

The Duncansville Borough Council meeting was held on Monday, November 9, 2020 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 October 12 & 28, 2020. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Jeanette Mills made a motion to accept the Duncansville Municipal Authority minutes held on October 1, 2020. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Visitors: Ed Blontz, Heidi Rexford

Secretary: Nothing at this time.

Mayor:

Cindy Blontz made a motion to accept the Police report for the month of October 2020. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

1. Mayor Fritz gave an update on the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in the county. Based on the numbers, he is recommending that the Borough Office remain closed at this time. Cindy Blontz made a motion to keep the office closed at this time. Dave Shaw seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.
2. Mayor Fritz reported that a backpack was found on the porch of the Borough Building this morning. Office Wagner had K-9 Rik from the Blair County Sheriff's department come and sniff the bag before Paula entered the building. When it was marked safe, the cameras were reviewed and showed 2 boys dropping off a set of keys they found and forgot to pick their backpack up before they left.
3. Mayor Fritz reported he priced a shed at Home Depot to replace the Community Days shed at the park. He stated it will cost \$3,800.00 to replace the 12x16 shed that is currently there. Tom Levine suggested to have Jim Batzel contact an electrician to make sure the electricity service can be swapped over to the new shed and get a price for that. Jim Batzel will report at next meeting regarding the electricity.

Solicitor:

1. Mike asked Jeanette if she heard anything from the baseball team. Jeanette stated that we probably won't know anything until after the first of the year.
2. A discussion was held on the Duncansville Pharmacy lease. Mike would like to know if council was still interested in pursuing the matter or just let it go. Council decided to just let the lease go.
3. The property at 1128 4th Avenue is owned by Bruce and Deborah Holsinger. It is currently in foreclosure with M&T Bank and is scheduled for sale on December 9, 2020. Mike suggests that Tom go look at the property and report back to council but not act on it until a new owner is established or if it stays with the same owner.

Donnie Detrick made a motion to have Tom do a study on the property at 1128 4th Ave. Cindy Blontz seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Last month Paula presented the two pension ordinance amendments for the police and non-uniform. These are the six year amendments. Cindy Blontz made a motion to advertise the municipal retirement updates from the state. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Engineer:

1. Grannas Bothers has completed the paving on 4th Avenue. He was working on the final payment and will be around \$26,000.00. The 13th Street project will be postponed until the pipe is delivered.
2. A discussion was held on the possibility of borrowing enough money to pave all the roads in the borough. Tom stated that there are a few things to think about before moving ahead with this type of project. Most roads only have a five year life span and if you borrow on a twenty year term. He also stated that you have to consider drainage, curbs and sidewalks.
3. A discussion was held on Gillans Run Phase 4. The legal descriptions have been emailed to Mike. They will be mailed out to the effected property owners.
4. Tom has spoken to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the flood study. They are continuing to look at alternative ways to mitigate flooding in the borough.

Committees:

Buildings & Grounds-Cindy Blontz: Jim Batzel reported that Season-Aire came and checked the furnace at the borough building and community center. They will email him with the cost of doing service to both furnaces.

Finance-Dave Shaw: Dave Shaw made a motion to tentatively approve and advertise the 2021 budget. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Dave Shaw made a motion to advertise the 10% tax increase ordinance. Donnie Detrick seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Fire Company-Donnie Detrick: Donnie reported a firefighter was overcome by the heat of a structure fire and passed out. He received medical attention and has not had any lost time of work.

Jeanette Mills stated at the meeting last week for the fire department it was brought up about the concern of the condition of the apron in front of the overhead doors of the fire department has become hazardous. They wanted to know if there might be any grants that would help to have it repaired. Council asked Tom to inspect it and gives an opinion at a future meeting.

Parks & Recreation-Jeanette Mills: Still looking to get grants for the basketball court.

Personnel-Dave Smith: Will be discussed in an executive meeting

Streets & Equipment-Dave Shaw: Jim Batzel suggested to wait until spring to do the 13th Street pipe project.

Jim Batzel reported that truck #1 needs new tires and a frontend alignment. This will be paid out of truck & equipment.

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

Dave Smith reported that the Authority are moving ahead with the new press project. They will be housing in the exiting sheltered area. They will need to use 60% of that area.

Duncansville Community Days: Next meeting November 10, 2020

Unfinished Business: Dave Shaw made a motion to renew the UPMC Health Insurance with a \$1,750.00 deductible and add volunteer dental and vision to be paid by the employee. Jeanette Mills seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Borough Council went into an executive session for personnel reasons at 8:20 pm.

Borough Council came out of executive session at 9:08 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 14, 2020

Dave Shaw made a motion to pay the monthly bills for November 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 9:09 PM

Paula Fox
Secretary/Treasurer