

**CLEARFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
December 18, 2014**

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Clearfield Borough Building. 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:** Wade Cowder, Lewis Duttry, Dave Gallaher, Jim Kling, Brian Lytle, Rick Stewart, Tim Winters

**ABSENT:** Heather Bozovich

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fire Chief Todd Kling, Borough Operations Manager Leslie Stott, Police Chief McGinnis, Solicitor Chip Bell, Borough Secretary Betsy Houser, Mayor Jim Schell, Larry Mack

**MEDIA:** Theresa Dunlop, Gant Daily; Kim Finnigan, Dubois Courier; Jeff Corsino, The Progress

President Cowder called for a Motion seeking approval of the minutes of the Borough Council Meeting held on November 20, 2014. **MOTION** was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Tim Winters. **MOTION** Carried.

**PUBLIC AUDIENCE:** Tim Potts approached the podium to speak of the Clearfield Mahoning Rail Road and the coal business. He talked of the railroad transportation, routes, and today's coal business. He spoke of an expansion of the North Central Rail process and if the Borough of Clearfield would be supportive. Leslie Stott also brought up to Tim Potts the repair needed on Nichols Street. He is aware of the problem and hopes this summer it is to be fixed. Also, she brought up another Excursion. Tim Potts explained the last one just worked because everything was in lightened. Today with the cost of insurance and a rental of cars last was a private car association that was having a conference in Baltimore. They had mostly covered the expense. He will look into things, but made no promise.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** a copy of the Fire Department is on file. The aerial truck passed inspection, the inspector made a comment how perfect the fire truck is being perfectly maintained. Chief Todd Kling wants council to be aware of the good people at the fire department. Todd Kling also stated the pressure relief valve is corroded very badly and it is 8 years old. He asked and hated to ask council to be able to purchase a new one.

**MOTION** was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Tim Winters to purchase a new Intake Valve for on the engine for \$1,300.00 at the Fire Store. **MOTION** carried.

**POLICE:** A copy of the Police Department's report is on file.

**STREET DEPARTMENT:** A copy of the Street Department's report is on file. Todd Banks said the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street job is done, complete. There are fuses blowing on the Christmas lights but the goal is to have them on Dec. 24, 2014.

**MOTION** was made by Tim Winters and seconded by Jim Kling to pay Horizon \$76,008.29 for Payment #3.

Todd also said the large street scape is out for bid. PENNDOT will open bids on Jan. 8, 2015.

**CODE DEPARTMENT:** A copy of the Code Department is on file.

**MAYOR:** A copy of the Mayors Report is on file. He wanted to publicly thank everyone for their cooperation for the Christmas Party at the YMCA.

**SOLICITOR:** A copy of the Solicitor's report is on file. Provided a copy of the Ordinance for the Liquor License. He asked for everyone to take it home and review it. It will be advertised for passage for the next meeting.

**BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER:** Leslie Stott stated that the street crew finished the fall clean up, and the Christmas lights up they cleaned up the shop areas.

She believes we will see some movement on the Riverfront Development. Rob Swales contacted her and told her demolitions will start soon.

Regarding the Shade Tree. They have started to trim trees on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. They had concern of one tree, with the grease fan on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. It is not directly in front of the grease fan, the tree well is there, the tree can be planted and see in time. That is her recommendation. She also said Santa Clause is in the house, he and Mrs. Clause will be here until Dec. 23.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** A copy of the Code Officer's report is on file

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**MOTION** was made by Tim Winters and seconded by Dave Gallaher to approve to send Officer Dan Podliski to Force Instructor Certification Training on Jan 12-16, 2015 in Pittsburgh. The cost of the training is \$750 plus expenses. This is a budgeted item. **MOTION** Carried.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

**MOTION** was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Tim Winters to advertise for gas and diesel bids. **MOTION** carried.

Just a note:

There will be no Christmas tree pick up. Trees can be taken to the compost site for disposal.

**MOTION** was made by Tim Winters and seconded by Dave Gallaher to approve the Stiffler McGraw engineering agreement for 2015. **MOTION** carried.

### **PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Dave Gallaher and seconded by Brian Lytle to set the meeting times for next year the same time. **MOTION** carried.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

**MOTION** was made by Tim Winters and seconded by Dave Gallaher to advertise for opening on all Borough boards and committees. **MOTION** carried. Tim Winters encouraged all Borough residents to participate.

### **FINANCE:**

**MOTION** was made by Dave Gallaher and seconded by Jim Kling to approve bill list for payment. **MOTION** carried. Councilman Tim Winters abstained from the payment vote because his company had an invoice on the list.

**MOTION** was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Lewis Duttry to adopt the 2015 general fund and liquid fuels budget which was appropriated advertised. **MOTION** carried.

New Business:

**MOTION** was made by Tim Winters and seconded by Dave Gallaher to offer a resolution that the Clearfield Borough supports the North Central Region Planning Commission Rail Expansion project, and offer support as a council, in Clearfield County. **MOTION** carried.

\*\*Council adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Submitted By:

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