

**CLEARFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 2014**

Clearfield Borough Council met on Thursday, June 19, 2014, at 7:00 PM in Council chambers at the Clearfield Borough Building for the meeting. President Wade Cowder called the meeting to order. President Wade Cowder held a moment of silence, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Bozovich, Wade Cowder, Lewis Duttry, Dave Gallaher, Jim Kling, Rick Stewart, Tim Winters, Brian Lytle

OTHER PRESENT: Solicitor Chip Bell, Police Chief Vincent McGinnis, Fire Chief Todd Kling, Code Officer Larry Mack

Borough Secretary Betsy Houser, Borough Operations Manager Leslie Stott.

ABSENT: Mayor Jim Schell, Larry Mack, Fred Long

MEDIA: Kim Finnigan, Dubois Courier, Jeff Corcino, the Progress, Theresa Dunlap, Gant Daily

President Cowder called for a motion seeking approval of the minutes of the Borough Council Meeting held on May 15, 2014. **MOTION** was made by Tim Winters and seconded by Jim Kling. **MOTION** Carried.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: Deb Gray

Deb Gray, President of the Volunteer Fire Dept, asked about the problem with the parking at the fire station. The problem has not been fixed nor will it go away. People park on the apron, cars are parking right in front of the door of the church, they were asked to move their vehicles. But, if there are cars blocking and the people cannot be found to move there will be problems. They do not want to explain to people of a tragedy that they cannot make it to a fire because the fire trucks are blocked in or if the fireman cannot find places to park themselves. This is not an easy problem, but strongly suggests the parking meters be taken out so they have parking for the day. The CNB Bank has given them permission to use their parking lot in the evenings. She asked for the Council's help to take care of it. Leslie Stott said she and Mr. Bell will work on the wording and have Tim Winters prepare signs, and removing the parking meter heads, the church has notified their clubs of meetings of parking. It was suggested to have violators towed or ticketed. Also repainting the lines on the parking lot needs done. There are currently no markings painted on the church side. Something needs done, perhaps signs, and repainting. The police will be called as well. Jim Kling suggested a new survey be done; he said there is some parking being done on the church property, so it would be their property to park on. Leslie Stott agreed and asked council for permission. Jim Kling added there are old agreements but not sure where they are no, and they need to be relocated. Leslie asked Deb Gray if her father would have this agreement, and she said he very well may, Leslie could call him. Leslie still believes that a new survey needs done. Tim Winters asked Chip Bell to make this priority; he would like this done next week. No motion was needed. Chip Bell will proceed to work on this, adding it is a two phase 1. Meters 2. Lines

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Todd Kling stated one piece apparatus is out of service, the boat, the motor needs replaced. They will need to buy a new motor and continue to serve the community with water rescue. Reminded the community to put street address on the fronts of the houses. If you live on a corner you can put two up. He asked the community not to park in front of fire hydrants. He has had some complaints of people burning outside; there is an ordinance that prohibits burning. If the community has questions they are to call Larry Mack on the ordinance.

Jim Kling stated there is an ordinance that states you will have your street number on your house even stating the size of no less than 3 inches, and not on obstructed places, people will reside, paint, change their decors of their homes and never replace the numbers. This should be a priority for people to do this. He has asked Mr. Mack to follow through with this. He wants to know what kind of response he has been getting on letters that have been sent out to the people without their house numbers has been.

Jim Kling also stated there is a permissible item under the international fire code that does allow a recreational fire, but there is a permit that is to be filled out with stipulations. It must be used for cooking, be of certain size, and you cannot burn however tires, copper, garbage.

Les Stott added that the boat motor will be a replacement boat motor purchased by the fire dept. She wanted to know how the council felt on the purchase of this. Tim Winters asked if there was any way to have it be refunded by disaster funding, and Les said she inquired and no it would not. The purchase price will be around \$6500. Les Stott is asking council for money to help the fire dept to pay for this. Tim Winters asked if even something can be shuffled to help the fire dept., they fire dept serves Clearfield as well as surrounding areas. Leslie suggested the boat motor be paid ½ by the Borough, **MOTION** was made by Jim Kling that we pay 50% of the cost of the motor and

have it installed, Tim Winters seconded. Todd Kling added the fire co. will certainly pay the other half. **Motion** carried.

Dave Gallaher asked if the boat was being used in Ridgeway. Did Ridgeway make any efforts to pay anything towards the motor? Tim Winters said Ridgeway is suffering and struggling very bad after this disaster.

Also added this motor has been used a lot prior to Ridgeway.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Vincent McGinnis provided a report.

ENGINEER:

Todd Banks opened bids for CDBG/Daisy Street and read them. Glen O.Hawbaker from State College, \$ 89,020.00. Second bid was Jefferson Paving Corp. amt of \$55,510.80. Third bid is from New Enterprise of \$66,233.00.

Leslie Stott suggested that a motion needed on Jefferson Paving Corp., in the amount of \$55,510.80 for the 2014 CDBG with engineering approval, Tim Winters made the **MOTION** and Rick Stewart seconded. **MOTION** carried.

Todd Banks updated the Phase II project, Third Street, saying it will be advertised this Tuesday, and bids will be opened in July 17, 2014 council meeting.

Third item brought up was that he and Leslie went up to Daisy Street, to see the cover of Stinky Run fell in. He believes the cover is not thick enough. He thinks the run needs closed on daisy Street and then something will be need done to the Fox's parking lot. In a short time a sketch can be made, the crew can do the work, Tim Winters inquired if there is enough wall structure there, Todd Banks said won't know at this point, but believes there is. Jim Kling asked if there would be a problem with the water flow creating a dam, he would like to see two options, knock the wall down and heavier lid, or something will needed to be done to collect the water. There are a lot of details Todd Bank said needs to be addressed. Jim Kling asked about the funding, and Leslie Stott is attempting to get emergency funding from DEP. She has been successful two other times getting funding and hopes this time as well. Todd Banks suggested to keep expenses tracked and there would be chance to be later reimbursed we will have the amounts.

The last item brought a very old Penn Vest loan in the Boroughs name that still has \$16,000.00. They have been trying to free up the money on this. He stated Wade Cowder the President and Leslie Stott are approved signatures for this loan. Jim Kling made the motion to approve signature authorization form for Pennvest Loan #27740 to receive back the balance of \$16,000.00 plus or minus. Tim Winters seconded. **MOTION** carried.

MAYOR: Absent.

SOLICITOR:

Chip Bell gave his report. Mr. Bell asked to look at the bottom note on his report regarding long standing Bumbarger v. Clearfield Borough. The Bumbarger issue is resolved.

Tim Winters inquired on the review of proposed revision to Lawrence Township/Clearfield Borough Easement Agreement in regard to Lawrence Township Mill Road Project, Mr. Bell explained there is a little section right as you come around Mill road the curve off to the left going into the driving park there is a little fence and alley way there, it stretches back under the fence 10 to 12'. He said everything will be returned to original condition. There are no bushes or shrubby there. His one objection the driveway easement said that the township could sign the easement could sign without our permission, he changed it to have our written permission. No resolution needed. No motion needed. It will be given to Leslie Stott as normal business. Mr. Bell redrafted a new resolution approving the intermunicipal transfer of the Liquor License for Bucks Pizza. It is exactly the same as the previous one already passed the only difference is the license number on it. Jim Kling made the **MOTION** on the resolution and Lewis Duttry seconded. **MOTION** carried. Jim Kling asked Mr. Bell regarding Bumbarger case if it is resolved. Mr. Bell said it ruled in our favor in front of District Justice Ireland, the issue is resolved, the appeal period has expired.

BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER:

Leslie Stott stated that maintenance has been done on Duke Street and some will be done on Finch Ave. Some patching.

She has been up with the engineer and the street crew, and CMA, they have marked off what needed repaired. They have met with a second contractor; they will be performing the necessary repairs on Daisy Street. Jim Kling inquired what was found on Clearfield Street. She said it is blocked off now and did not find any under mining. Clearfield and around West 5th Street.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY:

MOTION: was made by Tim Winters to approve road closures and traffic control on Sept. 13 for the Trinity Church Run pending Penn DOT approval. Brian Lytle seconded. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION: was made by Tim Winters to approve road closures and traffic control on August 16, 2014 for the Clearfield YMCA pending Penn DOT approval. Dave Gallaher seconded. **MOTION** carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

MOTION: was made by Tim Winters to approve New Enterprise for the Liquid Fuel Paving project bid for \$86,669.16. Rick Stewart seconded. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION: was made by Dave Gallaher to approve Jefferson Paving to perform the tar and chipping project for \$12,772.75. Tim Winters seconded. **MOTION** carried.

Tim Winters has been in contact with the Clearfield County Conservation District, under the new transportation bill there is a new funding program, for low volume traveled roads, there will be a training offer in Oct in Treasure Lake, and Les Stott said they are already scheduled. This could be beneficial in long term. The two that are going are going to be Fred Long and one other street crew employee.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MOTION: was made by Lewis Duttry to approve the Grandview Terrace One Lerta application for 3055 Park Place for a one time, 10 year approval beginning this year. Dave Gallaher seconded. **MOTION** carried.

Jim Kling presented a copy of State College liquor license to Mr. Bell and asked him to review it, make any changes that are needed to and to give it back to the Planning Commission for the July meeting.

Jim Kling also asked regarding the copy of Mr. Mack's May 2014 report, he has been reviewing these reports, and noticed there are no citations being issued. Is this an error or no citations? Leslie Stott will address this with him.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

MOTION: was made by Jim Kling to accept the resignation of part time patrol officer Paul Butler as of July 1, 2014. Heather Bozovich seconded. **MOTION** carried.

Vincent McGinnis introduced Sergio Caltagarone and Mitchell Klender.

MOTION: was made by Tim Winters to hire Sergio Caltagarone as a part-time patrol officer Heather Bozovich seconded. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION: was made by Tim winters to hire Mitchell Klender as a part-time patrol officer. Dave Gallaher seconded. **MOTION** carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MOTION: was made by Lewis Duttry to approve bill list for payment. Jim Kling seconded. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION: was made by Brian Lytle to approve the resolution for disposition of records. Dave Gallaher seconded. **MOTION** carried.

Leslie Stott also added made note of copies added to your packet, an email regarding Municipal pensions for the PSAB, and from Visit Clearfield County PA backwoods invite to the Clearfield County Fair Grounds Expo I building, and a memo from Stiffler McGraw announcing the 2014 Gold Outing and dinner on august 8,2014.

Tim Winters announced there are “Gypsy Pavers” in town, they are unscrupulous contractors, and do want any one being taking advantage of. If you want an example take a look at the Choice at the Point, it is a very bad job done by a crew from Greenville, NC.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm

Submitted by:

Betsy Houser

Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant