

Minutes
NORTH CATASAUQUA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
October 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER 7pm

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President Peter Paone, Councilpersons: Mark Gioielli, Mike Macsisak, Jessica Cope, Dan Snyder. Solicitor Steven Goudsouzian, Secretary Tasha Jandrisovits

ABSENT: Michele Hazzard, John Yanek, Mayor Molchany

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Mike Macsisak to approve the minutes from September 18, 2023. 2nd by Dan Snyder. No additional discussion, all in favor.

PEOPLE PRESENT

Marc Hillenbrand – Autumnfest 86 cars, 35 vendors. Normal street closing, Grove and 6th. Chief Wolfer confirmed PD will be there to fingerprint. Crafts, pumpkin décor, bounce house, basketball, pony rides. Sunday 9-4. Travis taking care of tents, stakes, banners.

Marc also confirmed the Hometown Hero banners were ordered. Should have for Veteran's Day.

Marc stated a new idea has been raised, for next summer - Betterment and Rec – joint adventure – fun in the park day on a Saturday with 3 bands, food trucks, around the perimeter of the field. No cost to borough, or attendees. Local band in discussion to play along with a band from NJ. Asking council for permission to begin planning and schedule, looking to do late August, early September. Council agreed to move forward.

TREASURER REPORT – Tasha Jandrisovits

- MMO 2024 – police pension
- MMO 2024 – non uniform

MOTION: By Mark Gioielli to approve the 2024 Police Pension MMO at \$133,436.00. 2nd by Mike Macsisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

MOTION: By Mark Gioielli to approve the 2024 Non-Uniformed Pension MMO at \$55,360. 2nd by Mike Macsisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

OFFICE REPORT – Tasha Jandrisovits

- Freedom upgrade is scheduled for next week.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR REPORT – Travis Brett

MOTION: By Mark Gioielli to approve the advertisement to go out to bid for the work on Railroad Street. 2nd by Mike Macsisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

Mike mentioned road work is needed on Front Street between Arch and 2nd if there are millings left.

CIVIL SERVICE – Roger Scheirer

Meeting tomorrow evening 7pm, for committee to schedule testing dates.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT – Roger Scheirer

No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Roger Scheirer

21 calls, all trucks inspected and passed. All inspected, passed pump and hose testing.

Fire Chief Report

- 21 calls for service for the month of September.
- All trucks are inspected and passed.
- 1811 inspection new tires/ pump and hose testing
- 1871 just inspection/ hose testing
- 1831 inspection new tires/pump and hose testing and repair blown head gasket.
- 1831 and 1811 ladder testing are this Wednesday and Thursday. (aerial and ground ladders)

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Chief Wolfer

**North Catasauqua Borough Police Department
October 2023 1st Monthly report**

August 2023 Dispatched calls- 335

2022 August Total- 306 {+9.5% increase}

2021 August Total- 291 {+15.2% increase}

2020 August Total- 244 {+37.3%increase}

2019 August Total- 208 {61.7% increase}

2011 August Total- 122 {+174.6% increase} 8 officers rostered in 2011.

August 2023 synopsis of calls for service

- Domestic violence in progress- 17
- Burglary- 1
- Shooting/Stabbing - 2
- animal complaints- 5
- Suspicious activity- 14
- EMS- 24
- Fire calls- 11
- MVA's- 3
- 911 hangup's- 3
- Burglar alarm- 8
- Welfare check- 9
- Assist other PD- 14
- Theft- 6
- Vandalism- 2
- Assault- 3
- Fight in progress- 2
- Harassment- 1
- Wanted persons- 1.
- Warrants served- 4.
- Psych emergencies- 2
- Terroristic Threats- 1
- Emergency Protection from Abuse Order's - 1
- Abandoned vehicle- 4.
- Vehicle pursuit- 3
- Foot pursuit- 2
- Use of force- 3
- Taser deployment (shot or not)- 1.
- Missing person- 1
- Parking tickets- 8
- Traffic citations- 18
- Vehicles impounded- 6.

- Summary arrests- 43
 - 1- Parking within a crosswalk
 - 1- 72-hour parking violation
 - 3- Operating vehicle with expired inspection
 - 3- Operating vehicle with expired registration
 - 1- Operation of unregistered vehicle

- 1- Operating vehicle without insurance
- 5- Failure to stop at properly posted stop sign
- 4- failure to use turn signal
- 1- Parked blocking traffic
- 1- Operating vehicle on wrong side of roadway
- 2- Failure to pay parking ticket
- 2- Operating vehicle without rear lights
- 2- Operating bicycle at night without lights
- 2- Operating vehicle without a valid driver's license
- 2- Operating vehicle with suspended driver's license
- 2- Careless driving
- 1- Operating vehicle with child under 2 not in a car seat
- 3- Careless driving
- 3- Reckless driving
- 1- Seatbelt violation
- 1- Public Drunk
- 1- Harassment

Misdemeanor arrests- 35

- 4- Possession of a small amount of Marijuana
- 4- 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
- 2- DUI highest rate of alcohol
- 1- DUI highest rate with child under 12 years old in vehicle
- 1- DUI high rate of alcohol
- 3- Assault stemming from domestic violence
- 3- Harassment by physical contact stemming from domestic violence
- 1- Terroristic threats stemming from Domestic Violence
- 1- Fugitive from Justice
- 2- Resisting arrest
- 1- False imprisonment
- 1- Recklessly endangering another person
- 1- Open Lewdness
- 1- Endangering the welfare of a child

• **Felony Arrests- 2**

- 1- Aggravated assault as a result of domestic violence F-2
- 1- Strangulation (domestic violence) F-2

Moving Forward

- Sincere thank you to **Chief Scheirer** for 4th & Chapel traffic study.
- **Cpl Santiago** represented our Borough at the Northampton County Emergency Behavioral Health Crisis Partnership meeting conducted on September 29th. Future policy changes, strategic operational guidelines, and future pilot programs were discussed.
- We instructed a Stop the Bleed course at the Palisades Middle School in Kintnersville. Led by **Cpl. Santiago**.
- **Sgt. Tramonte** re-certified as a child safety seat technician.
- **Sgt. Tramonte** attended the annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Impaired Driving & Traffic Safety Conference

TRAINING COMPLETED

- **Ofc. Hazim** completed Standard Field Sobriety Testing Practitioner training through ILLEE & Bucks County Police Training Center. All officers in our department are now certified.
- **Ofc. Pursell** completed responding to utility emergency training through UGI Utilities
- **Sgt. Tramonte** completed school bus safety training through the National Child Passenger Safety Program
- **Sgt. Tramonte** completed car seats 201 training through the National Child Passenger Safety Program
- **Sgt. Tramonte** completed Emergency Transport training through the National Child Passenger Safety Program
- **Sgt. Tramonte** completed using rear facing car seats beyond age 1 training through the National Child Passenger Safety Program
- **Sgt. Tramonte** completed vacation travel safety training through the National Child Passenger Safety Program
- I completed Local Limited Access training through the Pennsylvania Justice Network
- I completed Commonwealth Law Enforcement Network training through the Pennsylvania Justice Network

- **Sgt. Tramonte** completed vehicle safety 201 training through the National Child Passenger Safety Program
- **Ofc. Pursell** completed Advanced Red Dot Sight Instructor training through SAGE Dynamics
- I Completed Advanced Internet and Open-Source Investigation and Intelligence gathering training through the United States Drug Enforcement Agency

Pete thanked Chief Wolfer and Fire Chief Scheirer for working on the traffic study for 4th and Chapel. Recommendation looks to be a 4 way stop. We will look to get the word out to slow down traffic and make people aware of the new sign once in place. Final report needs to be submitted yet. Pete also mentioned that we approved a police administrative position prior but never hired, needs a motion to approve the advertisement of this position as we move forward to hire.

MOTION: By Mike Macsisak to advertise a part-time police administrative position.
2nd by Mark Gioielli. No additional discussion, all in favor.

OFFICE INSURANCE & PERSONNEL REPORT - Mark Gioielli – no report.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - John Yanek – absent.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Michele Hazzard – absent.

LAW COMMITTEE REPORT - Michele Hazzard – absent.

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. – absent.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Atty. Steven Goudsouzian – no report.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT - Peter Paone
Trail clean-up was postponed due to rain. No new date.

NEW BUSINESS
No new business


APPROVAL OF BILLS

MOTION: By Mark Gioielli to approve payment of all invoices. 2nd by Mike Maccisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Dan Snyder to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. 2nd by Mike Maccisak. No additional discussion, all in favor.

Attest:


Tasha Linderovits Borough Secretary