

**CLEARFIELD BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
September 16, 2021**

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 16, 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, Steve Harmic, Jim Kling, Scott Ortasic, Steve Livergood, Mason Strouse,

**ABSENT:** Stephanie Tarbay, Brian Lytle, Mayor Schell, Chief Vincent McGinnis, Chief Todd Kling,

**OTHERS PRESENT:**, Solicitor Chip Bell, Code Officer Larry Mack, Borough Secretary Betsy Houser  
Borough Operations Manager Leslie Stott

**MEDIA:** Jeff Corcino, The Progress and Cherie Dysard, Gant Media LLC

Lew Duttry called for a Motion seeking approval of the minutes of the August 19, 2021 Clearfield Borough Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Scott Ortasic. **MOTION** Carried.

Lew Duttry called for a Motion seeking approval of the minutes of September 1, 2021 Clearfield Borough Special Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Mason Strouse. **MOTION** Carried.

**Public Audience:** Lisa Coval and Alide Leslir from Shaw Library, Carminina Taylor

Lisa Koval introduced herself along with Lilia Lesley. The Shaw Public Library want to thank the Borough for opportunity to meet in person. The last eighteen months have been a challenge with Covid. they are now busy, with in person summer reading programs, back to story time, the sizes are reduced but they know they must be cautious and concerned. They are finding ten veterans from Clearfield County to speak by Veterans Day. They are excited with this program. Lilia spoke of window seats now available at the library, they look nice and cleans easily. These are used by the ATA bus passengers, and are very appreciated. they have new lap tops for young adults, there are hot spots for Wi-Fi. The students can use this even when the library is not open just sitting out in the parking lot, if needed. They have applied for a CRC grant for lights in the parking lot, they need updated.

Lisa thanked for the Borough's donation. They appreciate it very much.

Les stated, that Lisa is a very hands on director, she comes over to the Borough office often. Lisa thanked her, she believes in working together, a community effort.

Lew also stated that there is students in the 11th grade that are talking about the library.

Carminina Taylor introduced herself. She does have a power point that can be sent electronically to everyone. She wanted to give a overview of her organization. Her vision she has. The We can't wait Coalition is a state wide group. She is deeply committed. She has worked in rural PA, and today she spent two hours with the Clearfield Area School superintendent, it helped her prepare today. She will follow up with him, and will ask for it in writing, they are best practices for rural schools. Two things that stood out to her is a mandatory graduation requirement to have a one dual enrollment class, and the other is provisions with state funding that provide mental health, drug and alcohol, these could be practices that other schools could use when you have human social issues.

She also stated she went to the Clearfield County Fair, and experienced her first tractor pull. She spent some time with Stephanie Tarbay, she was gracious. She helped me look at the human element of Clearfield in a different view, she helped her see in a broader range of vision. She understands there are seven municipalities in the Clearfield School District. She would like to bridge the networking in the school. Her goal is to add value to the community. Chip asked her what other communities she has been joining, she said in August she was in Uniontown, Johnstown, Williamsport, Chester, Butler, Lancaster. He also asked for a copy of the citation to review.

**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 Nate Curry addressed the approval for offensive tactics training, it is mandatory.

**STREET** Les said the street dept. did not work on Clearfield St. this week, they actually worked on inlets, thank goodness Hawbaker and New Enterprise will start the paving projects. It is a massive undertaking.

## **MAYOR**

**SOLICITOR:** A copy of the solicitor report is on file. Regarding the Stinky Run Project we were required by the state to report back with a resolution regarding property, resolve certain property issues, we have done that two months ago, we are waiting now for them to get back to us.

**BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER** Report is on file Les thanked everyone involved with the 911 Ceremony, it was beautiful, it was well attended. And thanked all of the first responders again.

## **ENGINEER**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** A copy of the code officer reports are on file. At your place setting is a list of properties that the Planning Commission has reviewed that the County has a Revitalization program to address these negative properties. One in 3rd ward is the old Clearfield hardware. The county has started working on that one. The Council will have to pass this to move it on to the county to start the program. Jim Kling asked the time frame, and Larry said Lisa Kovalick said next month would be fine. These properties will be revitalized not demolished, and will remain on the tax list. It will rehabilitate the neighborhood.

Also Larry, stated last Saturday there were fireworks and they were permitted. They were for a wedding. In the future he thinks the time will allow to have it advertised, or mentioned at a council meeting, have it on Facebook, etc. So the people in the area are aware of it.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Mason Strouse to sign the LOI requesting a Regional Police Study through DCED. **MOTION Carried.**

**MOTION** was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve the defensive tactics training be changed to in house training for 2 officers. **MOTION Carried.**

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

**OPEN** backhoe bids

**MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Scott Ortasic to approve the purchase of a 2013 Caterpillar Backhoe from Cleveland Brothers for \$28,270.00 with 2003 trade in. **MOTION Carried.**  
Les stated it will be paid out of Liquid fuel funds.

**MOTION** was made by Scott Ortasic and second by Mason Strouse to advertise for street material bids. **MOTION Carried.**

**MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Scott Ortasic to advertise for snow removal proposals. **MOTION Carried.** Les said these are subcontractors only if needed.

**MOTION** was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve and advertise the Fall Cleanup schedule for 2021. **MOTION Carried.** Les added do not rake leaves in to the storm inlets. Jim Kling added if they do, will there be enforcement? Les said it is something that can be enforced. He certainly hope so.

**MOTION** was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Scott Ortasic to approve to apply for a 902 recycling grant through DEP. **MOTION Carried.** Les said Stephanie Tarbay as well as Jodi Brennen has done a lot of work on this.

Les said there has been a lot of things thrown into our recycling bins that should not be, even including diapers, and they contaminate the whole bin, and cannot be recycled, this grant would help to redo our recycling completely. It will be an attractive drop off center. Stephanie wants to do an educational component as well, Lew asked to remind curbside pick up is every first and third Tuesday.

### **PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve the cooperation agreement for the CDBG FFY 2021 with Clearfield County. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Jim Kling to set Trick or Treat on Sunday 10/31 from 5:00-7:00 concurrent with Lawrence Township. Please leave your lights on if you want visited. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve the resolution for CDBG 2021. **MOTION** Carried.

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

### **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 Jim Kling and seconded by Steve Harmic to approve 2022 MMO for the Pension Plan. **MOTION** Carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 6:50 pm

Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant