CLEARFIELD BOROUGH

**BOROUGH 2022COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**July 21,2022**

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 21,2022, at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Clearfield Borough Building.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**: Stephanie Tarbay, Greg Forcey, Scott Ortasic, Steve Livergood, Annjane Ross, Barb Shaffner

**ABSENT**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Solicitor Chip Bell, Mayor Mason Strouse, Chief Vincent McGinnis, **Borough** Operations Manager Leslie Stott, Chief Andrew Smith Street Dept. Todd Kling, Borough Secretary Betsy Houser, Code Officer Anrea Stewart

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

Stephanie Tarbay called for a Motion seeking approval of the minutes of the June 16, 2022, Clearfield Borough Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Annjane Ross. **MOTION** Carried.

**Communications:** None

**Public Audience:** Erica Evans, Erica troop leader for Girls Scout Troope 46715. The Girl Scouts did a presentation with a slide slow. They seemed to discover a couple problems in one of our parks and have come up with solutions. They would like a box in the park to store play items in it for the park. Such as a stool to help get into the GaGa Pit, balls for it, jump ropes, frisbee’s. The box of supplies could be marked Property of Borough, and it will be for everyone to use. Steve Livergood offered to donate jump ropes, and Leslie Stott offered to donate frisbees. The council thanked the troop for the great idea and their presentation.

Mayor Mason Strouse swore in Brandon Desmett for the new part time Police Officer.

Mr. Rick Mattern spoke of an idea he has. He asked about removing the Raftsman Dam, it is in needing of some upkeep, he feels it doesn’t serve a utilitarian purpose. Removing the Dam would make the river more navigable. He asks the Borough to approach the State.

**REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**: A copy of the Fire Department's report is on file Chief Smith had nothing to add. He did mention he attended the softball event, and it went very well.

**POLICE:** A copy of the Police Department’s report is on file. Chief McGinnis had asked to send Dan Podliski to a taser class Aug. 5, it was $795. He is asking to send him also to an Altoona course Aug. 8-12 at $995. He will drive back and forth with a Lawrence township officer. It is a training course, on active shooter. The Chief asked Chip should we vote on this, and Chip. Les clarified would he still go to Aug. 5, and Chief said yes. And again, on the Aug. 8-12. The 5th is a recert for the tasers. The Chief said yes.

**STREET:** Todd Kling had nothing to add.

**MAYOR:** MayorMason Strouse has been out attending many events, which included him doing the first pitch at the Spike game. There are many events happenings, he encouraged everyone to get out attend the Clearfield County Fair. He also added to slow down in driving, be alert. He gives shouts out to the street department, our police department, and fire department, he feels very fortunate with having all these fine departments.

**SOLICITOR:** A copy of the solicitor report is on file. He had nothing to add.

**BOROUGH OPERATIONS MANAGER Report** is on file. Les added along with the fair, we may want to watch putting the chairs out for the parade. The chairs cannot restrict people parking downtown. She thanked CRC coming out to support the Clearfield Girls Softball team, along with the fire Dept. On Aug. 9 is the National Night Out, it will be over on Cherry Street, and will look forward in seeing you there.

**ENGINEER**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** A copy of the code officer reports are on file. Andrea wanted to add, she has been doing some driving through town. People are lagging putting their trash cans away. She asked if people could put their cans back away at the end of trash collection day.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Scott Ortasic to advertise for trash removal bids. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Scott Ortasic to advertise for heating fuel bids. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Scott Ortasic to approve Rick’s Tree Service to remove 5 dead pine trees in East End, trim the tree in Lower Witmer Park and remove a tree on East 12th. **MOTION** Carried.

**PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Steve Livergood to approve the letter to be issued to 500 Turnpike Avenue pending review from the County. **MOTION** Carried. Chip updated; the County did make one change that was to include the Map number. John Ryan now represents Mrs. Iraca, she has agreed to the offer being made. Once he has the time to review everything, we will proceed.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Scott Ortasic to approve to close Cherry Street from Front Street to Second Street on August 9 starting at 5 pm for National Night Out. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Greg Forcey to approve to the resolution for the Strategic Management Planning Program. **MOTION** Carried. Steve Livergood asked if the application is filled out and if stamped? Les answered yes, and she sent it to Council. He asked where the money is going, and Les said it is to pay for the consultant to do the strategic plan, so as the consultant bills us we will draw the money down, less 10% which we were hoping with the hardship letter that Les wrote along with the application. Steve asked if Terry Conklin was handling it, and Les said yes. Terry Conklin had come in and helped with it.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** was made by Scott Ortasic and seconded by Annjane Ross to send Dan Podliski to active shooting training on Aug. 8-12 for $995. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Annjane Ross and seconded by Scott Ortasic to send Dan Podliski to Tasar Certification August 5, 2022, in Duncansville at a cost of $400. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Annjane Ross to accept the resignation of Steve Harmic from First Ward. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Annjane Ross to accept the resignation of Lewis Duttry from Third Ward. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Scott Ortasic to advertise for the openings on Council for First and Third Ward. **MOTION** Carried.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Annjane Ross to purchase a Chevy 6500 with aluminum dump body, snowplow and spreader from A&H Equipment under Costars pricing of $111,891.00. $50,000 will be paid from Liquid Fuels and finance the balance. **MOTION** Carried. Les remarked that CNB had lower fee rate and interest rate. She had other banks fees and rates.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Annjane Ross to purchase a vehicle for Animal Control. **MOTION** Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The mayor asked about the Street Commissioner, where it was at. Stephanie said there is a meeting Monday to talk about it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Steve Livergood sent out copies to everyone with the agreements and bylaws for the Police Commission and if there are any questions, please ask. Stephanie Tarbay sent out a message a quote for Date of Management system for Code Enforcement and Public Works and if anyone has any questions or comments please ask. Andrea reached out to Rick, and said she was looking over it, she had questions, and cost was an issue, he did drop close to $1500 off. Les said that did come in better. Andrea is still working with the GPS and GIS with him. Andrea is still working on it. Todd Kling is very supportive of it and said it would make his job easier. Stephanie said this will be up next month for consideration.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 6:35 pm

Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant