

MINUTES
NORTH CATASAUQUA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
October 17, 2022

PEOPLE PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER – 7pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Also present were Police Chief Christopher Wolfer and Fire Chief Roger Scheirer

ABSENT: Mike Macsisak (late – 7:15pm)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michele commented that she wanted it noted for the record that the comment in last meeting that Chief Wolfer's statement referred to the dogs as pit bills was wrong, his statement made no mention of the dogs by breed.

Jess believes in the last paragraph of the minutes, where it stated Pete let Dan know we can review ordinances, that it was Steve whom said that. Tasha will review recording and correct.

MOTION: By Michele Hazzard to approve the minutes from 10/3/2022. 2nd by John Yanek.

PEOPLE PRESENT

Dave Kutzor – report on inflow investigation for basement inspections. Dave provided council with a detailed packet of the review that was done. Dave found 14 floor drains and 6 sump pumps going into the sewer. The flow creates too much for our pumps to handle and in addition we are charged for processing clean water as sewer. A normal pump handles approx. 10k gallons per day, with these additional sump pumps we are pushing through over 21k gallons per event. Sump pumps are what he would address first. They need to be re-routed outside. Dave called plumbers for a price but has not received yet. Drains would be next. Steve will review what options we can take and provide to council at the next meeting.

TREASURER REPORT – Annette Englert

TREASURER’S REPORT
OCTOBER 2022 #2

1. Received our PA Utility Realty Tax check for the year in the amount of \$1,1234.35.
2. I have completed the MRM Premium Audit for their Fiscal Year October '21 to September '22. All information was forwarded for review.
3. Would like to set up a meeting with the Finance Committee to review the 2023 Proposed Budget.
4. 2022 Budget-I would like all purchases to come thru me before being made. This year's budget is extremely tight mostly due to issues with delays in our grant reimbursements.

OFFICE REPORT – Tasha Jandrisovits

MOTION: By Mike Macsisak to approve the UCC amendment ordinance #438. 2nd by Mark Gioielli. No discussion, all in favor.

MOTION: By Michele Hazzard to approve the following as members of the Building Code Appeals board: William Kimmel, Kevin Armbruster and Paul Barna. 2nd by Mike Macsisak. No discussion, all in favor.

- Email move to Office 365 – Stratix. Pete discussed there are potentially emails being lost of not received, this poses a retention and right to know risk.

MOTION: By Michele Hazzard to approve moving two email addresses to Office 365. 2nd by John Yanek. No discussion, all in favor.

- Additional options through Diversified – discussed new options for receipt of permit fees and other items by credit card online
- 9th Annual Lehigh Valley Outlook Awards breakfast \$60 cost – council to vote on reimbursement for those who wish to attend. Jess will be attending from LVPC so no cost to borough but thought we might want someone else to represent from North Catty.

MOTION: By Jess Cope to approve the attendance by council to the LV Outlook Awards breakfast. 2nd by John Yanek. Discussion from Mark that he does not feel this is a benefit to the borough and should be an out-of-pocket expense. Mike is not in favor either. Vote 5-2 yes, so motion passes.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR REPORT – Travis Brett – no report

CIVIL SERVICE – Roger Scheirer

- FT police list – One person tested and ended with an 84.34% as final score. Nabil Hazim, approved by civil service board, ready to hang list for tomorrow.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT – Roger Scheirer

Code Red 911 reverse info – people tried to sign on, get error message not in coverage area, contacted them today and Northampton County – both the same, counties do not have different ones. We tried multiple times, were able to sign people up here. We will assist residents as needed to sign up. Roger said a thank you to Belfor for the police carport project done and for the picture they provided us which is hung up in the hallway upstairs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Roger Scheirer

14 calls. Parade scheduled on Wednesday. Roger would like to recognize Anthony Barber for completing all 4 mods and becoming a certified firefighter. Roger let council know that Secret Santa started.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Chief Wolfer



Moving Forward

- Recommendation to hire Nabil Hazim full-time
- Request an ordinance for a no-match PCCD grant in the amount of \$180,156.00. This is for 5 mobile in-car License plate readers along with permanent mounted ones on the Lehigh Street bridge and Howertown Road @ Grove Street.
- We are onboarding with the Catasauqua School district for project Buspatrol. This is an automated system that photographs bus stop sign violations. Ofc. Santiago will be the primary liaison between the PD and the school district
- Sent proposed law stipulation and change to Mako's office for review & comment

Handicapped parking request

- 1034 2nd Street Placard verified, adequate room for space. Discuss available off-street parking

FT police hire – recommendation to hire Nabil Hazim.

MOTION: By Michele Hazzard to hire Nabil Hazim as a full-time officer. 2nd by Mike Macsisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

Grant update –PCCD grant, it is a no match grant. He needs a motion to apply for 5 mobile in car license plate readers, and then stationary ones at Lehigh Street and Howertown Rd.

MOTION: By Mark Gioielli to approve applying for a grant for license plate readers. 2nd by Mike Macsisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

MOTION: By Michele Hazzard to approve handicap parking sign for 1034 2nd Street. 2nd by Mark Gioielli. No additional discussion, all in favor.

Officer Santiago on the 7th of this month won the Office of the Year for the Crisis Intervention Team. Out of all the county, he recognized all he has done in this area.

Pete stated that yes, they met with Rep. Mako for 1 1/2 hours, discussed the issue and the dog warden, ordinance, laws. Chief wolfer pointed out the loophole, who captures the dog, it was eye opening, all very positive. Pete thanked his office for the invitation to attend.

OFFICE INSURANCE & PERSONNEL REPORT - Mark Gioielli

Mark stated he agrees with the email move, incremental steps better way to go. Able to do it financially, with less stress on the budget.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - John Yanek

John received compliments about fence at the park, that it was a great idea, looks very nice. Volleyball is good, practice through end November, thanked borough for allowing them to use. John asking for a motion now to accept that they do the Jess Finn fest for 7/22 – 3rd annual – made \$14k that day. John asked when the zoning appeal for the church was, Tasha replied it is schedule for 10/25.

MOTION: By Michele Hazzard to approve the 3rd Annual Jess Finn fest with rental fee waived. 2nd by Mike Macsisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Michele Hazzard

Autumnfest, did well. Next meeting on 10/24 – 7pm, use community room.

LAW COMMITTEE REPORT - Michele Hazzard - no report

PUBLIC PROPERTY & PARKS REPORT - Jessica Cope

Jess asked if there was an update on the traffic study. Dave said he was coordinating a time between himself, Public Works and the Police to do the training. They will collect the data and come together to review; it is on the job training.

PUBLIC SAFETY-POLICE – Michael Macsisak – no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY-FIRE REPORT – Daniel Snyder – no report.

MAYOR REPORT – William J. Molchany, Jr. – no report.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Atty. Steven Goudsouzian – no report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT - Peter Paone

- Project updates – closed out DL project. Annette has not heard yet.
- Grants for DCNR greenways projects
 - Lock wall – Pete has still have not heard back from Hunter Research – and confirmed we have no money for this project.
 - Estimate from DL – to use Keeney – cost per linear foot, backfill and grading, estimate that Main Street greenway would cost \$559k. DCNR grant is a 20% match required which is over \$100k. In talking with Annette, this is not a wise move for 2023, will look to go for funding in spring.
- Moyer Way - Pete should receive a map by the end of the week, placed in ordinance, begin, expect to vote to advertise, ordain street, advertised for two weeks, 1st meeting in December vote, vote into place – 45-day appeal period, end January or later to do formal unveiling. Will reach out to the Moyer family regarding the specific dates they would like.

NEW BUSINESS

John – noted they patched the drain by his uncle’s house, Pete said no, it was lifted. John said he has not heard any complaints. Pete said he hoped not as this was a lot of extra work. John mentioned that Jess Finn’s mom is interested in plaques for tree wall – let him know this is through Betterment committee, he should ask Marc.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Mike Macsisak to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. 2nd by Michele Hazzard. No additional discussion, all in favor.

ATTEST:



Tasha Jandrisovits