

President Smith called the regular meeting of the Catasauqua Borough Council to order at 7:00PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President Smith, Ms. Kroope, Ms. Mellish, Mr. Bartholomew, Mr. Schlegel, and Ms. Weaver.

ABSENT:

Mr. McKittrick

ALSO PRESENT:

Mayor Schlegel, Attorney Steelman, Police Chief Kish, and Engineer Gawlik.

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018 regular meeting was made by Mr. Bartholomew, seconded by Ms. Mellish. The motion passed six in favor, one absent.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2018 special meeting of council was made by Mr. Bartholomew, seconded by Ms. Mellish. The motion passed six in favor, one absent.

HEARING PERSONS PRESENT:

CAMERON SMITH:

Cameron Smith, 626 Second Street, Catasauqua, asked Council if there was an update on the Agreement with the Airport Authority (LNAA). President Smith said he spoke with Tom Stoudt, and they are reviewing the old Intergovernmental Agreement and are in the process of arranging meetings to discuss the Agreement going forward.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 13-2018:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPROVAL TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND TO SIGN THIS APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF CATASAUQUA.

Mr. Bartholomew moved, seconded by Ms. Weaver, the Resolution passed six in favor, one absent.

RESOLUTION 14-2018:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER, STEPHEN TRAVERS, TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FUNDING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE PENN DOT RAS SYSTEM.

Ms. Weaver moved, seconded by Mr. Schlegel, the Resolution passed six in favor, one absent.

SECRETARY/MANAGER:

Mr. Travers reported.

WATER & SEWER

Mr. Travers reported that there were 18.12 million gallons of water pumped to the system in September 2018 for a daily average of 604,000 gallons. There were 41.72 million gallons of sewage treated for a daily average of 1.39 million gallons.

Mr. Bartholomew asked if the Borough has reviewed the amount of water that actually goes through the meters, and what is actually being billed for. The Manager said he received the data and will be reviewing it, and is working with someone on a system to track that information.

Mr. Bartholomew said that Northampton Borough has a software program that tracks leaks and asked the Manager his opinion of something like that. The Manager said that is something he is looking into and working on as stated above.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Ms. Mellish., seconded by Ms. Kroope. The motion passed six in favor, one absent.

BANK FEES:

In response to a question from Mr. Schlegel, Ms. Gyecsek explained that even though some of the accounts are listed as National Penn Bank, they are all with BB&T, the name was changed several years ago; she explained that it is a software issue. Mr. Schlegel said it looked like the Borough saved money by switching to BB&T.

MAYOR:

Mayor Schlegel reported.

HALLOWEEN PARADE:

The Parade is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17th, with a rain date of October 24th.

TRICK OR TREAT:

In response to a question from Ms. Kroope, the Mayor said that trick or treat is scheduled for Wednesday, October 31, 6-8pm.

JUNIOR COUNCIL:

None Present.

SOLICITOR:

Ms. Steelman said the Solicitor's Report was distributed and asked if there were any questions.

GEORGE TAYLOR HOUSE:

Mr. Schlegel asked about the status of the George Taylor House, specifically the Tree Lighting ceremony. Ms. Kroope said the House would be open for Fest 'o Fall, Tom Jones would be there to discuss the archeological projects, and volunteers would be available for tours and other activities. Ms. Kroope said they would be appreciative of anyone else who wants to volunteer.

Ms. Kroope said she has spoken with Joe Garrera of the Lehigh County Historical Society, and will be scheduling a meeting with him sometime in October to discuss how best to proceed with operating the House.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Mr. Gawlik reported.

A written report was issued. Mr. Gawlik addressed the highlights of the report.

CASD REZONING 14TH STREET:

Mr. Gawlik said the Borough had received a rezoning plan from the Catasauqua Area School District that is not on his report. The plan is being reviewed, he should have a letter with a few questions out in the next few days.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Ms. Mellish had no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Ms. Weaver reported.

PINE STREET BRIDGE:

Ms. Weaver said at last week's LVPC meetings she and Ms. Bradley discussed the issue of ADA ramps and sidewalks on the Pine Street Bridge. Ms. Bradley said it was unlikely to be approved. Ms. Weaver said she also spoke with Rich Molchany from the County, and a meeting is scheduled with Mr. Schlegel, the county bridge engineer and other Borough representatives tomorrow.

It was explained that even if a ramp was installed on the Borough side of the Bridge, there is no ramp or sidewalk on the Whitehall side. It could be a bridge to nowhere.

The Manager said the TAP Grant would address this issue on the Borough side of the bridge.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

Mr. Schlegel had no report.

PLANNING & ZONING:

Ms. Weaver reported.

LVPC UPDATE:

Ms. Weaver reported that LVPC is working on a Walk/Bike initiative and would like to hear from as many people as possible. She said that LVPC's website has an interactive map where people can participate by showing where they currently walk/bike and where they would go if available.

Ms. Weaver read the remarks from LVPC's presentation of the signs for the Community of Distinction last month. Attached.

PLANNING ACTION MEETING:

The LVPC Planning Action Team Meeting will be at 7pm, October 16th at the Borough Hall to discuss resources and goals. This meeting will include North Catasauqua, Coplay and Northampton Boroughs, as similar municipalities in the River District.

RECREATION:

Ms. Kroope reported.

FEST 'O FALL:

Saturday, October 6th Noon to 5pm. Ms. Kroope said they are looking for volunteers, students could earn Community Service hours. She said there is an event page on the Catasauqua Facebook page.

MERRY GO ROUND:

Ms. Kroope reported that Jeff Miller had informed the Committee that the Merry Go Round at the Park is beyond repair and a new one would be \$4,000-\$5,000. The Committee is looking at options. She said this was one of the most popular items at the Park.

GTH WEBSITE:

Ms. Kroope asked if we had any luck finding out who had set up and had access to the GTH Website. She said the information is outdated. She also said she tried to edit the GTH Facebook page and it will not allow her to do so. Ms. Kroope asked that the Manager try to find out about taking down these pages.

COATS FOR KIDS:

Ms. Kroope said she became aware of a coat drive for underprivileged children through the Catasauqua Area School District and asked if a box for the coat collection could be placed at the Borough Hall. The Manager said he would take care of getting a box for the Lobby.

PARK MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS:

Mr. Schlegel commended Jeffrey Miller for the selection of the new musical instruments in the park. He asked if there were signs or panels available that show how to play songs. Mr. Miller said he would look into it.

MAIN STREETS:

Ms. Mellish said Main Streets has volunteered to solicit donations from businesses to help offset the cost of the Snowflakes hung throughout the Borough.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Bartholomew had no report

BILLS & ACCOUNTS:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer Plant</u>
\$245,013.75	\$110,528.79	\$47,485.10
<u>Sewer Collection</u>	<u>Community Development</u>	<u>Gross Payrolls</u>
\$6,084.09	\$31.98	\$157,533.34

Bills and Accounts were approved on a motion by Ms. Mellish, seconded by Ms. Weaver. The motion passed six in favor, one absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
TAGGART ASSOCIATES:

Ms. Kroope moved, seconded by Ms. Weaver to approve Taggart Associates' Contract with the Borough through October 31, 2019, with an increase of \$36,000 to the not to exceed amount. The motion passed six in favor, one absent

Mr. Schlegel asked for clarification of the not to exceed amount.

Ms. Kroope asked that updates of Taggart's services be distributed to all of Council; suggesting that it be added to the Manager's Report or discussed at the Workshop meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:
HANDICAP PARKING:

Mr. Schlegel said that Northampton Borough recently enacted a limit on handicap parking spaces allowed per block. He asked if this is something Catasauqua might want to look into.

Chief Kish said that the spaces are not for individuals, they are public spots available to anyone. He said the Public Safety Committee reviews each individual application for handicap spots, and the requirements have been tightened up.

HEARING OF PERSONS PRESENT:

FRONT & PINE STREET SIGNAL: In response to a question from Mr. Cameron Smith, the Manager clarified that the signal referenced in the first Resolution tonight was at Front and Pine Streets.

TAP GRANT:

Cameron Smith asked if there would be a public review for the TAP Grant. Ms. Weaver and Mr. Gawlik explained that this is a Penn Dot project.

President Smith said that Planning and Zoning, LVPC and Pidcock, had gone over the plans with Penn Dot representatives.

Ms. Mellish said there was not really a lot of pick and choose by the Borough.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Travers
Secretary/Manager