

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, September 13, 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.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to approve the Council minutes held on August 9, 2021. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Visitors:** Rod Estep, Bill Newton, Ed Blontz, Jim Batzel, Ken & Sue Koronowski, Gary Watters

Sue Koronowski presented Borough Council with a letter of resignation as the Duncansville Borough Tax Collector effective December 31, 2021.

Ken Koronowski was visiting to address council about the condition of the road on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He stated that with the water project and the recent floodings the street is going to need to be paved. A discussion was held on some possibilities on what could be done with getting all or most of the streets paved in the borough.

Bill Newton was visiting to discuss the rip rap that was placed for Gillans Run Phase 4. He would have like to talk to Tom Levine regarding this issue. He states that most of the rip rap that was delivered was put on the other side of the stream where is consists of a field and not on the side where houses are. Dave Smith suggested that he should come back to the next meeting and address Tom Levine on this matter.

**Secretary:**

1. Paula reported that Jerome Eckardt received his State Sewer Certification. This entitles him to a \$500.00 incentive which equals out to an additional \$.24 per hour per the employee handbook. Dave Shaw made a motion to give Jerome Eckardt \$.24 per hour incentive raise. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Paula asked what council's wishes were with closing the park for the season. We have had a couple issues in the past with vandalism in the restrooms. She asked if they would like to keep opening the restrooms everyday when there aren't any rentals. Jeanette Mills made a motion to continue to keep opening the restrooms daily and close the park for the season on November 1, 2021. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Leaf collections will be held every Monday and Thursday beginning October 4, 2021 and running through November.

**Mayor:**

Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the Police report for the month of August 2021. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

1. Mayor Fritz reported that Chief Ketner informed him that there are two stop signs that people are continuously going through and would like to have flashing red lights installed on top of the stop sign poles. Mike advised that PennDot would have regulations on these lights that would have to be looked into. This will be tabled until a future meeting so we can consult Tom Levine.
2. Chief Ketner sent the body cam policy to Mike to review. Jeanette Mills made a motion to amend the police policy manual to include body worn video camera. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
3. Trick or Treat is slated for October 28, 2021 from 6-8 pm for Blair County. Jeanette Mills made a motion to declare Trick or Treat for the Borough for October 28, 2021. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
4. Mayor Fritz reported that there is a vacant garage on 13<sup>th</sup> Street next to the bridge that the roof is falling in in a couple places. He will speak to Tom regarding this at a future meeting to see if he can do a safety assessment on it.
5. Mayor Fritz and Eizu Frederickson went around the Borough and spoke with residents regarding the flooding in the borough from Hurricane Ida. The Mayor also reported that the walkway at the park have been repaired from that flooding.

**Solicitor:**

1. The Municipal Authority contacted Paula and stated that Charles Fleck is unable to sit on the Authority Board any longer which leaves an opening on the board. Rodney Estep, Jr would like to fill that seat on the board. Cindy Blontz made a motion to appoint Rodney Estep, Jr to the Duncansville Municipal Authority. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Engineer:** Tom was unable to attend the meeting but had a report with items that needed action.

1. Results of the bid opening for the 2021 street improvements. Dave Shaw made a motion to accept the bid proposal from New Enterprise Stone & Lime. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Tom had a cost estimate for the conversion of the tennis court to a basketball court.
3. The Antique Depot land development inspection. Tom is recommending that the financial security currently being held by Council in the amount of \$101,461.00 be reduced to \$15,000.00. He is also recommending that the site be inspected in the spring once all items have been addressed. Donnie Detrick made a motion to approve Tom's recommendations. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
4. Flood Plain Review for 1105 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a shed and fence. Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept Tom's Flood Plain Review. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Gillans Run Phase 4 reimbursement No. 3. A form for the Commonwealth Financing Authority that would reimburse council for Vineyard Excavating and L/B Water Services invoices. Donnie Detrick made a motion for Dave Smith and Paula Fox to sign reimbursement #3. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

## **Committees:**

**Buildings & Grounds-Cindy Blontz:** Cindy stated she didn't have anything at this time. Dave Smith stated that he would still like to see the borough office moved to the Community Center. A discussion followed.

**Finance-Dave Shaw:** Dave reported that the first backhoe payment was made and the last skid steer payment is scheduled to be paid in November.

Dave reported that the budget meetings will start on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

**Fire Company-Donnie Detrick:** Jeanette Mills reported that the Color Run was a success. They had a lot of people come out to run and even walk.

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

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

**Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw:** Jim Batzel stated that the stormwater project on 13<sup>th</sup> St has been completed.

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

Dave Smith reported that they are working getting the new solids press in place.

**Duncansville Community Days:** Eric reported that they are thinking about doing a bingo instead of the Cabin Fever Dance that they have done in the past.

**Unfinished Business:** Nothing at this time.

**New Business:** Nothing at this time

**Next Meeting:** October 11, 2021

Dave Shaw made a motion to pay the monthly bills for September 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 8:16 PM

Paula Fox

Secretary/Treasurer