

**CLEARFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2020**

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Clearfield Borough Building. Lew Duttry called the meeting to order. Lew Duttry held a moment of silence, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Lewis Duttry, Stephanie Errigo, Steve Harmic, Jim Kling, Scott Ortasic, Brande Plyler, Mason Strouse, Robbie Tubbs

ABSENT: Chief Justin Worley

OTHERS PRESENT: Solicitor Chip Bell, , Mayor Schell, Fire Chief Vincent McGinnis ,Borough Operations Manager Leslie Stott, Larry Mack Code Enforcement Officer, Secretary Betsy Houser

MEDIA: Kim Kaschalk, Gant Daily Jeff Corcino, The Progress

Lewis Duttry called for a Motion seeking approval of the minutes of the January 16, 2020 Clearfield Borough Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Jim Kling. **MOTION** Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: William Ammerman, Marven Smith, Jim Catalano, Carl Condon, Bruce Bliss, Philip Carr

Marven Smith stated about 14 -15 years ago he asked the Council to be against the landfill. He lives on S. 8th St. He didn't think he would be here, but here he is again, he didn't think they would be fighting for this again. There has been many attempts to stop this landfill. Basically asked one thing, he is proud of the commissioners, they will appealed this, it may be a one to two year to do it, and \$100,000 to \$200,000 to do this or more. He would like to ask the Borough to find a way to support the county in this endeavor. He is going to the township to ask the same way. He understands the County has a budget. If the community says if they are willing to help, Mr. Smith will go on a campaign. He will fight, and ask for the communities help. He asked the Borough to put it in next year's budget.

Jim Catalana introduced himself, he is from Boggs Township. He asked to take 250 garbage trucks off the interstate, and run the traffic to take them to the landfill. This will cause such traffic problems. Each highway through Clearfield will be effected, it will interfere with school buses, school vans, coal trucks, industrial trucks. Accidents will be hazardous, these garbage truck will include medical waste too. He asked the Borough for any help they can do.

Carl Condon, introduced himself, he is from Litz Bridge. He took different dates and time and counted cars and trucks going North and South going through at Litz Road. One day, 320 cars, 56 trucks, day two, 584 cars,29 trucks, and day three 317 cars and 46 trucks, time intervals were two hours, and different times of the day. Now imagine put 250 garbage haulers in the mix. One day, he was driving towards Clearfield Creek, he followed a coal truck, he knows he had to be going 60 mph., they go so fast through this area. he has great concern adding 250 trucks to this mix.

Bruce Bliss introduced himself. He lives in Boggs township. In fourteen years there has been six deaths on this highway. They say 250 garbage trucks, but there will be more. He also has concern of property value. And feels they should be compensated for it. He also said this will affect the air and the water. He is asking for any help from the Borough.

Phil Carr introduced himself, he wanted to point out, before back in the 80's, it was a smaller scale. The smell was terrible, you couldn't hang your clothes out, it put a brown stain on the roads, it was a liquid leaking from the garbage trucks, what was it they were inhaling, wondered what disease could be exposed. As he remembers Clearfield Creek ran orange then, but eventually people put money in it, now there is fish, ducks, geese, and eagles. It seems a shame to ruin this that people worked so hard to get back. He thanked the Council for their time.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: A copy of the Fire Department's report is on file.

POLICE: A copy of the Police Department's report is on file Chief didn't have anything to add.

STREET : Les stated there was nothing to add.

MAYOR He thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

.SOLICITOR: A copy of the Solicitor's report on file .He has been working on a cooperation agreement with the Borough and Clearly Ahead. He has taken out the maintenance. He still has a problem with the exhibits, showing sidewalk is just a sharpie drawn on a map, there are no dimension, etc. He does recommend approve it, sign it, but not to deliver it until proper exhibits attached to it. He wants specifics.
Steve Harmic asked if this was for near the UniMart area? Chip said yes it was.

BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER: A copy of the BOM's report is on file. Mr. Swales was not able to attend tonight's meeting due to a conflict. She would like him to go through the project since our council is so new. The Municipal Authority and the Borough is both faced with maybe not having a clear cut understanding with any complications to be seen as the project moves forward. The plan review has been completed. Mr. Mack confirmed. She said it is possible bids could be moving along.

ENGINEER

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: A copy of the code officer reports are on file. January was a busy month, there was a lot of work. He updated the demolition for the bank, it went down quick and clean. They are tamping the hole. It should be a month to two for construction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY:

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve a handicap parking request from Mary Sheppard at 401 West Locust Street. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Robbie Tubbs to approve the road closures with the fairgrounds on May 30 for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Jim Kling to approve the road closures and the parade request for the Clearfield County Fair on August 3, 2020. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Steve Harmic to purchase a security system for the police department through the Phone guys for \$ 4431.77 with donated funds. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Jim Kling to purchase a camera system for the police cruiser from Watch Guard \$5170.00. **MOTION** Carried. Les added with donated funds.

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Mason Strouse to set the rate at \$25.00 for the police department to perform a service of finger printing. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Stephanie Errigo and seconded by Scott Ortasic to set the rate at \$25.00 for the police department to provide an incident report as legally permitted. **MOTION** Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Jim Kling to support the Clearfield County Appeal regarding the Boggs Township Landfill. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Stephanie Errigo to approve payment of \$7,476.41 to Clearfield County for CDBG Administration expenses for July 1,2019 through December 31, 2019. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Robbie Tubbs to approve the Parking and Sidewalk Agreement with Clearly Ahead Development regarding the riverfront development.. **MOTION** Carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve Officer Greene, Officer Kahley and Officer Reed as permanent part time officers since they have fulfilled their probation. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Steve Harmic to send 3 officers to Search and Seizure training in St. Marys on 3/19/2020 at a cost of \$125 per officer. **MOTION** Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve the bill list for payment. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Scott Ortasick to approve the Borough Manager to apply for a USDA grant to help fund the purchase of new radios for the police department. Public input is sought.. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve to accept sealed bids for replacement of the police roof and fire department, lower roof.. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Scott Ortasick to approve a resolution for disposition of records. **MOTION** Carried.

Brief executive session for legal matters

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 7:09 pm

Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant