

**CLEARFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2014**

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 16, 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: Heather Bozovich, Wade Cowder, Lewis Duttry, Dave Gallaher, Brian Lytle, Tim Winters, Rick Stewart, Jim Kling

ABSENT: Larry Mack

OTHERS PRESENT: Borough Operations Manager Leslie Stott, Chief Vincent McGinnis, Solicitor Chip Bell, Fire Chief Todd Kling, Borough Secretary Betsy Houser

MEDIA: Jessica Shirey, Gant Daily; Jeff Corcino, the Progress, Kim Finnigan, the Courier

President Cowder called for a Motion seeking approval of the minutes of the Borough Council Meeting held on September 18, 2014. Correction made by Heather Bozovich under PUBLIC WORKS The first Motion was made by only Tim Winters. **MOTION** was made by Heather Bozovich and seconded by Tim Winters. **MOTION** Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: Loretta Wagner from CRC, thanked the Council members for all the help for the Fall Festival event over the weekend. Fred Weaver voiced his opposition opinion to the commercial development of the CCEDC regarding the riverfront development project. He stated there are plenty of vacant commercial properties available standing empty now, and if established business in town were to move into the new development there will only be more empty buildings standing. He mentioned homes were being torn down that housed people that may find it difficult to find new places to live because of their most likely low income. He believes the Borough was making "special exceptions" or spot zoning to adjust parking requirements and traffic patterns. Then stated spot zoning is against the law. He also feels to have a new facility for special events receptions and reunions to be built; it will cause additional competition for the Florian Banquet Center, Knights of Columbus, Moenas, and various fraternal organizations. His feelings are that this is a stupid, illegal and unfair plan, one to just line the pockets of the CCEDC for managing it, a wasteful destruction of houses and buildings, including century old maple trees, replacing them with crabapples. He stated the Borough Council should move to stop the commercial development. Dale Lydic from the United Mine Workers of America asked Borough Council to sign and approve a State and Local Government Resolution regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Clean Power Plan. Resolution No. 12-2014.

Also attending public audience was Deb Gray and Joe Marino.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT: A copy of the Fire Department's report is on file. Todd Kling stated the fire house has been doing a general clean up. Todd also state that the Fire Dept. is applying for a state grant for up to \$15,000.00. They would like it to go towards 1200' Fire hose, and various tools and equipment for hi-rise buildings in town. Also stated Justin Worley resigned. George Proud is Deputy Chief, John Williams is Assistant Chief. He also asked Tim Winters for help with the Santa run coming in December.

POLICE: A copy of the Police Dept. on file.

MAYOR: A copy of the Mayor's report on file. The Mayor thanked everyone for their help in the Fall Festival. He also reminded the public, Halloween will soon be here, and to watch the children that will be out.

SOLICITOR: A copy of the Solicitor's report is on file. **MOTION** was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Tim Winters to have Solicitor Chip Bell be authorized to make language changes to the Clearfield Borough Civil Service Regulations from the Clearfield Borough Civil Service Commission. **MOTION** carried.

BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER: A copy of the BOM report is on file. Stated she had received a letter from a resident that lives on Pennsylvania Ave. regarding the acid mine drainage there and the road condition. Leslie stated that for next season it should be looked for rebuilt of the road. She also explained Resolution 10-2014 that it was basically a resolution merely to do the study on merging the Township and the Borough and will be a long process and funded fully by DCED.

MOTION was made by Tim Winters and seconded by Dave Gallaher for a grant to have a consultant to do a study for the merging of Lawrence Township and the Clearfield Borough into one municipal government. **MOTION** Carried. Jim Kling voted opposed. All others in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Absent.

ENGINEER: Todd Banks had four things to talk about. First, Third Street, the sidewalk and curb is 50% complete. There is Change Order #1 of \$2,100.00 as a lump sum to back fill and closing of coal shoots and some drainage repairs at St. Charles. **MOTION** was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Tim Winters to add \$2100 to Horizon's bill for Change Order #1. **MOTION** carried. Secondly, Todd Banks stated the pay estimate for Third Street for two weeks of work was \$39,694.19 and added the work was certified by him. **MOTION** was made by Tim Winters and seconded by Dave Gallaher to pay the invoice for the two weeks of work for \$39,694.19.

MOTION carried.

Thirdly, Todd Banks stated that the GP11 Repair was submitted, and the paving is was complete on October 3, 2014 on Daisy Street. Last, there were discrepancies in the Daisy Street Project with utility box grade adjustments and three man holes needed raised, there for he advised to hold 10% back from payment on the invoice until complete.

MOTION was made by Tim Winters and seconded by Jim Kling to hold 10% back of the \$62,628.32 and pay \$56,365.49 to Jefferson Paving... **MOTION** carried.

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PUBLIC SAFETY:

MOTION was made by Dave Gallaher and seconded by Tim Winters to approve road closures for 10/28 for the annual Kiwanas Halloween Parade to be held at the fairgrounds starting at 7 pm. **MOTION** carried.

Remind residents Trick-or-treat on Thursday, October 30, 2014 from 7:00 to 8:00. Folks wanting to be visited should leave their lights on.

MOTION was made by Dave Gallaher and seconded by Tim Winters to have Penelec review request for installation of a street light around 595 East Eighth Street. If there is a pole that can be used, advise Penelec to install the light and bill the Borough for the usage. **MOTION** carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

MOTION was made by Lewis Duttry and seconded by Heather Bozovich to have Satterlee and Sons supply heating fuel at a fixed price of \$3.085. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION was made by Heather Bozovich and seconded by Dave Gallaher to contract Advanced Disposal for the trash removal services at a monthly fee of \$425.51 which is the same price as last contract. **MOTION** Carried.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Lewis Duttry to have solicitor prepare the ordinance to make Water St. from Market to Locust one way and Locust Street from Water to Front Street one way. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Brian Lytle to have a solicitor prepare the necessary documents to deed over the right of way along Water Street to the CCEDC. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Lewis Duttry to review the enlarge area by the Planning Committee, the Zoning & Code Officer, and the Planning Commission. **MOTION** carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

MOTION was made by Dave Gallaher and seconded by Lewis Duttry to approve to advertise for part time police officers. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION was made by Brian Lytle and seconded by Heather Bozovich to approve Resolution 11-2014 relative to the establishment and maintenance of employee's pension, annuity, insurance and benefit fund or fund, to amend certain provisions of the pension plan or program applicable to the police employees of the borough. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION was made by Brian Lytle and seconded by Heather Bozovich to approve the 3 year bargaining agreement with the Teamsters Union for the police labor contract. **MOTION** carried.

MOTION was made by Dave Gallaher and seconded by Lewis Duttry to approve the 4 year bargaining agreement with AFSCME Union for the street department labor contract. **MOTION** carried. Jim Kling abstained relationship to an employee on the street crew.

FINANCE:

MOTION was made by Lewis Duttry and seconded by Heather Bozovich to approve the October bill list for payment. **MOTION** Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS Jim Kling said the request from the resident on PA Ave. was very similar to West Side request. Their request of resurfacing needs to be looked at. An estimate on costs is needed, and Leslie as the to have it reviewed.

**Council adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted By:

Betsy Houser
Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant