

August 18, 2020, Council Meeting
Minutes

The second meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on August 18, 2020, as advertised, 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 Mr. Garbarino, Ms. Roberts, Dr. Sanders Dédé, Mr. Aaron, and President Lapinto. Mr. Noto and Ms. Logue were absent. Chief Peck, Solicitor Marshall, Mr. Colosimo, Mayor Whitling, and Secretary LaVan-Preston were also present. Ms. Schwabenbauer, Mr. Preston, and Mr. Sharrar were absent.

Before starting the meeting, President Lapinto called for a moment of silence for our firefighter and friend, Russ Bartley. Mr. Bartley was a great guy and will be very much missed. All the other firemen left on a call, but President Lapinto called on the Mayor for some comments.

Mayor Whitling stated Russ was definitely an outstanding member of the fire company, and it was such an inspiration to be able to work with him and see the devotion to the service. Russ served the company for 61 years. Mayor Whitling commented it was an honor to get to know him and learn from him. Russ was very valued and appreciated in the company not just for his knowledge and experience but as a mechanic as well. Mayor Whitling ended by saying his prayers are with the Bartley family and he will be missed.

President Lapinto asked for a moment of silence in honor of this great man.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items

There were none.

ADMINISTRATION

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. Garbarino to approve FFY 2020 Clarion Borough CARES – CDBG Application Resolution #2020-449.

President Lapinto asked Mr. Colosimo for a brief explanation.

Mr. Colosimo reported this funding is from the CARES Act. This particular pot of CARES funding is running through the CDBG Program and is approximately \$64,000. The Borough is going to try for protective equipment for the Borough and also to try to set up funds to possibly help businesses in town that have been impacted by COVID. Mr. Colosimo commented the money is specifically earmarked to respond to COVID and the Coronavirus.

Mr. Aaron stated the amount was \$64,134.

The motion carried with a vote of five yea.

BLUEPRINT COMMITTEE

Dr. Sanders Dédé stated there is a meeting tomorrow night.

PUBLIC WORKS

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Roberts to approve the quote from Anderson Electric in the amount of \$10,970 to install the new pedestrian pushbuttons at 6th Avenue and Main Street, contingent upon the completion of all paperwork (paid with Liquid Fuels Funds).

President Lapinto reported this has been discussed for a long time and asked if anyone had any questions.

There were no questions.

Secretary LaVan-Preston reported this has been going on since last October. It took a while to get the specifications from PennDOT, get a quote, and then COVID slowed things down a little bit. The Borough is finally at the point where it can be approved.

The motion carried with a vote of five yea.

President Lapinto asked anybody if he/she had anything under their departments.

Nobody had anything to report.

Back to Mr. Bartley, Secretary LaVan-Preston added he was one of the Borough's employees and thanked him for his service. Mr. Bartley was an excellent employee.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Non-Agenda Items

There were none.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. Garbarino, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Linda LaVan-Preston, Borough Secretary