CLEARFIELD BOROUGH

**BOROUGH 2023 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**July 20, 2023**

Clearfield Borough Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 20,2023 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers at the Clearfield Borough Building.

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

**ABSENT** Mayor Mason Strouse, Steve Harmic, Nichole Norris, Scott Ortasic, Chip Bell, Chief Vincent McGinnis, Chief Andrew Smith, Borough Secretary Betsy Houser

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Street Department Todd Kling, Code Officer Andrea Stewart

**MEDIA:**

Stephanie Tarbay called for a Motion seeking approval of the minutes of May 18, 2023, Clearfield Borough Council Meeting. **MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Barb Shaffner. **MOTION** Carried.

**Communications:** None

**Public Audience:** Vicki Ward

Vicki’s concern is leash laws. She said some dogs in the borough are not on leashes. She recently was attacked.

Another concern is some residents need their addresses on their homes. Regarding her attack,

she was asked if she called the police, she said you can’t call the police, she gets the sheriff’s office, she was asked if she called 911, no she did not. She is advised to call 911.

**REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICERS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**: A copy of the Fire Department's report is on file. The report was read at the meeting, and any questions or comments could be asked. Reminder, Tuesday is National Night Out, encourage everyone to attend. This weekend is a flash over training, he encourages everyone in the room to come to see it. It is a huge training program.

**POLICE:** A copy of the Police Department’s report is on file. Asst. Chief Curry reviewed the report. She said it has been a busy month. Nate wanted to bring up bicycle safety, they need to obey the same traffic, signal their intentions, use signals with their hands, also helmets are a great idea. Also, they are working on a PCCED grant, it is a law enforcement, designed to get up to full staff. The Clearfield Borough will be the applicant and the recipient. It will pay people to go to the Police Academy.

**STREET:** A copy of his report is on file. Todd wanted to add, Mike from Novey called him about the containers used for recycling. The containers are in terrible condition. One will not pass inspection. We don’t want to put them in that position. We need to make a decision, to make a roll off container. This would cost about $5000. Todd has three quotes. The new recycling program will be paper, cardboard, aluminum, bi-metals, we are moving the glass away for a while. Stephanie asked if the grant would allow a container, Todd said Jodi Brenner was asked that, and she said that we are able to alter our agreement, it can be looked at doing that.

He also spoke to Todd Banks regarding the Tyler Ave .culvert project , it will start on Monday.

Nate asked Todd about communicating and asked about Novo. Todd said the Chief is able to log on. And that they could use it. Andrea said she could also help by showing them the program. Todd also said during the daytime just stop off at the garage, if it’s a sign or whatever you have.

**MAYOR**.

**SOLICITOR:** Report is on file.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:** A copy of the code officer reports are on file. Andrea said its been a busy month. She has talked to a lot of municipalities. She gets quite a few complaints that are small. It would be nice to have some of this on line. To work on something accessible on the web site to fill out. Also she wanted to talk about the codification, we are behind the deadline, the deadline was April. She sent out an email and has not received anything back on it. She needs several things. Do we want to clean out. We have paid for it, so it is something we need to look at. The code enforcement is backed up with codes. She can not back up something without a code behind it. The last six months she needs something a little meatier. We need to work on this. We need a finished copy. She needs to know how to proceed. The fee sheet is being held up too. She was told we were waiting on the STMP program recommendation. The street cut also needs to be looked at. And Andrea has a list of Ordinances and Resolutions still needed. They are some missing. And they were not told that zoning ordinances were not codified. She feels that is a bad move. It would cut down on calls she is taking. She said things need to be looked at. Barb said if everyone sits down and works on definition, along with the solicitor, in several meetings, what we have, what needs changed. This would include zoning, planning, council, and the solicitor. We don’t want it to be hard to understand. Andrea said the mechanical device could be changed, but she doesn’t want to have to redo it again in another month. Stephanie suggested we talk next week with Chip.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**MOTION** was made by Steve Livergood and seconded by Barb Shaffner to advertise heating fuel bids.  **MOTION** Carried.

**MOTION** was made by Barb Shaffner and seconded by Ann jane Ross to pass the resolution to apply for the Chester Street Improvement Multimodal Grant through DCED. **MOTION** Carried.

Stephanie made a remark, Chip made a resolution this grant that we are applying for has a zero much, it $711,210.00, it is to hook into Rails to Trails, it will pave that street as well.

**PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Barb Shaffner and seconded by Annjane Ross to close Cherry St. (Front to 2nd St.) and Van Valzah Ave. (Cherry St. to Market St.) on Jul 25, 2023, at 4:30pm. The National Night Out Block Part event is from 5:30 to 8:30. MOTION Carried.

NOTE: the Mature resources will be holding a chicken bar b que on august 18,2023 at Lower Witmer Park, left of the boat launch, from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. This will coincide with the Volunteer Fair, August 18, 2023, 3:00 to 6:30pm.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Executive session called for personnel. No motion to follow.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED 6:50pm

Submitted By: Betsy Houser, Borough Secretary/Administrative Assistant