

Minutes
NORTH CATASAUQUA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
November 21, 2022

PEOPLE PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER – 7pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

ABSENT: Jessica Cope and Michele Hazzard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corrections noted to the minutes from 11-7-2022: p4 – Mark suggested 30 not 45 days. P.5 – Annette is retiring not returning.

MOTION: By Mark Gioielli to approve the minutes from 11/7/2022. 2nd by Mike Macsisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

PEOPLE PRESENT - none

TREASURER REPORT – Annette Englert

TREASURER'S REPORT
NOVEMBER 2022 #2

1. Received a check from North Catasauqua Fireman's Relief in the amount of \$9,752.04 to reimburse for the Cascade System Loan Payment.
2. I am working on finalizing grants and requesting reimbursement.

OFFICE REPORT – Tasha Jandrisovits

- Approval to advertise bid for Heavy Equipment

MOTION: By Mike Macsisak to approve advertising to bid for heavy equipment use for 2023. 2nd by Mark Gioielli. No additional discussion, all in favor.

- Approval to advertise millage rate increase ordinance

MOTION: By Dan Snyder to advertise the millage rate ordinance showing increase for 2023. 2nd by Mike Macsisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

- 2023 Meeting dates and approval to advertise

MOTION: By Mike Macsisak to advertise the meeting dates for 2023. 2nd by Dan Snyder. No additional discussion, all in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR REPORT – Travis Brett – no report.

CIVIL SERVICE – Roger Scheirer – no report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT – Roger Scheirer

Roger stated they attended the training to conduct traffic studies, went well. Also noted Greg is working on the Borough Wide Evacuation Plan with input from Roger and Chief Wolfer

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Chief Scheirer

6 calls for November. Air packs are in service and registered. Bonfire will be held Wednesday night.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Chief Wolfer



**North Catasauqua Borough Police Department
November 2022 2nd Monthly report**

October Dispatched calls-

2022 Total for October: 230

2021 October total- 268

% Change year over year- -14%

- Traffic stops- 58
- Domestic violence- 12
- Armed person- 1
- Burglary- 1
- animal complaints- 9
- Suspicious activity- 3
- EMS- 24
- Fire calls- 2

- MVA's- 7
- follow up investigations- 17
- citizen assists- 21
- 911 hang-up's- 2
- Burglar alarm- 5
- Welfare check- 3
- Assist other PD- 7
- Vandalism- 2
- Assault- 1
- Fight in progress- 1
- Warrants served- 3
- Psych emergencies- 1
- Trespassing- 1
- Public drunks- 1
- Report of shots fired- 1
- Parking tickets- 11
- Traffic citations- 12
- Traffic written warnings- 35

- Summary arrests-
 - 2- Parking within a crosswalk
 - 12- Operating vehicle with expired inspection
 - 5- Operating vehicle with expired registration
 - 4- Failure to stop at properly posted stop sign
 - 2- Operating vehicle without working headlights
 - 1- Operating vehicle on wrong side of roadway
 - 3- Failure to pay parking ticket
 - 1- Operating vehicle without rear lights
 - 1- Operating vehicle without a valid driver's license
 - 1- Operating vehicle with suspended driver's license

- Misdemeanor arrests-
 - 1- Possession of a schedule 1 controlled substance
 - 3- Possession of a small amount of Marijuana
 - 3- Possession of drug paraphernalia
 - 2- DUI Schedule 1 controlled substance
 - 4- DUI general impairment unsafe driving
 - 1- DUI highest rate of alcohol
 - 1- DUI high rate of alcohol
 - 2- Harassment threats via communication

- Felony Arrests-
 - 2- Burglary of an unoccupied structure
 - 2- Receiving stolen property

Moving Forward

- Ofc HAZIM is still in Phase 1. So far, he is exceeding expectations.
- Sgt. Tramonte received the PA state top gun award for the 3rd year in a row for his positive impact on the DUI field and his DUI convictions.

Handicapped parking request

- Consider changing policy from providing copy of placard to providing a signed note from primary care physician showing need for HQ spot

TRAINING COMPLETED

- Ofc. HAZIM completed Taser 7 mandatory annual training
- Ofc. SANTIAGO completed elder abuse reporting training through the PA Dept. of aging
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- Ofc. SANTIAGO and I completed multi-way stop engineering study training through Keycodes
- Ofc. HAZIM completed local limited access training through the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network

Chief Wolfer handed out a packet on call volumes. October was down 14% which is the first time since 2021.

Pete confirmed the reason we are going to audit handicap parking spaces is to ensure the spots are available for those who truly need. Steve agreed this was a good idea.

OFFICE INSURANCE & PERSONNEL REPORT - Mark Gioielli – no report

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - John Yanek

John noted he will be the one taking down the nets this year, will do shortly.

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 – 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

- Moyer Way – approval to advertise ordinance –

MOTION: By Mike Macsisak to approve advertising the ordinance to ordain Moyer Way. 2nd by John Yanek. No additional discussion, all in favor.

- Project updates – Pete said he is working to help finalize the DL signage and to push funding along as much as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

John – asked where the issue with the dogs stand. Chief Wolfer stated they had 30 days to appeal.

Mike – asked how the changes to the laws was going with the Mako's office. Chief replied all were submitted, they are now in the state's legal team for review. Don't expect to hear anything until 2023.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION: By Mark Gioielli 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 7:29pm. 2nd by Dan Snyder. No additional discussion, all in favor.

Attest:

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Tasha Landersovits
Borough Secretary