CLEARFIELD BOROUGH

**BOROUGH 2023 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**May 18, 2023**

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 18,2023 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Clearfield Borough Building.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**: Stephanie Tarbay, Nichole Norris, Barb Shaffner, Annjane Ross, Brande Plyler, Steve Livergood

**ABSENT** Steve Harmic, Scott Ortasic, Solicitor Chip Bell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Solicitor Chip Bell Mayor Mason Strouse, Chief Andrew Smith, Chief Vincent McGinnis, Street Department Todd Kling, Borough Secretary Betsy Houser, Code Officer Andrea Stewart

**MEDIA:** Cherie Dysard Gant Daily, Jeff Corcino The Progress

Stephanie Tarbay called for a Motion seeking approval of the minutes of April 20, 2023, Clearfield Borough Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Annjane Ross and seconded by Barb Shaffner **MOTION** Carried.

**Communications:** None

**Public Audience:** Deb Gray

**REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**: A copy of the Fire Department's report is on file. Chief Smith wanted to speak about the vehicle from Illinois. He went out this week, Mike Mayersky, Bill Armstrong, Michael Yankevich did as well. It is higher than the currant truck, they may have to do some building renovation, making a door higher. They are asking for $750,000 and would hope to get it for $725,000, he would like to see the council pursue this.

Michael Yankevich said it is a 2015 Pearce XT, 505’ stick ariel, we would have to have training on it, but they are up to it, it is different, platform bucket, it is eight years old, with 59,000 miles on it, but over the next year it could have another 8000 to 10,000 miles put on it. It is very nice, it is in excellent condition, there are just a few cosmetic blemishes on it and they will be addressed, as well as undercoat the frame. It comes with ladders, it handles nice, they could drive it but they all went for rides in it. This unit would fit into the needs of the community, we would very much to move forward on it. It is not a want; it is a need. The goal is to purchase this, we could put our engine for sale after the delivery of this truck. Those proceeds would go towards this truck then. There is to consider the 13’ door of the building. Chief Smith said we have some quotes requested from Penn Central and Summit. Todd Kling has looked at the building, Gary Bowman has too, and Gary Bowman believes they can do the work.

Steve Livergood asked about a warranty, and Michael Yankevich said a standard 1 year/$15,000 warranty but he thinks it can be negotiated. He would like 2 years/ $25,000.

**MOTION** was made by Steven Livergood and seconded by Annjane Ross to move on this purchase of the fire truck under Chip’s review. **MOTION** Carried.

Steve Livergood said he believes we need to check into some grants for this. Perhaps Mary Tatum could be of help.

Steve asked to hold off until Monday to call, he wants to talk to Chip.

Stephanie asked about the down payment, Mike said they are asking 25% down, approximately $187,000. They have that available in the Capital Fund.

Barb asked if it would be damaged in the year time span, Mike said they would have the right to say no, and have a deposit refunded. This would all go through Chip too.

**MOTION** was made by Nichol Norris and seconded by Stepanie Tarbay to give the Clearfield Fire Dept. permission to market and sell the 2009 Spartan Engine pending the solicitor’s review. **MOTION** Carried.

**POLICE:** A copy of the Police Department’s report is on file. The Chief had nothing to add.

**STREET:**  Todd said he attended the pre-construction meeting for Tyler Ave. and Martin Street, it should start in two weeks, there are no anticipated traffic problems. He also noted the bids on the paving bids, if there is extra from the budgeted money perhaps, we can get a little more paving out of it.

Nichole noted they said there have been a lot of compliments for the composite site.

Stephanie asked for the public not to abuse the site, there has been some recently.

She thanked the street dept . for how good the parks look and the rest of the tree boxes.

Todd said he did speak with Chip about selling the mulch from the composite, and he said that was fine. Perhaps we can have a form here at the office and it be coordinated with me. Those funds could be used for small repairs.

Chip also said the milling could be handled the same way.

Todd would like to use these funds to offset in a small way, save taxpayers money.

**MAYOR**. The mayor said he has been very busy with events. With school winding down he wanted everyone to be cautious, and watch out for the children on roadways and parks. He is encouraging to get out to the Riverwalk Festival coming up. He said Stephanie is doing a new Business Spotlight on Facebook, it is being well received.

**SOLICITOR:** Report is on file

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** A copy of the code officer reports are on file. She is finishing up the code violation, she has what she wants to use, and Stephanie said to take it to Chip for approval. Stephanie and Annjane thanked her.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Brande Plyer to close Leavy Avenue from South Second Street to Power Avenue on June 3, 2023, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for the American Legion Mikey’s Old School Ride. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Nichole Norris to provide traffic control on August 5, 2023, for the Clearfield YMCA Wellness Community Engagement at 8:30 am.  **MOTION** Carried.

Steve Livergood asked about the traffic control and the Chief said they will be there or ask the Fire Police.

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Brande Plyler to accept the agreement between the fire department and Clearfield Borough RE: UTV. **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Brande Plyler and seconded by Nichole Norris to fix air compressor on Squad#1, at the approximate cost of $1000 to $2000. **MOTION** Carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**MOTION** was made by Barb Shaffner and seconded by Nichole Norris to accept a resolution to apply for grant funding for Stinky Run Project. **MOTION** Carried.

**OPEN BIDS** for Liquid Fuel Paving/2023/Elm Street

Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt Co., Inc. $103,648.80

New Enterprise $100,269.65

Glenn O. Hawbaker Inc. $99,599.00

HRI, Inc. $108,260.00

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood to award the 2023 paving contract to Glenn O. Hawbaker at the cost of $99,599.00 pending engineer review. **MOTION** Carried.

**PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Annjane Ross and seconded by Barb Shaffner to accept and sign documents for Clearly Ahead Development for the extension of the RACP Grant.  **MOTION** Carried.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** was made by Annjane Ross and seconded by Nichole Norris to hire Jordan Voss for Street Department pending background check and references. **MOTION** Carried.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** was made by Barb Shaffner and seconded by Nichole Norris to approve the bill list as presented. **MOTION** Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 6:42pm

Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant