

**CLEARFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2021**

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 20, 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: Steve Harmic, Scott Ortasic, Chief 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 April 15, 2021 Clearfield Borough Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Brande Plyler and seconded by Mason Strouse. **MOTION** Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Bids

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: Melissa Whited introduced her as she is applying for the position on the CMA Board

MOTION was made by Stephanie Tarbay and seconded by Jim Kling to appoint Melissa Whited to the CMA Board. **MOTION** Carried.

Rob Swales from Clearly ahead Development came with a public update on the river Landing's Project for the last thirty days. He said the construction company is working on a punch list. The second floor is complete. There is orange fencing that needs up on the patio area for about five weeks. The railing will take two months to get in. There is furniture to be ordered for upstairs. They have received inquiries on potential businesses. On the first floor he would like to see an anchor tenant with a restaurant or small brewery. His aim is to bring small businesses in Clearfield and has a positive momentum how the project is moving. Clearly Ahead has partnered with Visit Clearfield County. The data is showing there is a lot of recreation in our area.

Erin Flanagan, she lives on the corner of Williams and West Locust street. This road is to be closed down. There will be orange cones appear and then they leave. There is a huge issue with the people running the stop sign and they do not slow down. There was a hover board coming down with a little boy on it, it had poles on it to steer, he came flying up the wrong way, and a truck coming down that didn't stop on Locust locked up the brakes to miss him. The truck almost went down over the railroad tracks. It's a bad situation. The boy almost got hit. Someone is going to get hit by a car. This seems like an easy fix, but never has been fixed. Jersey barriers stop vehicles but does not stop motorcycles, I have witnessed this down at the Rivers Landing. there are other people that have motorized bicycles with a cart and they do the same thing. She is upset that nothing has not been done and the three orange cones does not work, nor will the jersey barriers.

Chip Bell said there was an ordinance to close that section of road. Because the bank of the railing was caving. The time there was not enough money in the budget to fix it. And that time the intent was to convey that strip to the adjoining property owners, but in order to do that it needed to be reconstructed and graded. But not enough money in the budget. It needs totally closed off. The council needs to find funds. Perhaps to barricade it.

Erin suggested more signs too.

Les said they will take a look.

Lew thinks it needs barricaded.

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: A copy of the Fire Department's report is on file.

POLICE: A copy of the Police Department's report is on file. Chief McGinnis didn't have anything to add.

STREET Les said there was nothing new to add.

MAYOR The Mayor wanted to thank the D.A. on the Blue Mask, he wanted to congratulate the winners, proud to see Curry and Podliski nominated. He said through the years the generous donations from local businesses, money and food, and they do not want to be recognized, but the quietly behind the scenes they are so generous. He wanted to thank them for their support very much.

He also added there will be a lot going on at the Clearfield Fairgrounds this weekend, and encourage people to go.

SOLICITOR: A copy of the solicitor report is on file. He has advertised for passage on the curfew ordinance , copies sent through email. It is advertised for passage tonight.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Robbie Tubbs to advertise the passage for the curfew Ordinance. **MOTION** Carried.

The park ordinance and the nuisance ordinance will require updated

Jim Kling asked the park ordinance presently has closure times. Les said this will allow if you need to walk your dog at 10 pm. it would be okay, or if you were night fishing as well.

BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER Report is on file. Thanked everyone that helped with Beautification Day. Should be finished this weekend. Todd is accessing the flags, some are being retired. We have others on order and hope they come in soon. The 26th will be the Bloom and Berry Bash , it should be very nice and encourage everyone to come out.

ENGINEER

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: A copy of the code officer reports are on file. Wanted to speak of two demo. The one at 330 South 4th Street and the other at 519 Clearfield Street. The two projects are completely down, the ground has been seeded, and both have been funded by CDBG funds. Les said Habitat has showed interest on the Clearfield Street property

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY:

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to approve to approve to extend the hours for Upper Witmer Park in June to close at 10:30 for the CAST youth production of a Midsummer Night's Dream. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve to permit the Clearfield Volunteer Fire Department to do a boot drive on June 11 during the Downtown Cruise. **MOTION** Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

MOTION was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Brandi Plyler to approve the purchase of a new garage door for the Borough Garage from Penn Central Door at a cost of \$3,457.70. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and second by Stephanie Tarbay to start fining for abuse at the compost site.. **MOTION** Carried.

Open Street paving bids.

Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. \$138,752.00

Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., Inc. \$159,907.50

HRI \$183,569.00

New Enterprise \$145,096.49

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Jim Kling to approve Glen O. Hawbaker. Inc. at \$138,752.00 pending engineer review for the 2021 Street paving Contract.. **MOTION** Carried.

Jim Kling asked about the millings, and Les said she would check with Shawn. She also stated they doubled down on the paving we requested bids on due to the fact we did not pave last year. There is more to be paved, or tar and chipping also can be added now.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

MOTION was made by Stephanie Tarbay and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve to purchase a 3 sided Cyclone Challenger for \$3082.00 from PlayGO for Rebecca Park. The Rotary will reimburse \$3,000 through a grant.. **MOTION** Carried.

Les said this need to be done by the end of June per grant. PlayGo was able to ship this. This will be a nice addition.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve to amend the zoning ordinance regarding off street parking. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve the new driveway at 520 Park Avenue. **MOTION** Carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MOTION was made by Robbie Tubbs and seconded by Mason Strouse to increase the current part time street laborer pay rate to \$16.75. To begin on May 17, 2021. This rate is more consistent with Industry. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Brandi Plyler and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to send Sergeant Podliski to Defensive Tactics Training in York, PA from Sept 20-24 at a cost of \$895 plus room and board. **MOTION** Carried. The Chief said it is required to have this training now.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Mason Strouse to accept the resignation of badge 109. **MOTION** Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Stephanie Tarbay asked to organize a committee for a citizen of the month. Les asked to set some guide lines and move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry made mention of the new house on the corner of Linden Street and Witmer Street. It was very impressive, nine working days and it was under roof, very nice.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 7:00 pm

Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant