

**CLEARFIELD BOROUGH
BOROUGH 2022 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2022**

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 20, 2022, 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, Greg Forcey, Scott Ortasic, Annjane Ross, Brian Lytle

ABSENT Steve Livergood,

OTHERS PRESENT:, Solicitor Chip Bell, Mayor Mason Strouse, Chief Vincent McGinnis, Chief Andrew Smith, Borough Operations Manager Leslie Stott, Street Dept. 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 December 16, 2021 Clearfield Borough Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay. **MOTION** Carried.

Scott Ortasic asked for committee lists.

Public Audience:

REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT: A copy of the Fire Department's report is on file. Chief Andrew Smith thanked the residents for taking care of the snow around the hydrants. He also added a reminder to watch space heaters this time of the year.

POLICE: A copy of the Police Department's report is on file. Assistant Chief Curry asked council for an extension on police officers unused 2021 holiday time. Due to covid, and several trying to use time. The council gave the blessing and the Chief will speak to Personal. The Chief said the roads have been freezing and reminded the residents to slow down. School zones are 15 mph. If you park longer than 48 hours in the borough streets you will get a ticket. Vinnie thanked the Fire Dept. for their help, and the Police Dept. for the excellent jobs they do. He said the status on the new car is the last computer part just came in, so it should be ready in two weeks.

STREET: Les stated the street crew has been busy throughout the storm, they are working on alleys yet, and will unload town, the first night will be Market Street and 3rd Street, the second night will be Locust St., 2nd St., and up to 4th Street. They have been doing a remarkable job.

MAYOR Mayor Strouse issued a snow emergency, this is his first one. He noted that a few people didn't remove their cars. He wanted to give the Police Dept., Fire Dept., and the Street Dept. for a good job. He also the snowman building contest turned out very good, Spanky's was giving a gift certificates to two winners, a \$50 and \$25 Gift certificate. He is also notifying council he will do marriage ceremonies and the fee is \$125.

SOLICITOR: A copy of the solicitor report is on file.

BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER Report is on file. Les wanted to remind along with freezing temperatures salt doesn't work on the roadways. There will be more anti skid used. She also added for residents to check on neighbors, and watch for dogs and cats be let outside. Les thanked Stephanie Tarbay for her work on Facebook, using it in a positive manner. Les asked for public comments on the traffic lights being removed from Turnpike Ave. and Nichols St. intersection and on Cherry St. and 3 St. intersection, this will be under Public Safety.

ENGINEER

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: A copy of the code officer reports are on file Larry Mack said yesterday he found seventeen properties that did not shovel sidewalks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Note: We want to correct the press. The borough has requested a study on Nichols and Turnpike and Third and Cherry Street traffic lights. We are encouraging and accepting public comments.

MOTION was made by Steve Harmic and seconded by Scott Ortasic to approve and permit Hyde Wesleyan Church to use Lower Witmer Park for Family Fun Day on June 5, 2022 and close Locust Street from Front Street to Water Street. **MOTION** Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Open gas and diesel bids.
Received from J.J. Powell
Variable Rates
87 Octane gasoline \$2.709/gallon
L/S Diesel 3.039 / gallon
Fixed Rates
87 Octane gasoline \$4.259/gallon
L/S Diesel 4.529/gallon

MOTION was made by Brian Lytle and seconded by Stephanie Tarbay to have J.J. Powell as the supplier of gas and diesel at a variable rate. **MOTION** Carried.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Note: State Ethic Forms have been distributed. Please fill them out ASAP.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MOTION was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Brian Lytle to approve the bill list for payment . **MOTION** Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 6:25 pm
Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant