

**CLEARFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2021**

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 17, 2021, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Clearfield Borough Building. Robbie Tubbs called the meeting to order. Robbie Tubbs held a moment of silence, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephanie Tarbay, Steve Harmic, Jim Kling, Brande Plyler, Robbie Tubbs,
ABSENT: Lewis Duttry, Scott Ortasic, Mason Strouse, Chief Todd Kling, Mayor Schell,
OTHERS PRESENT:, Solicitor Chip Bell, Borough Operations Manager Leslie Stott, Solicitor Chip Bell, Chief Vincent McGinnis, Code Officer Larry Mack, Borough Secretary Betsy Houser

MEDIA: Dianne Byers, The Progress and Dustin Parks, Gant Media LLC

Robbie Tubbs called for a Motion seeking approval of the minutes of the May 20, 2021 Clearfield Borough Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Brande Plyler and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay. **MOTION** Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC AUDIENCE: Erin Flanagan

Erin was wanting to know what was happening with the closure on Williams Street, at her stand point there has been nothing done. She said one time she only saw one police car. The Chief did say there was officers over there more than one time. And she thanked him. He also reminded her to call the Police Dept. when they see something. Her concerns are the little kids getting hurt. She said she has put wide angled cameras up at her house now. She asked to hear what was happening. Chip said there are concerns of fire and emergency vehicles to get in there, it is impossible to close it tightly. Les said those are not jersey barriers setting there, she questions how much tighter they can be, if motorcycles are going through, they are purposely going through. Erin said the gas engine bikes as well. The Chief said the bikes are legal. Erin feels the barriers are very difficult to see at night, they need painted with fluorescent paint. Chip suggested a fluorescent tape in between the barriers. Jim Kling said to add reflectors, anything to illuminate. Jim Kling said stop signs on slings. Stephanie Tarbay said we must keep things open for public safety. Erin feels she is not seeing results. Robbie stated a three prong approach needs to be taken, a silver bullet is not going to fix it, it will need a number of things done. Chief suggested to also include what kind of sign to put in, suggested no motor vehicles allowed, the Police Dept can then enforce.

John Scott wanted to speak of Stinky Run. He has talked with 30-40 people regarding Stinky Run, the perception is its useless to come here, that the Borough does not care. He said it may be so or may not. He would like to think that you do care, you need to show people that. Get volunteers to help these people over the weekend. Pay overtime to the city employees to help these people. it took a week to get a dumpster over there. People has been fighting this for 30 years. There is a difference between excuses and reasons. Please let the people know you care.

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

SOLICITOR: A copy of the solicitor report is on file. He has advertised for passage tonight an ordinance regarding the radio loan we did get the approval from USDA to close the loan. There is an Ordinance required to close the loan. He asks to have it considered tonight adopting it tonight, to proceed, he has contacted the regional representative, by email, he is waiting for closing dates to close completely.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Steve Harmic to pass the Ordinance for the closing of the loan. **MOTION** was carried.

Chip said it is prepared for signatures. And thanked council.

BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER Report is on file She is working with Jodi Brennan to file for a grant to update our recycling program. They are look for a grant to have a fenced in area, with the use of a key card to use it. She said they would also like to file for funds to purchase a baler, containers, and cameras. Very positive. Also note, Steve Confer, with Body Matrix donated a new volley ball net for our court. She was appreciative for that. She, Todd, and Dave met with the Conversation District, there is a giant grant program out there, they would like us to file for a grant that would put down spouts on the pavilion at Lower Witmer Park, also create a rain garden for education. They are also looking at grants for some help with the River Walk Bank, to enhance seasonal color. Les received a call from the Elks, they are moving the Hi Country to the driving park from S.B. Elliot State Park on Sept. 12. There will be a band performing , craft vendors throughout the grove. It is a free attendance event.

ENGINEER

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: A copy of the code officer reports are on file. Rich Huge, the engineer and himself has been to the grandstand for inspection. It looks very good. They have a big event soon. Richard said there are four areas that need something and if those areas can be done they can use it for this coming Wednesday for a Trapping Organization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY:

MOTION was made by Stephanie Tarbay and seconded by Brandi Plyler to purchase an air filtration and coolant unit from RE Michel Company, LLC for a costars price of \$8501.00 plus the cost of the crane to set the unit. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve an internship agreement with Lock Haven. **MOTION** Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

MOTION was made by Brandi Plyler and seconded by Steve Harmic to accept paving bids for Latimer Street . **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and second by Steve Harmic to place a roll-off in the East End area for the two weeks to help the residents clean up after the flood. This was rented through Hugills for \$500 and placed on the Foxes Pizza Den parking lot. **MOTION** Carried. Les remarked, she placed the phone call to Hugills Friday, and the soonest they could get there was Monday.

Jim Kling made a comment to Mr. Scott. He knows people have been frustrated, including himself. This has been going on since 1991, the majority comes from a big development up above on the hill. The Borough does not have the authority to walk in private areas to do any type of work. The project has been lingering for many years. We have had many meetings with DGS and DEP. Protocol have been set up, and then no budget or some reason, something new had to be looked at. Those people in Harrisburg has left this happen. This week Todd Banks has talked to them, and they are to be working on it again and to bring something back to us. Les stated the project is shovel ready, and will cost 4.4 Million, she hopes there is a infastructure bill to be tapped on to. It is not fair for council to be told they do not care. Les said it is not that these plans are not being worked on, because they are. She has asked Todd Banks if there is anything that can be done to levitate the water coming down. Mr. Scott asked if the State Representative can be included. Jim Kling said this whole issue has went through five governors and many representatives. Jim Kling said it started at 1.3 million now 4.4 million dollar project, it should never have went this far.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Brandi Plyler to work with our engineers to find the best and economical solution to have more water enter into the storm system relating to Stinky run until the proposed 2024 construction can begin.. **MOTION** Carried.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

MOTION was made by Brandi Plyler and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve a resolution for the CRC to have the designation of Keystone Community. **MOTION** Carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Jim Kling to accept the resignation of Robbie Tubbs from the Borough Council, Second Ward.. **MOTION** Carried.

Robbie Tubbs asked the press to thank the residents for electing him to this position.

He thanked the council. He appreciated the opportunity to serve the community. and added community is the people, we need people volunteering.

He wished everyone the best.

MOTION was made by Stephanie Tarbay and seconded by Steve Harmic to advertise for the vacancy in Second Ward. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Stephanie Tarbay and seconded by Steve Harmic to accept the resignation of Badge 113. **MOTION** Carried.

.FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

MOTION was made by Brandi Plyler and seconded by Steve Harmic to purchase a 2021 Ford SUV police interceptor while trading in the ford F150 pickup for a Costars price of \$17,760 plus upfit from Laurel Ford **MOTION** Carried.

Executive Session called. No vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 7:00 pm

Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant