

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

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 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, Robbie Tubbs,

ABSENT: Fire Chief Justin Worley, Steve Harmic, Todd Kling, Scott Ortasic Code Officer Larry Mack, Borough Secretary Betsy Houser

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

MEDIA: Wendy Brion, Gant Media Jeff Corcino, The Progress

Lew Duttry called for a Motion seeking approval of the minutes of the February 18, 2021 Clearfield Borough Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Stephanie Errigo and seconded by Brande Plyler. **MOTION** Carried.

Lisa Kovalick /CDBG

Lisa stated in review there will be additional funding for the Orr's Run Project, and originally we had planned in 2020 for Clearfield Street project, we are going to bulk that up to 2017 because we will lose that money and this is a force account, this means it is your staff doing the labor, some of that can be reimbursed, that is a good thing. In doing so, we are going to be removing 2017 and 2018 Stinky Run to Orr's Run. 2019 is already Orr's Run. And 2020 which would have been for Clearfield Street is Orr's Run. This will give you \$270,000 CDBG money. There was a problem with the property on the corner of Tyler and Martin Street. Les mentioned this before. So with this funding, the property will be appraised, the demolition then will be paid with CDBG, and Lisa asks tonight from the council a motion to make these changes. There was a public meeting Monday morning this week.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Robbie Tubbs to make modifications regarding CDBG monies 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020. **MOTION** Carried.

Lisa said next will be the 2016 monies for the corner property Leavy and South 4th and the property on Clearfield Street. We advertised for demolition for the buildings.

Open Bids:

Horizon Homes Construction from Reynoldsville, PA for \$31,750.00 for both buildings

Siegel Excavating from Edinburg, PA for \$38,000.00 for both buildings.

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Mason Strouse to accept bid of Horizon Homes upon a review of 2016 monies.

Jim Kling remarked if there are any new construction on either properties, if so, they must mark the sanitary line.

Lisa said that is noted on the Clearfield Street, and she spoke with the Habitat Humanity director, they are undecided, but will know by May. Les said they will make sure that is done. **MOTION** Carried

Lisa said on April 12 she will be coming to the Planning Commission meeting, as the Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority, this gives her office the designated redevelopment areas of boroughs and townships and develop a plan for their review and move forward, rather its grant, development, cultivated developers, she wanted Council to know she will be at that meeting.

Les stated the old Clearfield Hardware has been a problem for many years. There was brown field money through Clearly Ahead, but it has dropped by the wayside. Lisa said she has spoke to Clearly Ahead, to regards of the Clearfield Hardware, they are willing to work with her to get those funds to take it down. Les said it is a beautiful residential area, and perhaps homes or condos could be added.

Lisa Thanked Council for her time.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: None

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: A copy of the Fire Department's report is on file. The Deputy Chief had nothing to add.

POLICE: A copy of the Police Department's report is on file. The Chief said there is Aggressive Driving and DUI Grant in effect. He wanted to have you watch slow down, pay attention to school buses, stop signs, seat belts, and violations. This period and all the time.

STREET

MAYOR He has nothing to add.

SOLICITOR: A copy of the solicitor report is on file. He will answer any questions on it. Last year we approved in theory the transfer of the sanitary sewer system from the Borough to Clearfield Municipal Authority. John Ryan, himself, the CMA manager has formed an agreement to carry this out, he has brought this agreement tonight as well as a resolution for your consideration, this formally takes action that will allow the transfer of the Sanitary Sewer system, its assets, its loans, its liabilities and funding to the CMA. If you find it appropriate he asks to have it passed. The second thing is the agreement is prepared for signatures. The third is an Ordinance is required. He will prepare a Ordinance for next month's meeting. This will include transfer of all easements, right of ways, Pennvest funding, debt and liabilities a complete transfer of the sanitary sewer system to the CMA. He will open discussion with the resolution. It will need a motion to pass resolution. Lew Duttry asked about Lawrence Township, Chip said they have approved by resolution.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Robbie Tubbs to approve the resolution to transfer sanitary sewer system to CMA. Remark was made by Jim Kling, when the sewer project was done, the protection was offered to the home owners from the connection to the homes, is that still existing? Chip said yes. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve the signing of the agreement to transfer the sanitary sewer system to CMA. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Brandi Plyler to prepare the Ordinance to transfer the sanitary sewer system to CMA. **MOTION** Carried.

BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER Report on file. Les stated the Governor has released some restrictions, so Loretta has filed paperwork for the street closures for the upcoming festivals. The state will do some legal reviews. Also, there were some folks that came in for boards, you will see them under personal.

ENGINEER

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY:

MOTION was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to approve to close Locust Street from Front Street to Water Street on June 6 for Family Fun Day. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Brandi Plyler and seconded by Robbie Tubbs to close Market from Second to Temple, Third Street from Market to Church and Locust from Second to Temple on June 26 for the Bloom and Berry Bash. Remark, Jim Kling asked if proper permits have been required, and Les said yes. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Stephanie Tarbay and seconded by Jim Kling to approve to close Market from Second to Temple, Third Street from Market to Church and Locust from Second to Temple on October 9 for the Fall Festival. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Brandi Plyler and seconded by Robbie Tubbs to approve traffic restrictions for the Pumpkin Run on October 9. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Brandi Plyler to approve road closures within the Fairgrounds on October 26 for the Annual Halloween Parade. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to approve to close Cherry Street from Front Street to Second Street on Tuesday, July 27 for National Night Out. **MOTION** Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

MOTION was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Brandi Plyler to purchase a Toro commercial mower from Shugarts Lawn and Garden for \$5,601.00. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and second by Jim Kling to approve Spring Clean-up with the West Side the week of 3/29 and the East Side the week of 4/5. **MOTION** Carried.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to approve the planning commission to review and modify the parking regulations for residential areas. **MOTION** Carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MOTION was made by Brandi Plyler and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve the resignation of Heather Bozovich from the Police Civil Service Commission. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Brandi Plyler to appoint Eric White to the Police Civil Service Commission. Remark, Jim Kling said that one time these people had to identify themselves to council. He has no idea who this man is. Les said he filled out an application, he is in charge of all the CNB regional branches of the CNB Bank, he is a young man. She thought he would be a good fit. Lew Duttry agreed it is a good idea to have these people come in and meet council. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to regretfully accept the retirement and resignation of Richard Shaffer from the Airport Authority. Remark Les stated Heather Bozovich moved out of the Borough. Mr. Shaffer has been on the board of the Airport Authority for many, many years. He will be missed. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Mason Strouse to reappoint Richard Kiern to the Airport Authority. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Stephanie Tarbay and seconded by Mason Strouse to send two officers to Field Training in Monroeville on May 26-28 for food and lodging only. **MOTION** Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MOTION was made by Brandi Plyler and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to purchase a 2021 Dodge Durango @ C Classic Doge for \$30,335 plus up fit cost by Team Force. **MOTION** Carried.

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

MOTION was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Jim Kling to authorize Chief of Police, Mayor and BOM to negotiate and complete the sale of the 2012 F150 Police truck to any interest law enforcement agency. **MOTION** Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS Brandi Plyler will move from Public Works to Finance and Lew Duttry will move from Finance to Public Works.

Executive Session

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 7:00 pm

Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant