting that an F150 be purchased. The price of the F150 is about \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 more that and Explorer but the outfitting is slightly less to outfit the F150. Cindy Blontz stated that she would like to know how much the insurance difference would be if an F150 was purchased. Paula will check with the insurance company to see how much the insurance will be.
2. Mayor Fritz asked about getting prices on what it would cost to have all streets that need paved and storm sewer work if needed. Tom will do a report for January's meeting.

Solicitor:

1. Mike reported that he reached out to the plaintiff's attorney from the writ of summons that was served to the borough regarding the gentleman that wrecked his motorcycle at the entry of Rutter's on

Plank Road. Mike told him that Rutter's is not in the Borough. The plaintiff's attorney requesting that we provide an official map showing that Rutter's is not in the Borough and they will dismiss us from the lawsuit. Paula and Tom are working on getting that map.

Engineer:

1. Gillian Run Phase 4
 - a. The Project should be completed on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. The final paperwork needs to be filed by December 4, 2021.
2. The 13th Street project has been completed. Tom will have a final payment consideration at December's meeting.
3. Tom reported that he will have a report for December's meeting regarding the dangerous structure on 13th Street that used to be the old NAPA building.
4. Flood Plain Review for a shed at 1105 3rd Ave. Tom is recommending that the property owner modifies the permit application to place a 12' by 16' shed, this project would be consistent with the Flood Plain Ordinance. Donnie Detrick made a motion to accept Tom's report. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Committees:

Buildings & Grounds-Cindy Blontz: Cindy Blontz reported that the back room of the community center has been completed.

Jim Batzel reported that the wire has been installed for the internet at the community center.

Finance-Dave Shaw: Dave Smith went over the 2022 proposed budget. He stated that there will not be a tax increase. He states that they are proposing a \$.75 per hour raise for all employees. Dave Shaw made a motion to tentatively approve and advertise the 2022 budget. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Fire Company-Donnie Detrick: Donnie reported that the fire company have finalized the purchase of a new fire truck. It will be making a stop at the fire department this Wednesday so the fire company can finalize some things on the truck before it goes to Pleasant Gap.

Parks & Recreation-Jeanette Mills: Nothing at this time.

Personnel-Dave Smith: Nothing at this time.

Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw: Nothing at this time.

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

Dave Smith reported that the press that is being purchased will not be operational until January.

The water department is still continuing to look for water leaks.

Duncansville Community Days: The Community Days committee sent out a survey to participating organization regarding changing the event days and times. They are proposing to eliminate Thursday night and extending the hours for Saturday. It seems like the organizations are in agreement of the changes.

There will not be a Cabin Fever Dance. The last one that was held there was not a very good response to it. They will replace that event with doing concerts in the park once a month in the summer months.

The tree lighting has been tentatively changed to December 1, 2021. They are trying to get soup donated to give out. Mayor Fritz asked permission to use the Borough Christmas Tree at Hick's Church for the tree lighting. Jeanette Mills made a motion to allow Mayor Fritz to use the tree. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Dave Smith asked what is going on with the property at 1040 3rd Avenue. A discussion was held on how to handle this situation. Mayor Fritz stated he feels that the issue has gone on long enough and they have received many notices regarding cleaning up the property. He feels that they should receive a citation. Mike requested the ordinance be sent to him regarding trash and vehicles on a person's property before a citation is issued.

New Business: Nothing at this time

Next Meeting: December 13, 2021

Borough Council went into an executive session for personnel reasons at 8:09 pm.

Borough Council came out of executive session at 8:29 pm.

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

Dave Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM

Paula Fox

Secretary/Treasurer