

MINUTES
NORTH CATASAUQUA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2023

PEOPLE PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER – 7pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: President Peter Paone, Vice President John Yanek, Councilpersons: Mark Gioielli, Jessica Cope, Dan Snyder, Michele Hazzard, Mike Macsisak. Mayor Wm. Molchany. Solicitor Steven Goudsouzian, Treasurer Annette Englert, Secretary Tasha Jandrisovits

Also present were Police Chief Christopher Wolfer, Fire Chief Roger Scheirer, and Public Works Supervisor Travis Brett

ABSENT: Jessica Cope and Michele Hazzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Mark Gioielli to approve the minutes from February 20th, 2023. 2nd by Dan Snyder. No additional discussion, all in favor.

TREASURER REPORT – Annette Englert

TREASURER'S REPORT
March 2023 #1

1. I have completed all the year-end reports –
 - a. COSTARS-2023 Road Salt Program
 - b. Local Share Assessment Report for the DCED on Gaming Funds
2. Our independent auditor has supplied us with the year-end journal entries. Our DCED report is being reviewed and will be returned to us shortly.
3. Just wanted to inform council of the garbage invoices that were mailed out, we received payment in the month of February on 334 invoices- 55 paid full amount, 22 paid the quarterly, 126 took the normal discount and 131 took the senior citizen discount.

Annette said she was training Chrissy Czonstka and it is going very well.

OFFICE REPORT – Tasha Jandrisovits

- 2023 Residential Rental Fees - #372
- 2023 Certificate of Occupancy - #373
- Rec Committee new member letter – Adam Landis
 - 2-year non-voting member approval

MOTION: By Mark Gioielli to approve Resolution #372 2023 Residential Rental Fees. 2nd by Mike Macsisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

MOTION: By Mike Macsisak to approve Resolution #373 2023 Certificate of Occupancy Fees. 2nd by Dan Snyder. No additional discussion, all in favor.

MOTION: By Mark Gioielli to approve Adam Landis as a 2-year non-voting member of the recreation committee. 2nd by Mike Macsisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR REPORT – Travis Brett

Travis wanted to bring to the attention of the Public Works committee – there was a sewer block on Almond St between Railroad and Front, they flushed, it is at the end of line, clog open, they used camera after and found a brick and grill spatula. Spatula not an issue. Northampton will come help with their camera. If there is a break in the line, will need permission to open. 4" line, brick will be a problem, need permission to open the street. Fix that section and get it repaved. Costs involved. Northampton will help fix the road.

MOTION: By John Yanek to open the street if necessary to fix the sewer block and to fix road. 2nd by Mark Gioielli. No additional discussion, all in favor.

John – asked about the Giving Tree at the Park. Jess Finn fund money – money to tree and plant tree w/plaque. Plant by early spring. Travis the trees were purchased at half price, great deal. Accept as a donation to the borough. Put towards the open space fund. Mark asked what kind of trees we have. Travis said cherry, maples, etc. Mark asked if there is room for one where the pollinator garden is. Travis said no, as it is, the garden is becoming an issue w/line of site. We are planting one for Annette. Rest buffer down Moyer Way.

Dan asked Travis to reline the crosswalks at Grove and Howertown. Travis stated yes, they have a lot of painting to do come spring.

CIVIL SERVICE – Roger Scheirer
Board meets 3/15 at 7pm re: corporal exam.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT – Roger Scheirer
The tabletop drill went well, Greg is looking into running one for the police command staff.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Roger Scheirer
11 for February. Roger stated the Fire Department is waiting for the state grant money which was \$11k. Ordered 3 cameras and 12 survival lights.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Chief Wolfer –



February Dispatched calls- 250

2023 Total for February: 250

2022 February total- 382

2021 February total- 145

% change year over year- -34.6%

- Traffic stops- 60
- Domestic violence- 13
- Armed person- 1
- animal complaints- 10
- Suspicious activity- 7
- EMS- 16
- Fire calls- 2
- MVA's- 4
- follow up investigations- 30
- citizen assists- 28
- 911 hangup's- 4
- Burglar alarm- 3
- Welfare check- 10
- Assist other PD- 9
- Theft- 3
- Vandalism- 2
- Fraud- 1
- Wanted persons- 1
- Psych emergencies- 2
- Missing Juvenile- 1
- Indecent sexual assault-
- Threats

- Strong arm robbery- 1
- Parking tickets- 8
- Traffic citations- 19
- Traffic warning notices given- 5
- Summary arrests- 36
 - 5- Operating vehicle with expired inspection
 - 5- Operating vehicle with expired registration
 - 1- Operating vehicle without insurance
 - 3- Failure to stop at properly posted stop sign
 - 1- Parking in a no parking zone
 - 2- failure to use turn signal
 - 2- Operating vehicle without working headlights
 - 1- Operating vehicle on wrong side of roadway
 - 1- Failure to pay parking ticket
 - 7- Operating vehicle without rear lights
 - 2- Operating vehicle without a valid driver's license
 - 2- Operating vehicle with suspended driver's license
 - 1- Passing a school bus with activated stop arm (BusPatrol)
 - 1- Parking in a handicapped spot without a placard
 - 1- Borough Ordinance curfew
 - 1- Careless driving

Misdemeanor arrests- 18

- 1- Possession of a schedule 1 controlled substance
- 2- Possession of a small amount of Marijuana
- 2- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- 2- DUI Schedule 1 controlled substance
- 2- DUI metabolite of a schedule 1 controlled substance
- 5- DUI general impairment unsafe driving
- 3- DUI high rate of alcohol
- 1- DUI minor under 21

- Felony Arrests- 0

Moving Forward

- Charges filed for spray paint damage at park.
- Self-defense & CRASE course 4/15/23 @ YMCA

TRAINING COMPLETED

- **Officer Douglas** completed training in Traffic Patrol & Drug Interdiction through the Institute for Law Enforcement Education
- **Ofc. Santiago** completed Stop the Bleed instructor training through the Bethlehem Health Bureau

- **Ofc. Hazim** completed Overdose Information Network Training through PA State Police
- **Sgt. Tramonte** completed evaluating truthfulness and credibility training through the Paul Ekman Group
- **Sgt. Tramonte** completed emotional skills and competencies training through the Paul Ekman Group
- **Det. O'Donnell** completed local limited access recertification training through the Commonwealth law enforcement assistance network.

Chief Wolfer mentioned 4th and Chapel – 3 accidents there in the past 2 mos., we need to do a traffic study there ourselves.

Mark – how are the bus cameras going? Chief stated there were 3 violations approved from last week.

OFFICE INSURANCE & PERSONNEL REPORT - Mark Gioielli

No report. Side note - Mark wanted to welcome Chrissy, stated he is hearing very positive feedback, appreciated and good work.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - John Yanek

John – wanted to say on record that JP Mascaro is wonderful. – had a lot of furniture out – and they took it all.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Michele Hazzard

No report.

LAW COMMITTEE REPORT - Michele Hazzard

No report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY & PARKS REPORT - Jessica Cope

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY-POLICE – Michael Macsisak

PUBLIC SAFETY-FIRE REPORT – Daniel Snyder

MAYOR REPORT – William J. Molchany, Jr.

Thanks for organizing Moyer Way – the dedication was nice and nice turnout; he was happy to be able to do. Pete agreed and thanked Annette, Tasha, Pam, and Roger for the set up and work done.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Atty. Steven Goudsouzian
No report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT - Peter Paone

Pete shared with council that the heating system upstairs was inspected, and it was found that the burner tubes are shot, system is over 26 years old, we received 2 quotes. 1 good one from Belfor to replace units upstairs. Pete said Roger was working to get one more quote. We have no money budgeted for that this year, we will see if we can find money to do over the summer while things are less hectic.

Pete asked the status of the barrier on Main Street – guardrail. Travis will rip out the bent part, we will need a new end piece, need the specifications for those, Travis will research. Chief will review case to see when we will get paid for this.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike – asked if we are doing any paving this year. Pete stated we have money in the budget to work where the storm sewer was done, needed to wait a year for it to settle. Travis said we do have some money in the budget for regular paving. They will continue to develop a plan.

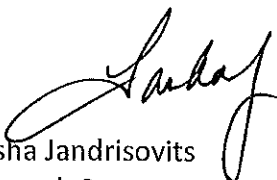
APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION: By Dan Snyder to approve payment of all invoices. 2nd by Mike Macsisak.
No additional discussion, all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Mike Macsisak to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. 2nd by Dan Snyder.
No additional discussion, all in favor.

ATTEST:


Tasha Jandrisovits
Borough Secretary