

**CLEARFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2021**

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 18, 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, Stephanie Tarbay, Scott Ortasic, Steve Livergood, Mason Strouse, Brian Lytle

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

OTHERS PRESENT:, Solicitor Chip Bell, Chief Vincent McGinnis, 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 October 21, 2021 Clearfield Borough Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Steve Harmic. **MOTION** Carried.

Public Audience:

Corey McCracken, 317 Ogden Ave. The road was recently paved, the curb used to be level with my yard now it is below my yard, now my yard is falling out onto the road, the snowplow will come up this winter and will be plowing into my yard, the storm drains are very low now, it has done some damage to a vehicle of a friend. He has stopped down to ask what can be done. The one storm drain constantly clogs up there. He would like to replace his side walk, but now not until some things are fixed. Les stated that the curb was not put back in. The curbing won't be raised, but hopefully something can be done. She will have Todd Kling to look. He did say he had called in October, giving time to have something done due to temperatures changing because of material they may use. She asked to have his phone number and she will contact him.

Jerry Aughenbaugh. He moved back to Clearfield, and was going to retire, but having concerns, like cars parked on Spruce St where they shouldn't be, sidewalks not being shoveled, he would mention it to Larry Mack, and he thought some things took too long to take care of. He thought perhaps the Code Dept. needs a deputy. Larry said there wasn't room in the budget. So he thought with the little stuff, the Borough would need someone to look into these issues, and with his back ground he thought he could do something like this. He would like Council to consider this. Lew thanked him, and they would consider this.

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 had nothing new from last week. Stephanie Tarbay said Nate Curry wanted to share some information from the Giving Tree. There were two more locations added this year, there are 300 tags this year, they are up and tags are on the trees, they can be taken, they are for the older citizens. Donations are being accepted at Riverview Bank for fuel assistance. Gifts can be turned into any of the locations or the Police Dept., wrapped or unwrapped.

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.

BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER Report is on file. Les stated the leaves didn't cooperate this year. She asked residents to please stop raking them to the curb. We ask you to bag them. We are doing our best to collect them.

ENGINEER

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY:

PUBLIC WORKS:

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Brian Lytle the approval of the new parking lot to be created by CNB Bank on East Cherry Street. **MOTION** Carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

MOTION was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to accept the retirement of Larry Mack effective March 4, 2022. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Mason Strouse to advertise for a full time Code Enforcement Officer. **MOTION** Carried.

Since Mason Strouse will be the Mayor in 2022, there will be an opening for Council in 2nd Ward.

MOTION was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Scott Ortasic to advertise for an open position on Council for 2nd Ward. **MOTION** Carried.

NOTE: Since Christmas and new Year's Day fall on weekends, the Borough will recognize the holidays and will be closed December 24, 27, and 31.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

MOTION was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Mason Strouse to approve the budget for 2022 and present for advertisement. **MOTION** Carried.

MOTION was made by Jim Kling and seconded by Steve Harmic to advertise the ordinance setting the tax rate at 27 mils for 2022, which is the same as the previous year.. **MOTION** Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Executive session called.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 6:20 pm

Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant