

**MINUTES**  
**NORTH CATASAUQUA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 15, 2023**

PEOPLE PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER – 7pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

ABSENT: Dan Snyder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Mike Macsisak to approve the minutes from April 17, 2023. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michele Hazzard. No additional discussion, all in favor.

PEOPLE PRESENT

TREASURER REPORT – Christina Czonstka

- Sewer Relief for Porter Chapman at 1103 6<sup>th</sup> Street - there was a water leak that was cleaned up by a service and water did not go down sewer. Adjusting from \$658.50 to \$65.00 which is the average bill for the past year. Travis agreed there was a leak.

MOTION: Jessica Cope approves sewer relief in the amount of \$593.50 for 1103 6<sup>th</sup> Street. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Gioielli. No additional discussion, all in favor.

OFFICE REPORT – Tasha Jandrisovits

- PA PUC hearing
  - Discussed that Travis and I went to the hearing virtually at Keystone. Violations from the Storm Sewer projects when contractor hit gas line. Fines started at \$1500 for us, one reduced prior to hearing, removed another at hearing, now at \$500 which we plan to appeal.
- 4 additional lot releases WB

MOTION: By Mike Macsisak to amend the agenda to discuss the Constellation Energy proposal. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Gioielli. No additional discussion, all in favor.

- Shared proposal with council. Constellation Energy is the one we use now and also who came in with the best price. 37 mos. locked in at .08. PPL price to compare is .12. Prices were reviewed by Pam working with Rob Perrong an Energy Consultant recommended by PSAB.

MOTION: By Jessica Cope to approve signing a 37-mo contract with Constellation Energy. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Macsisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

- Approval to reimburse Tasha for retirement bench for \$926.00.

MOTION: By Michele Hazzard to reimburse Tasha for the retirement bench. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Macsisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

#### PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR REPORT – Travis Brett

- Sewer main on Almond fixed – no invoice yet.
- Baseball net and poles installed for \$400 approx.
- Basketball court \$9868.27 – repair estimate
- Volleyball court \$ 11,908.35 – estimate
  - Should both be under, for entire area, Travis thinks under \$10k and under \$9k. Travis shared information with John. PW would work alongside, fill cracks concrete, power wash, 3 layers mesh, black sealant, repaint everything – 5–10-year shelf life. Old ones are 5 years old and ours are in pretty good shape – one week work alongside them. Michele asked when we would do. Next spring – John, Travis agreed. Travis – did not get price on tear out as that would be grant item – much larger cost.

#### CIVIL SERVICE – Roger Scheirer

- Corporal Interview scheduled 5/25/23.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT – Roger Scheirer

- Allentown Police Department request use of the golf cart or gator for use at a memorial tournament.

MOTION: By Jessica Cope to approve Allentown Police Department to use the golf cart or gator. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Gioielli. No additional discussion, all in favor.

- Ongoing battle w/A&S - \$685.00

- Ac unit fan blade went, 2 days later not working, teach out and said the fan blade fell off, that it was put in wrong, destroy other stuff.
- We should not be responsible for the parts or labor to fix.
- The owner thinks differently, owner says his guys would never say that.
- We are not paying, they offered to make a deal to split the cost with us and we said no.
- Steve said it makes sense to fight it and see where it goes.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Roger Scheirer**

- 2 members passed Emergency Medical Response – Zach Scheirer and Adam Reinhart
- 2 attendees to \$490 for books/class
- New grant, no match, will look into
- Mike asked how reorg was going – Roger said great, training a lot more, response times down 1:45 seconds, getting more equipment with more qualified individuals out.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Chief Wolfer**

- Executive Session – personnel and restitution
- Community Days went very well, with a lot of positive feedback, Chris thanked Roger and office staff for all their help making it happen. Pete thanked all as well.



**North Catasauqua Borough Police Department  
May 2023 Monthly report**

**April Dispatched calls-**

- Abandoned vehicle- 1.
- Pursuit- 1
- Parking tickets- 6
- Traffic citations- 7
- Summary arrests-
  - 4- Operating vehicle with expired inspection
  - 3- Operating vehicle with expired registration
  - 1- Failure to stop at properly posted stop sign
  - 1- Possession of dog without proper license
  - 2- Harboring of a dangerous dog
  - 1- Borough ordinance, dog at large
  - 1- failure to use turn signal
  - - Vehicle inspection code violation
  - 2- Operating vehicle on wrong side of roadway
  - 1- Failure to pay parking ticket

- 1- Careless driving
- 2- Passing a school bus with activated stop arm (BusPatrol)
- 1- Parking in a handicapped spot without a placard
- 1- Careless driving
- 1- abandoned vehicle on Borough property
- 1- Obedience to traffic control device
- 1- Failure to stop at a red light
- 1- Operating vehicle at an unsafe speed
- 1- Reckless driving

#### Misdemeanor arrests-

- 1- Possession of a small amount of Marijuana
  - 1- Possession of drug paraphernalia
  - 1- DUI general impairment unsafe driving
  - 1- DUI high rate of alcohol
  - 2- Domestic violence assault
  - 2- Domestic violence Harassment by physical contact
  - 2- Criminal mischief, vandalism at park damage excess of \$1,000
  - 1- Recklessly endangering another person
- Felony Arrests-
    - 1- Fleeing or attempting to elude police

#### Moving Forward

- Active shooter drill conducted successfully @ CHS. 6 of our officers attended.
- Active Shooter drill conducted successfully @ Air Products in Allentown. 5 of our officers attended.
- Active Shooter drill conducted successfully @ Salisbury Middle School. 4 of our officers attended.
- CRASE course and self-defense to be conducted 4/15/23 at the Catasauqua YMCA. 9 registered for Self Defense. 26 registered for CRASE

#### TRAINING COMPLETED

- **Ofc. Douglas** completed Tactical communications and realistic de-escalation training through the Institute for Law Enforcement Education
- **Ofc. Santiago** completed Ambush Attacks training, Importance of physical wellness training, Mental Health and Wellness training, and casualty care training through the VALOR program.
- **Ofc. Santiago** completed DUI checkpoint training through the PA DUI Association
- **Ofc. Santiago** completed Police Supervisory In-Service training through the Penn State Justice and Safety Institute

- **Ofc. Hazim** completed cyber threats to public safety training through NW3C.
- **Ofc. Hazim** completed anxiety and depression training through NW3C.
- I completed PER-374 Active Threats on Campus Protective Measures and Response training through Louisiana State University National Center for Biomedical Research and training Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education
- **Sgt. Tramonte** attended the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Traffic Safety Seminar hosted by the center for traffic safety.

OFFICE INSURANCE & PERSONNEL REPORT - Mark Gioielli – no report

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - John Yanek

- Permission – bump Velocity tryouts earlier – July 16 Sunday and July 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:30-6:15

MOTION: By Michele Hazzard to approve moving up Velocity Tryouts to 7/16 and 7/23 from 8:30am to 6:15pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessica Cope. No additional discussion, all in favor.

- Jess Finn Fest is 7/22

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Michele Hazzard

- Community night went well, snack stand sold out of food.
- Have not found anyone to run summer program – one week and if not, may have to cancel normal summer program and wiffle ball (college kids)

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.  
Thanks to all who ran the community night.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Atty. Steven Goudsouzian – no report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT - Peter Paone

- Hotel tax grant opens 5/1 to 7/10 – Ideas:
  - Community night
  - Concerts for rec committee
  - Tourism in town

- o Pete asked council for additional ideas.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mike discussed that he has received complaints about the truck parking on streets. He reviewed and found information that other townships have restrictions. Pete, Chief Wolfer and Roger all discussed challenges and concerns with Mike. He will gather his information and bring it prior to the next meeting for council to review.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION: By Mike Macsisak to approve all invoices. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessica Cope. No additional discussion, all in favor.

Executive session – to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters. Regular session resumed at 8:03pm.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Jessica Cope to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Macsisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

ATTEST:



Tasha Jandrisovits