

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

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 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, Steve Harmic, Jim Kling, Scott Ortasic, Mason Strouse,

ABSENT: Chief Vincent McGinnis, Code Officer Larry Mack, Borough Secretary Betsy Houser
Chief Todd Kling, Mayor Schell,

OTHERS PRESENT:, Solicitor Chip Bell, Borough Operations Manager Leslie Stott,

MEDIA: Jeff Corcino, The Progress and Dustin Parks, Gant Media LLC

MOTION was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Jim Kling to appoint Brian Lytle to Council for Second Ward. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Stephanie Tarbay and seconded by Steve Harmic to appoint Stephen Livergood to Council for Third Ward. **MOTION** Carried.

J. Michael Morris, Magisterial District Judge swore Brian Lytle Oath of Office.

First Public CDBG Hearing

Lisa Kovalick

Clearfield Borough 2021

The allegations this year if \$117,280.00 the allowable uses for CDBG money are for public improvements of water, sewer, storm water constructions, sidewalks, street reconstruction, ligation of housing of blight and slum areas energy conversations. Other items are asked on basis. 70% of funds need to be used in areas of low to moderate income. Prior years, 2016 in addition to pavement in East End, you just completed Clearfield and South 4th Street, she has received many kudos. 2017 Storm drain improvements on Clearfield Street, is underway. Les said the cut will start tomorrow. 2018, 19, 20 funds for storm drain improvements to the Orr's Run culvert. It is collapsing and there are other issues. Also street safety improvement on Turnpike Ave and Tyler Ave. and Martin Street. Regarding the Community development plan for CDBG Funding. Les said Stinky Run needs added to the mix. The Stinky run project will need to be completed before the contract. Jim Kling asked if there would be another meeting needed with DEP and DCED, and Lisa strongly agrees there should. Les said the price that was to be put into the project has probably went up. Les asked if there was any ARPA money available from the county. Lisa said she will put in that request.

Jim Kling asked about demolition funding. Lisa said yes there is and she said within the Borough she did have a meeting with the Planning Commission. They have talked about Clearfield Hardware.

Lisa said they are going in for more home funds, it is a light prevention for rehab. When a family moves out they can bring it up to standards, and be a viable property. Les asked if the Clearfield Hardware on the list for the revitalization. Lisa said you do need to request it. The Planning Commission needs to draw out in a map what area to include, the Revitalization committee will take it for two to three months and do statistics, public meetings to what is wanted. Then they will bring it back to the Borough. Lisa works with Clearly Ahead too.

Lisa added public comments period is up to July 19 to their office.

The President of Council passed out the new committee list. With two new Borough council members the committee's have been changed.

MOTION was made by Lew Duttry and seconded by Jim Kling to appoint Brian Lytle as Vice President.
MOTION Carried.

Public Audience: Rob Swales

Rob Swales from Clearly Ahead came in for an update for council.

The second floor is 100 % complete. The first floor plan is to have 2 to 3 new business, there are seven brewing prospects. We have activity. We have contracts out there. We have done favorably approaches. We had an onsite visit with a neat concept, has a unique concept, with a restaurant, caterer background very strong looking to collaborate with a local brewer, he has requested a letter of intent with details. Meanwhile he is still working with other brewers. Some brewers are looking at the Pittsburgh area. People love the building, the lay out, but they have to run their numbers, with their return on investments analysis, to see if there will be enough customers to support their business. Nerveless, still moving forward. He extends to the council to come down and look around. The plans did come in for the railing this afternoon. It will be installed next week. Passed this to Larry Mack today. Chip asked where he was at with the occupancy permit, Rob said after the railing next week we should have it. Chip asked about the build out on the first floor, does he have funds held separately, he ask for the amount if it was appropriate to ask, Mr. Swales said it would not be appropriate but they are held separate.

Lew Duttry called for a Motion seeking approval of the minutes of the June 17, 2021 Clearfield Borough Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Steve Harmic. **MOTION** Carried.

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. Assistant Chief Curry said on July 27th is the National Night Out. We have an officer that will be there to check safety seats or install safety seats. He is an officer of our department. Also, he was running a speed detail on Martin Street, and someone approached him saying there are a lot of debris blowing off trucks and trailers heading up to Novey's. He reminded people to have things tightened down, there are fines from \$300 to \$1,000s. Make sure anchors are secure when you are taking things up.

He expects the first week in August to have our officer back that's been on medical leave.

He wants to state this is a trying time, across the USA, there is a shortage of cops, they are trying to get out there, our officers have been denied vacation at this time, they taken back vacation, they want to make sure coverage is here as needed, he gives a big shout out to the department. Hopefully after the seats get filled on council, maybe we can have incentives to draw officers in, we have had a couple on the hook but they have went to other departments. Les stated she has \$10 tickets for a chicken barbeque dinner for July 27. She is asking council for volunteers. She added Officer Fritz will be there for the car safety seats. There will be a lot of programs for people to enjoy. Jim Kling asked who he should contact for volunteering and she will let him know.

STREET Les said the vacations have been frozen due to the Clearfield Street department. It should take a month. they were given a brief extension. Jim Kling asked about the paving, he asked about renting the roller to get the ribbing done on side streets. Les said they are certainly hoping too. The roller is needed for the Clearfield Street project. After the project she hopes the gets done. Nate asked about cars being parked on this project, and Les said they will post signs for no parking, and she asked the media for help too.

MAYOR

SOLICITOR: A copy of the solicitor report is on file. Chip stated that Todd Banks has indicated that the state has approved the final design documents for the Stinky Run and released them to his firm, as a result he has done the plats that are needed for the easements for the paper streets, there are four of them, there is a resolution report that Chip has been signed off, now they go to DGS for their approval. We have done what we needed to do, now it is back to the state. Jim Kling had a contact from a gentleman that seems to think there are breather holes that were created in the drainage system. Jim told him he would get back to him. He has not been physically to do it. This guy thinks there are man holes in the system. He asked for someone with a metal detector to look.

BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER Report is on file Along with National Night Out they have been involved working on a 911 Ceremony, TV10 has been in to do a story with herself, the Chief, and Loretta. She still have to reach out to some folks that had part in 911 for speaking. She feels this is coming together very well. She said Lowes has adopted Lower Witmer Park for a Hero Project. they have done some vegetation work there. They have concerns about painting the gazebo. It would need primed first. They are to bringing a few new picnic tables and mulch. She thanked Lowes for including us in their Hero Program. They also would like to bring in a band, and have a community night.

ENGINEER

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY:

MOTION was made by Stephanie Tarbay and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve to close a portion of Healy Avenue on July 25 from 3:30-8:30 for a 50's Drive In fundraiser event for St. Francis.. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve to purchase radio upgrades for the fire department up to \$1500 from Capital Communications. **MOTION** Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

OPEN paving bids for Latimer Street
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. \$103,945.15
HRI \$115,317.00
New Enterprise \$92,784.73

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve New Enterprise in the amount of \$92,784.73 to pave portions of Latimer Street . **MOTION Carried.** Upon review.

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and second by Mason Strouse to advertise for Heating fuel bids. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Scott Ortasic to advertise for trash collection. **MOTION** Carried.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MOTION was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Steve Harmic to advertise for a part time, temporary street department employee. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to reappoint Pamela Mohny to the Zoning Hearing Board. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Steve Harmic to accept the resignation of Brande Plyler as Third Ward Council Member. **MOTION** Carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jim Kling said there is property on E. 6 Street, it is grown up and they are collapsing, The one porch is coming off right now. This has been brought up before. Lisa Kovalick will look into the properties.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 6:55 pm
Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant

Executive session called.

