

**CLEARFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2021**

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 18, 2021, 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 Tarbay, Jim Kling, Brande Plyler, Mason Strouse, Scott Ortasic Steve Harmic, Robbie Tubbs,

ABSENT: Fire Chief Justin Worley, Todd Kling, Borough Secretary Betsy Houser

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

MEDIA: Dustin Parks, Gant Media

Lew Duttry called for a Motion seeking approval of the minutes of the January 21, 2021 Clearfield Borough Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Steve Harmic. **MOTION** Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: None

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: A copy of the Fire Department's report is on file. Les said Justin had stopped in. The fire Dept. has had a rough week. He wanted to bring up the USDA Farmers to Family Food Box, on Feb. 23 at the fairgrounds at 4:00. Traffic will come in at the stone gate. We will do two lanes. The traffic pattern will be this, so it is not congested due to a Covid 19 Vaccine that Penn Highlands is having at the Expo building. The food box will be one heavy box. And anybody that can come and help would be appreciated.

POLICE: A copy of the Police Department's report is on file. Chief McGinnis stated the mileage is high on the police dept cars. He is hoping something can be done soon about them. Nate said two has over 117,000 miles. The chief said the cars are starting to cost a lot of money. Nate said the truck was purchased for a DUI program, when it moved station to station hauling the trailer, it was also used for the range. The truck does not have the high mileage, but it doesn't hold the equipment as the other vehicles. It is used for emergency purposes. Perhaps it could be used for a good down payment on another patrol car. Les said the value of the truck was given to the Mayor and Chief. She would like to hold off until April. But, if one could be put on order if we decide to go that route. She believes we could start to spec a new one now. We could sell the truck out right or trading one of the cars in. Money was budgeted with a value of the truck for about twenty. It is in good shape. Nate said the reports do give mileage on the cars monthly. Steve Harmic reviewed monies spent on repairs from last year, and also already this year. He thinks it makes sense to look at a new vehicle. To order one now the chief said it will take near the year to get it ready. Council agreed for the chief to start specking out a new vehicle.

STREET: Les said they are doing a lot of snow plowing. Stephanie asked if they shovel around the parking meters. Les said they do as they unload town. She is hoping this snow melts this time. It is extremely expensive to unload town, and we have done it two times already.

MAYOR: The Mayor stated that he agrees with the conversation on the Police car. He also wanted to thank the fire department for their good job, they had a tough night with the fire and the very cold weather. Also thanked the area businesses for the food and drinks provided to the firefighters.

SOLICITOR: A copy of the solicitor report is on file. He will answer any questions on it.

BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER Report on file. Asked for an executive session after the meeting.

ENGINEER

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: A copy of the code officer reports are on file. Mr. Mack had nothing else to add.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY:

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve to place a handicap parking spot on the 400 block of East 10th Street. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Brandi Plyler to close the streets along the grove at the Fairgrounds for the annual Relay for Life Event on June 5 . **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Stephanie Errigo to send Sergeant Podliski to Less Lethal Instructor course on April 20-22 for a fee of \$595 plus room and board. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Stephanie Errigo and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve to host SWAT Training in August 2021. **MOTION** Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve to purchase a Graco Line Lazer paint machine with Bead dispenser from Sherwin Williams for \$9198.60 from our Liquid Fuels Fund. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and second by Mason Strouse to approve to have TD Fabrication fix the 20 broken banner brackets for \$1278.00. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Brandi Plyler and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve payment to Cleveland Brothers for an emergency repair on the cylinder to the Grader for \$1509.85. **MOTION** Carried.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

NOTE: We will be advertising bids for demolition of the property on Clearfield Street and the property on S 4th.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MOTION was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Robbie Tubbs to advertise openings on all boards and committees for the Clearfield Borough . **MOTION** Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve the bill list for payment . **MOTION** Carried.

Power Outage

Penelec has a power outage scheduled for Front Street from Market Street to the point at south Second Street for 2/25-2/26 from 9:00-2:00. the administration office will be closed if the outage takes place.

Les said this is been scheduled already once or twice. The weather looks good so I think this will happen. This is to replace the poles. Council agreed to close the admin office due to power outage. The PD will have their generator running.

Food Distribution

the Food Distribution is still scheduled for Tuesday 2/23 at 4:00.

Nate asked if some of the snow plowing in parking lots could be plowed away from corners, some snow piles are hindering the vision for traffic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

Executive Session

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 6:30 pm

Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant