CLEARFIELD BOROUGH

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**December 16, 2021**

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 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, Stephanie Tarbay, Steve Harmic, Steve Livergood, Mason Strouse, Brian Lytle

**ABSENT**, Jim Kling, Scott Ortasic , Mayor Schell

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

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

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

Lew stated that for eight years he has truly enjoyed working with Jim Kling. Jim has done a lot of great things and will be missed.

**Public Audience:**

Jerry Kawfield, Clearfield Lawrence Township Joint Airport Authority Manager. He shared many pictures of the jets and helicopters that come into the airport and brings much business into the town. He wanted council be aware of how much business is coming into Clearfield.

Dave Shultz, Clearfield Lawrence Township Joint Airport Authority Chairman. He came to express disappointment in the allocation from the Clearfield Borough. Last year it was a reduction from 2020 of $10,000 to 2021 $8500 and now for 2022 it is $5000.

This airport houses the stat med-vac. if someone is having an unfortunate heart attack they are air lifted to Altoona or Pittsburg.. Without stat med you will have a series detrimental effect to the medical aspect of personal and people in this area. They are trying to keep the airport viable. They have tried to reduce cost as much as they can. They are asking for more support from the Borough. With $5000 from the Borough, and $5000 from the township, it does not even cover the insurance they are required to carry,in addition paying for payroll, insurances, upkeep, maintences, legal council, engineering services, good bookkeeping, these expenses add up to $3000 a year, we look to shave costs. We are a part time operation. If the airport cease to operate it will be a gigantic waste of recourses to the county it is the only paved run way, the county commissioners understand that. We definitely need the Borough and the Township to step up. He invited council to come up to the airport and get a tour.

He also wanted to thank Larry Mack for his services as code officer.

Corey McCracken asked a month ago to come up to and look at his curb and storm drain. Mrs. Stott reached out but have not heard anything since. Les said they did look. They can attempt to break the right away into the curb, if we heightened the curb it will be variable heights. Corey doesn't seem why that would effect it. There is not areas 2inches high to 6 inches high. It was level before this, and he is very picky and wants it back to what it was. Les said she will speak to Public Works.

**REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**: A copy of the Fire Department's report is on file. Nothing to add.

.**POLICE:** A copy of the Police Department’s report is on file. The chief wanted to add that the sergeant applied for a $60,000 grant for equipment, it was turned down. He is looking into it. He also added one new car is expected her the 27th.

**MAYOR**

**SOLICITOR:** A copy of the solicitor report is on file. He asked for you to review, and is there for any questions to be asked. He advertised for passage tonight for tax rate ordinance for 2022 it is 27 mils, the same tax rate, no increase.

**MOTION** was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to pass the ordinance at 27 mil tax rate **MOTION** Carried.

**BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER** Report is on file. Les has five things to discuss.

1. The change at the light at Bridge St. and Front St., when the walk button is pressed a "No turn on Red" light turns on. This is something the public needs to be aware of. Vehicles will be cite.

2. In January she will present a letter to Penn dot to review traffic signals on turnpike and Nichols t., and Cherry and 3rd Street. They are looking at the removal of both signals.

3. November19 the leaf pick up was over, she asks the resident to bag the leaves, she can have them picked up from the Borough crew. There will be bright pink door signs given on doors with the ordinance for ones not bagged.

4. A lot of issues at the compost site. There is products not allowed there being put there. so it will be locked up.

5. On Christmas Eve there is a candle light service and hot cocoa at the Lower Witmer park by the Awaken Church at 6pm. and the public is invited.

**ENGINEER**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** A copy of the code officer reports are on file Nothing to add.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**NOTE:** the Clearfield Volunteer Fire Department's annual Santa Tour will be held Saturday, December 18 at 5pm

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**MOTION** was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Brian Lytle to approve to advertise for Gas/Diesel Bids. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Brian Lytle to appoint Stiffler McGraw as our Engineers. **MOTION** Carried.

**PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Mason Strouse and seconded by Steve Harmic to advertise the meeting times for Council and the boards and committees.  **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to advertise for the Reorganization meeting to be held Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:00.

Les stated that Mason Strouse will be sworn in as mayor earlier that day at the court house, and then can swear everyone in at 7:00.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** was made by Brian Lytle and seconded by Steve Harmic to appoint Ann Jane Ross to the Second Ward Council position beginning January 3, 2022. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to appoint Edward Bartel to the Airport Authority. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Brian Lytle and seconded by Mason Strouse to appoint Rick Coudriet to the Planning Commission beginning in January. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to give the Police Chief the right to hire part time police officers. **MOTION** Carried.

.**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

**MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve the financial audit as prepared by our auditor Brent Thomas. **MOTION** Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Steve Livergood thanked Todd Kling for his Fire Chief services.

**NEW BUSINESS**

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 7:25 pm

Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant