

April 2, 2019, Council Meeting
Minutes

The regular meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on April 2, 2019, in the Assembly Room of the Clarion Free Library. President Lapinto called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers present were Ms. Roberts, Dr. Sanders Dédé, Mr. Aaron, Mr. Noto, Ms. Logue, and President Lapinto. Mr. Zerfoss was absent. Mayor Parker, Chief Peck, Mr. Preston, Mr. Colosimo, Mr. Preston, Solicitor Marshall, Mr. Sharrar, and Ms. LaVan-Preston were also present.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé to amend the agenda to include under Storm Water Authority a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$27,640 for the Center Place Storm Sewer Replacement Project. The motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Logue, approving the minutes of the March 5, 2019, Council Meeting, carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Logue to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019, Council Meeting. Dr. Sanders Dédé stated the minutes should reflect that the meeting was held in the Assembly Room of the Clarion Free Library not the Clarion Borough Offices. The correction was agreed upon by everyone, and the motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items Only

There were none.

ADMINISTRATION

On a motion by Dr. Sanders Dédé with a second by Ms. Roberts, approving to pay the appropriations for the month of April, was carried with a vote of six yea.

President Lapinto reported the Treasurer's Report of Fund Totals and Budget Analysis are in the packet for Council's review.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé to give permission for General Code to complete the codification of ordinances for an estimated price between \$1,130 to \$1,425.

Ms. Roberts asked for an explanation.

Secretary LaVan-Preston commented all the ordinances are codified into one book. Anytime Council adopts an ordinance, the book then needs to be updated. Usually the Borough waits a year or 2 before sending in all the ordinances that have been adopted since the last codification in order for the company to prepare the supplements updating the book. It is not done every time an ordinance is adopted as there is a fee each time. Secretary LaVan-Preston believes the last time this was done was at the beginning of 2017. Also, the book includes a disposition list

showing the ordinances and the dates they were adopted. It is important to keep the Code Book up to date.

President Lapinto recalls it used to be about \$25 a page to redo.

The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

BLUEPRINT COMMITTEE

Dr. Sanders Dédé reported the Committee will meet next week. On April 27th, a workshop will be held and is not only for the Blueprint Committee members but for the community as well.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Noto notified everyone Spring Leaf Pick-Up Collection will be held April 29 and 30, 2019. All leaves should be placed at curbside. This is strictly for leaves. No branches can be taken.

Mr. Noto announced Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019, for Borough residents to bring his/her items to the Public Works Department to dispose of unwanted items. Businesses are included. Mr. Noto asked Mr. Preston for the hours.

Mr. Preston stated it is 6:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé to approve the storm sewer connection agreement at 244 Wood Street with Megan Kerr.

Mr. Colosimo explained this is a private property connection to the Borough's storm sewer system. The owners will actually be making two connections into the storm water piping on Third Avenue. The property address is 244 Wood Street. Mr. Colosimo stated the property owner is going to be conducting the work.

Mr. Noto pointed out one of the benefits to the Borough is that it will take his/her storm water and put it immediately into the system, meaning it will not run on the surface. The Committee discussed how the owners will drill into the pipe and provide a guarantee on their work. It is spelled out in this agreement. Mr. Noto stated this motion will approve the owner to tap into the Borough's line.

The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

Mr. Noto asked Mr. Preston for any other comments.

Mr. Preston stated the Department is getting the pool ready and waiting for the plants to open to be able to patch potholes.

STORM WATER AUTHORITY

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Mr. Aaron to give permission to purchase a computer from Computer Support at the price of \$2,471.40. The motion carried with a vote of six yeas.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé, approving Bison Construction's second pay request in the amount of \$213,299.10 for work on Center Place Project, was carried with a vote of six yeas.

Mr. Noto commented the construction seems to be proceeding rather well with the exception of a few hiccups and asked Mr. Colosimo if the company is still ahead of schedule?

Mr. Colosimo believes they are.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$27,640 for the Center Place Storm Sewer Replacement Project.

Ms. Roberts asked why this is necessary?

Mr. Noto reported the reason for this change over is because there are some sewer laterals from homes that are not going to be able to cross where they used to because of the size of the Borough's storm pipe that is being installed. The engineers thought the laterals could sneak under the pipe; however, the pipes are not where they thought they were. Therefore, the contractor needs to run a line laterally down next to the Borough's pipe and connect in at a better location. Mr. Noto stated it will require about 200' more of pipe and voice his unhappiness about this development but it must be done. Additionally, the contractor already filled it back in, meaning the trench will need re-dug in order to redo the line. Mr. Noto pointed out this is one of the hiccups he was referring to earlier.

Ms. Roberts asked the likelihood of more of these problems.

Mr. Noto commented there may be one more problem location. However, the engineer assured the Committee they can go over the top this time.

President Lapinto stated it was a very interesting meeting.

Mr. Noto agreed and feels the engineers should have been able to anticipate this problem.

Ms. Roberts stated they should know where the pipe is and the depth.

President Lapinto commented they were anticipated.

Regardless, Mr. Noto reported the Borough will have to run this pipe for the cost of about \$27,640 in order for those residents to have sewage coming out of his/her house. There is no other option. Mr. Noto believes the contractor already ran it. The owners had temporary hook ups, but they couldn't stay like that.

Mr. Preston stated it was completed.

The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Aaron stated the Committee would like permission to seek request for proposals from the banks in the amount of \$42,435.87 for the purchase of the 2019 Dodge Charger and equipment.

Secretary LaVan-Preston commented one of the estimates came in a little lower so the amount will reduce to \$41,793.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. Noto to give permission to seek request for proposals from the banks in the amount of \$41,793 for the purchase of 2019 Dodge Charger and equipment. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Logue, approving to purchase the 2019 Dodge Charger from Clarion Ford, CoStars Program, in the amount of \$25,147, was carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Logue to approve to purchase the police radio from Mobilcom in the amount of \$786.89. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Logue to approve to purchase the in-car camera from Watch Guard in the amount of \$5,545.

Mr. Noto asked if this is the one that starts filming automatically when the lights turn on?

Chief Peck agreed.

The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Logue, approving to purchase the in-car computer from Patrol PC in the amount of \$4,686, was carried with a vote of six yea.

Mr. Aaron questioned if the next one is the amount that changed?

Secretary LaVan-Preston stated yes and noted the amount is \$5,628.22.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Logue to give permission to purchase the lights, siren, middle console etc., and installation of radio, computer, and camera from Valero Service Inc. in the amount of \$5,628.22.

Ms. Logue asked if this amount includes the striping of the car?

Chief Peck stated it will be an unmarked car.

The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

LIBRARY REPORT

In case anyone didn't notice it on the way in, Mr. Noto reported the Library Storm Sewer Project has started and is in full swing. It should be completed in the next several weeks.

Mr. Colosimo stated it should be done within 2 weeks.

HOUSING AND ZONING

Ms. Roberts stated the Housing and Zoning Report is in the packet for everyone's review.

RECREATION

Ms. Roberts reported the Department is painting the pool building and getting it ready for the season.

Mr. Preston added the water in the pool is being drained out now.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary LaVan-Preston had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Parker had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

President Lapinto thanked the employees for nominating Council for the award at the VFW.

Secretary LaVan-Preston thanked all Councilmembers for stepping up to the plate and hearing a lot more than he/she probably wants to now.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Non-Agenda Items

Speaking as a resident, Mr. Aaron thanked the Borough Police Department on their work with the Pennsylvania State Police and all other municipalities up to Elk County for the work they did over the last however many months and sending kind of the message 'not in our town'.

Since President Lapinto was kind enough to send the information about the Shade Tree Commission, Ms. Elisabeth Fulmer thinks it is something that Council should pursue. As you drive around town, it is starting to look like Kansas with no trees. Ms. Fulmer commented Fifth Avenue looks awful, South Street is looking bad, and Seventh Avenue has lost a lot of trees. Those are just a few of the streets she travels on regularly. Somebody needs to go out and

inventory the different areas of the Borough and figure out how to address this problem. Ms. Fulmer realizes there will be a budgetary consideration with it but definitely feels it is needed.

President Lapinto stated Secretary LaVan-Preston will assign that to a Committee to discuss this month.

Mr. Kirke Wise suggested putting do not enter signs on the back of the stop signs on Wood Street as an added indicator to all motorists that is a one-way street and he/she is going the wrong way. Probably 1 out of every 60-70 cars go the wrong way and are driving fast. Mr. Wise grew up along Wood Street, and then it was a surprise to see someone going the wrong way. Now it seems like it is happening all the time. Mr. Wise feels this would be an easy fix. The one-way sign may be there; but, by adding the do not enter sign, would just be another way to stress that fact. It may prevent an accident.

President Lapinto asked the Public Safety Committee to discuss this situation.

Mr. Aaron agreed drivers also do this on Liberty Street in his area.

Ms. Roberts stated more and more college students are coming up 9th Avenue the wrong way to Main Street as well.

President Lapinto commented Public Safety will look into this and asked Chief Peck for any comments.

Chief Peck stated the winter parking ordinance is no longer in effect.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

On a motion by Ms. Roberts with a second by Mr. Aaron, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Linda LaVan-Preston, Borough Secretary