

**CLEARFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2021**

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 15, 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, Steve Harmic, Scott Ortasic,

ABSENT: Robbie Tubbs, Todd Kling,

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

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

Lew Duttry called for a Motion seeking approval of the minutes of the March 18, 2021 Clearfield Borough Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Mason Strouse. **MOTION** Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: Troup #2 Boy Scout, Introduction was made with the Troup.

Dave Glass wanted a few minutes to speak regarding the Clearfield Lawrence Airport. He is interested because he is a third generation pilot there. The airports predates from 1967. Mr. Glass is currently the treasurer. He wanted publicly to thank Dick Shaffer for everything he has done there. As long as he remembers he was there at the airport. With his retirement, the need of new manager, this is a time to refocus to appoint his position. It definitely has an economic impact on our community. He wanted to say that the airport is truly a gem, and anybody who wants to look around at the airport, give him a call. He also told the Boy Scout Troup that they do a young eagles day and they give free flights to kids, keep watching the paper for the announcement. The Mayor asked if he had any recommendations, Dave said he know people but they are not Borough people. Steve Harmic said if we have ever went through this before, are there procedures, and is this in conjunctions with the township. Les said they must be in the Borough. Les has also reached out to Dave Shultz for recommendations.

Mrs. Dawn Graham wanted to speak of the Riverwalk. She lives nearby it. She thanked the Borough for addressing dimming the lights, which they did. She said since the weather is getting nicer out, there is a lot of yelling, screaming, foul music, foul language, three bikes thrown into river, one bike hung in a tree, they climb on the roof on the Novey building, they smoke on the rooftop. They climb on the electric boxes. They move benches, move garbage cans, they litter, they hang on the poles, they pulled out a No Parking sign that was cemented in and thrown over into the Riverwalk. There is drug usage too. There are cars pulling in and out constantly. There is a memorial garden that was planted, they destroyed it. She asked if it could be closed like the other Borough Parks. She asked for a no parking sign on one sign or another. She has made phone calls to the police, and only when they are destructive. She thinks there should be more police presence. When patrol cars are present it helps. Perhaps a curfew would help. The groups are as many as fifteen kids, and they are very intimidating. If she asks them to watch their language they just use more. She feels like a prisoner in her own home. She would like some kind of action taken. Steve Harmic confirmed everything, he is a neighbor. Lew said this issue has been discussed, including video equipment.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: A copy of the Fire Department's report is on file. The Fire Dept. is having a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday from 11 to 1:00, take out only.

POLICE: A copy of the Police Department's report is on file. The Chief directed comments to Mrs. Graham. Our Police Dept has had officers driving over around the Riverwalk as well as on foot. We are working on it. The individual was dealt with throwing the bike in the river as well as being on the rooftop. We will continue to work on it. He suggests anyone seeing anything call 911, instead of posting it on Face book. Call it three time if you need, whatever it takes. You can also call 765-1533 the non emergency number.

Also the drug collection has dropped off, more in likely due to the pandemic, but if you would like an officer to pick it up, call the station and that can be arranged.

Lew made mention of the headlines in the news across the nation, he was asking about training for de-escalation techniques, the Chief said they do take classes, it is on a website, the officers do take those classes and we do talk about them.

STREET

MAYOR The Mayor said the Riverwalk has had some cameras. They are now looking for some kind of system that can be remotely used at the parks. He also added, that with the construction in town, he asked for vehicles to slow down. Show some safety and courteous to the workers.

SOLICITOR: A copy of the solicitor report is on file. He has prepared a passage to advertise an Ordinance to transfer the Sanitary Sewer System from the Borough to CMA. It will be another step in making the transfer, there is financing to transfer an easement to transfer.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Scott Ortasic to prepare Ordinance to transfer the Sanitary Sewer System from the Clearfield Borough to the Clearfield Municipal Authority. **MOTION** Carried.

BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER Report is on file. Les stated that we are getting storm lines upgrades, water lines upgraded, new traffic lights on Front Street. They are ahead of schedule. It will go on for most of the summer. There will be traffic situations on Front Street so please slow down. Beautification Day is coming up, on May 15, due to Covid CRC is asking the first two weeks in May, if you are interested in selecting a section of town to clean out the tree boxes they would appreciate it. The Clearfield basketball team has volunteered on the 8th. As well as the CNB Bank. An older boy scout troupe call and asked to do some. Loretta asked if council would like to take on Third Street, that would be appreciated. Stephanie volunteered and to send out emails to do it. Les's husband and daughter will do some mulching on the 18th.

The meter attendant asked if the job of the parking meter attendant and the parking meter mechanic could be combined, she would be interested in doing both jobs.

The Chief and Les thinks that would be a very good idea, she is asking council to give her a wage increase. There is a motion under Personal.

Jim Kling asked on the water report. He came up Front Street and asked if there should be a new hydrant on Front Street? Les said she will ask CMA.

ENGINEER

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: A copy of the code officer reports are on file. He presented a copy to council of a copy of temporary Certificate of Occupancy, for the Riverwalk building, down below at the bottom where it says BCO comments are the stipulations they have to comply to within the 120 days, in order to get full occupancy. Which will still be mixed until they get businesses in there. That will depend on what kind of tenants they get in there. He wanted to show the stipulations they are under now. The lighting at the Riverwalk building, they had a problem with the electric control panel, that now has been fixed. It is dimmer. There should not be a problem. The lighting intensity can be adjusted.

He has had four complaints from business owners, they are finding a lot of dog feces on the sidewalks in the morning, he asked for the dog owners to be more respectful and clean up after their pets. He asked the press for help on this.

Lew Duttry stated that it is a problem in his neighborhood as well. Mr. Mack said it is all over the Borough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY:

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to approve road restrictions for the Community Wellness Event Run on August 7 pm the West Side Area. This is an annual event for the YMCA. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Brandi Plyler and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve the road closures for the annual Clearfield County Fair Parade to be held on Monday, August 2. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Stephanie Tarbay and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve the road closures around the fair grounds for the annual Rosary March to be held May 2. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Brandi Plyler to approve to close Leavy from S. Second Street to Healy on May 22 for the Veterans Tribute Show at the American Legion. **MOTION** Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

MOTION was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Jim Kling to approve monthly rental of a roller at approximately \$1600. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and second by Brandi Plyler to approve purchase tri-axel loads of mulch for the playgrounds for approximately \$1700. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Brande Plyler and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve the Application for County Aid for the Liquid Fuels paving project in the allocated amount of \$7,681.00 **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Brande Plyler to approve the bid street paving through liquid fuels including Richard Street from Cumberland to end of cul de sac, South Sixth from Park Avenue to Cumberland, and Ogden from South Second to South Sixth Street. **MOTION** Carried.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Brande Plyler to approve to codify the Borough's ordinances electronically through General Code. **MOTION** Carried.

Les stated this will be a 12-15 month process. It is expensive. The language will not be changed. Just for the general public knows we are doing are best to get Ordinances on line, and this is the first step.

Les said there will be plenty of time for Council to review reviewing Ordinances, or creating new.

Larry Mack asked did they ask if we have to go through them to make changes or add a new one. And Les said yes, it will go through General Code to codify.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Scott Ortasic to approve the changes to the curfew ordinance. **MOTION** Carried.

Steve asked what are the times. President answered : Sunday through Thursday is 10 to 6, and Friday and Saturday if 11 to 6. The age is 18 years old. Chip will rewrite, and prepare and advertise for passage next month.

Jim Kling asked about the levies of the fines. Chip said he will talk with Magistrate Office and see what they would like to see as well, so they are on board as well. Jim Kling said the fines could be done by resolutions so in the future they could be changed, more controllable. Chip agreed.

Jim Kling added this is to be applied over entire Borough.

Chip asked for authority to draft a propose, give a draft copy for next meeting. Jim asked if it applies to under 18.

Also will adult people will be treated in a different way. Les said the major change is under the age of 18 is subject to the curfew ordinance, it is her understanding, that council is working on campaign that these are the curfew ordinance. Steve Harmic asked for the Chief to be included in all correspondence by emails.

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Brandi Plyler to designate the Amplifier Area as a park therefore being closed after 9:30 pm. **MOTION** Carried.

Stephanie asked where is the delineation. Jim Kling said it should be posted as a Park with the time sign that is used at all parks. It will be a park.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MOTION was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Steve Harmic to accept the resignation of Jack Harris as Parking Meter Repair person.. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Scott Ortasic to collapse the position parking meter repair person and combine it with parking meter attendant. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Steve Harmic to set this pay rate at \$10.50 per hour. **MOTION** Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Brandi Plyler to advertise the Police Pick-up truck for sale. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Brandi Plyler and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to approve to purchase the lamppost and lamppost head to replace the two that were damaged in automobile accidents in the amount of \$9,996. **MOTION** Carried.

Remark: Jim Kling asked if the head was done by an automobile accident. Yes Les answered. Jim Kling thought there were three, but Les answered no. Les said we have received insurance money.

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

Miss Gayle Gearhart apologized to be late, but she wanted to speak. She said this spring the Clearfield Arts Studio Theatre are doing a production and would like to use Upper Witmer Park, and asked what she needed to do. Les said she would need a facility use agreement form to fill out.

Miss Gearhart also stated that she lives along the Riverwalk and has concerns of lighting. Perhaps the level and the timing of light being used, the lighting is a problem at times, and it is destructive to sleep schedules, sleep rhythm, and destructive to nature as well.

She remembers a long time ago in the Borough, that all lights were out at 9 o'clock. She wanted to express her concerns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Lew asked where we were standing on Williams Street. It is closed Chip replied. The Mayor asked if the fence off the Riverwalk at the end of month yet. Les said they are hopeful after the river walk is opened at the end of the month. Larry Mack stated said the contractor has the development authority under contract to protect any type of tools and equipment on the property. And next week they are to be paving. The fence will be needed for that. As well as the landscaping. When the fence is moved it is to go along the outside patio, because under code it needs handrail, so the fencing will keep people off of that area then.

NEW BUSINESS Stephanie suggested recognizing people. An easy program could be a citizen of the month, you could have a review committee, invite them to a meeting. Jim Kling thought that was a wonderful idea. It would be nice to recognize these people.

Executive Session called. Legal with no action.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 7:20 pm

Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant