

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

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 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:** Stephanie Errigo, Steve Harmic, Mason Strouse, Lew Duttry, Scott Ortasic  
**ABSENT:** Jim Kling, Brande Plyler, Robbie Tubbs, Chief Vincent McGinnis, Fire Chief Justin Worley, Borough Secretary Betsy Houser

**OTHERS PRESENT:**, Chief Vincent McGinnis, Solicitor Chip Bell, Borough Operations Manager Leslie Stott, Code Officer Larry Mack, Mayor Schell

**MEDIA:** Wendy Brion, Gant Daily and Jeff Corcino, The Progress

Lew Duttry called for a Motion seeking approval of the minutes of the July 16, 2020 Clearfield Borough Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Stephanie Errigo. **MOTION** Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC AUDIENCE:** Timothy Durant, Charles Terry Ricotta

Tim Durant spoke of his July 29th letter and pictures he sent regarding a street that was closed by a resident. Terry Ricotta and neighbors are willing to purchase this property. Apparently the property has maintained it by residents other than one individual. The issue is the street was blocked with shale. He is asking the Borough to address this issue. Terry is will to purchase all or some of it. Les addressed it: that the neighbor that dumped the shale thought he owned the property, but he does not. She said Mr. Mack needs to address it. She has shared with council it is an extension of rails of trails. Chip Bell thanked Tim Durant for his letter. Chip Bell said there are two areas, this was discussed at committee meeting, there is Third Street right a way, and the rail road right away. The rail road right away has fallen off. He thinks the Third Street there, he believes it is to be retained. It will be addressed appropriately with the one who dumped the shale. He thinks there is a water line there as well, it is being checked with CMA. He does not believe there is any part for sale to anyone, he also checked for deeds and maps, it has never been sold. Chip said options can be discussed. Larry Mack said there are legal information showing that the person indicating he owns it, does he not own it? Chip answer nothing he can find. Larry said he can send that individual a letter with that information asking him to remove the shale. Tim also said it is a criminal offense to block a street. Chip said it is used. Chip said we will would go with the civil route. Tim Durant asked if he can be put in the loop with any correspondence.

**REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

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

**STREET:**

**MAYOR:** Chief had a previous engagement. The Mayor reminded with school starting he wanted to encourage the citizens to take mind of the school buses and the school vans, and obey the rules.

**SOLICITOR:** A copy of the Solicitor's report is on file. He will answer any questions.

**BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER:** A copy of the Borough Operations Manager report is on file. She will answer any questions on that report.

**ENGINEER**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** A copy of the code officer reports are on file.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Scott Ortasic to approve to pay Fire Line Equipment for inspection and evaluation of the Ariel Truck \$2658.10. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Stephanie Errigo to approve road closures around the fairgrounds for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event on August 29 pending they follow safety guidelines. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve the sale of the 1985 Rescue Truck to the YMCA of Center County. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Scott Ortasic to approve the purchase of bullet proof vests in the amount of \$3676.00. Half of this amount will be reimbursed by a grant. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Lew Duttry to approve a handicap parking sign to be placed across from 110 Turnpike Avenue on NW 3rd. **MOTION** Carried.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

**OPEN** heating fuel bids

**MOTION** was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve American Natural Supply to supply heating fuel at a fixed rate of \$1.6150. **MOTION** Carried.

**OPEN** trash removal service bids

**MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Stephanie Errigo to approve Advanced Disposal for trash removal services at a monthly rate of \$644.25. **MOTION** Carried.

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

**Review** letter from Timothy Durant regarding property known as the railroad bed off of South Third Street.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve the site plan for renovation of the Sheetz on Nichols and West Front Street. **MOTION** Carried.

Les remarked that today was the pre job conference for the Front Street job, the construction company, Palo will be using the parking lot at Dingers for a lay down site, for equipment. With that said, please use caution using that intersection. Les also said that Front Street's job time line is approximately one year long. The Sheets project will last approximately four to six months. Larry Mack said Sheetz is using the same shell. They will be modernizing everything inside ,new pumps, new tanks, they removed the seating outside to create the beer cave and parking. The store will be shut down completely. No word on a trailer at this point. Les also said a lot of parents us this parking lot for custody exchange of children due to the cameras.

**MOTION** was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve the site plan for the renovation of the front entrance and emergency room entrance of Penn Highlands Clearfield Hospital. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Scott Ortasic to authorize the Borough Manager to gather information for Council to review the status and options for the former Third Ward Fire Hall. **MOTION** Carried.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Mason Strouse to reappoint Richard Hummel to the Clearfield Borough Planning Commission. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve to allow the Clearfield Borough Police Department logo to be placed on Banners to Support our Local Police. There is no cost to the Borough.

**MOTION** Carried.

Les remarked that Russell Keen of Dubois has done this project in Dubois. He spent \$1000 of his own money to put these signs in Dubois. He would like to do this for Clearfield. He wants to have a logo for the State Police, the Borough, the Township, possible Curwensville, and the Sherriff Dept. He would like to see if something like this would gain memento to move into other areas of PA. Les and Vinnie has seen the banner. Past council member Tim Winters had made signs in the past, and they were defaced and placed at the grand stand in the Driving Park. The **MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Scott Ortasic for the motion to be tabled for next month.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Scott Ortasic to approve the bill list for payment.

**MOTION** Carried.

Les added on July 25, the Fire Dept is having a chicken barbeque.  
Corner concert tomorrow.

Brief Executive Session called.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 6:35 pm

Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant