

Minutes
NORTH CATASAUQUA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2023

PRESENT: President Peter Paone, Vice President John Yanek, Councilpersons: Mark Gioielli, Mike Macsisak (arrived at 7:22pm), Jessica Cope, Dan Snyder, Michele Hazzard. Mayor Molchany, Solicitor Stephanie Steward, Secretary Tasha Jandrisovits, Treasurer Annette Englert

Also in attendance was Fire Chief Roger Scheirer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: By Jessica Cope to approve the minutes. 2nd by Michele Hazzard. No additional discussion, all in favor.

PEOPLE PRESENT - none

OFFICE REPORT – Tasha Jandrisovits

- Approval to advertise tax millage rate ordinance for vote at 1-2-2024 meeting.

MOTION: By Michele Hazzard to approve advertisement of the tax millage rate ordinance for 2024. 2nd by Mark Gioielli. No additional discussion, all in favor.

TREASURER REPORT – Annette Englert

- Approval of General Fund Budget get amount –

MOTION: By Michele Hazzard to approve the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$2,548,665.00. 2nd by Jess Cope. John stated that while he never wants to raise taxes, he knows the finance committee worked through and there is no other option. No additional discussion, all in favor.

- Approval of Sewer Fund Budget –

MOTION: By Jessica Cope to approve the Sewer Fund budget in the amount of \$850,050.00. 2nd by Michele Hazzard. No additional discussion, all in favor.

- Resolution to eliminate contribution to Police Pension Plan #362 – unit value sufficient, borough contribution, no employee contribution.

MOTION: By Michele Hazzard to eliminate contribution to the Police Pension fund in 2024. 2nd by John Yanek. No additional discussion, all in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR REPORT – Travis Brett - absent

Tasha confirmed the new truck will be delivered by the end of next week.

John mentioned the tree lighting, great job set up and decorations, all agreed, park looks great.

CIVIL SERVICE – Roger Scheirer

List of 2 for approval – Samuel Safadi and Quentin Knecht.

MOTION: By Michele Hazzard to approve the Civil Service hiring list previously approved by the Civil Service Commission. 2nd by Jessica Cope. No additional discussion, all in favor.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT – Roger Scheirer

Stop signs information will be sent to Stephanie to draft and advertise ordinance as approve in prior meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Roger Scheirer

Public safety quote – annual inspection of meters every 90 days \$1049.00 – 2024 paid. Price went up 50 \$ for 6 meters. Roger will request approval to pay in 2024.

2023 year-end reports – 1st meeting in January.

John – any resolution on the citizen complaint for Chestnut and Currant, discussed multiple steps taken and citations filed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Chief Wolfer - no report.

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

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - John Yanek

John – wants to talk to Travis about a grant for all the mulch to replace with something else. With all the water and runoff issues we have. Recycled rubber was discussed, Fire Chief stated he would not support, due to fire risk. Discussed the pour in place stuff and it was discussed awhile ago to do all at once and do around playground pieces. Agreed this would be expensive up front. Open Space monies would be able to be used for this, or a Norco grant – but they are 50% matching.

Jess also asked if we can review other intersections. A lot of accidents last week. Discussed truck traffic and options for that as well.

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Michele Hazzard –

Tree lighting was a success on Monday, with Toys for Tots, bell choir, donations to food bank.

Tasha provided feedback that the speakers and choir could not be heard, so maybe we can look into a DJ sound system or something different for next year. Michele said next rec committee meeting was on Wednesday and she would mention.

LAW COMMITTEE REPORT - Michele Hazzard – no report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY & PARKS REPORT - Jessica Cope
Jess and Travis met with Sherry Acevedo and did final walkthrough with grant at park, took pictures, two things to update, then we will be good.

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. Stephanie Steward.
Stephanie discussed the plans for 1425 Howertown and 408 Buttonwood were recorded with the county. Stephanie agreed that the sunshine law holds that nothing can be voted on at meeting unless it is on the agenda and posted 24 hours prior to the meeting.
Atty. Arifaj – shared the decision on the Hacker zoning appeal at 1021 5th – nothing for us to do – Supreme court reversed decision. She will monitor.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT - Peter Paone
We passed the budgets for next year. Next meeting is two weeks from now, we will plan to cancel unless something comes up.

NEW BUSINESS - No new business

APPROVAL OF BILLS

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Mike Macsisak to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. 2nd by John Yanek. No additional discussion, all in favor.

ATTEST:



Tasha Jandrisovits – Borough Secretary