

July 16, 2019, Council Meeting  
Minutes

The second meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on July 16, 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. Mr. Colosimo, Mayor Miller, and Ms. LaVan-Preston were also present.

On a motion by Dr. Sanders Dédé with a second by Mr. Noto, amending the agenda to include under Storm Water Authority a motion to authorize to complete a change order for the Center Place Storm Sewer Project – ditch line stabilization and improvement, was carried with a vote of six yea.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items Only

There were none.

ADMINISTRATION

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé to award Contract 2019-3 Main Street Improvements Project (concrete trash receptacles) to Terra Works Inc., contingent upon receipt of properly executed performance bond, payment bond, and contract agreement. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Dr. Sanders Dédé with a second by Mr. Aaron to authorize the EADS Group to complete the design, specifications, and cost estimate for the replacement of street light poles on Main Street. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

BLUEPRINT COMMITTEE

Dr. Sanders Dédé stated representatives from the Federal Home Loan Bank will be in Clarion on Monday, July 22, 2019, to award the checks to the Housing Authority to complete the renovations of the Section 8 housing and some other buildings they have purchased. A ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Clarion River Brewery. United States Representative GT Thompson will be here as well as the President of the Federal Home Loan Bank from Pittsburgh. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served, and the media will be present.

STORM WATER AUTHORITY/PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Noto commented the Committee would like to amend the Borough's plan for Center Place to include some ditch line stabilization and improvement. Now that Center Place is mostly completed, it is being noticed that the water on the one side of the road is ripping out and carving a channel along the side of the road. It is starting to undermine the brand new road that was done as part of this project. Mr. Noto reported the plan is to basically armor the ditch with asphalt in a u-shape to channel the water down to the inlets. The Committee would like to make this a change order to the project. It is very definite this water is undermining the road surface and something has to be done.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Ms. Roberts to authorize to complete a change order for the Center Place Storm Sewer Project – ditch line stabilization and improvement.

Mr. Aaron asked for a cost estimate?

Mr. Colosimo stated the figure mentioned numerous times is \$20,000 but is not from an engineer.

Mr. Aaron pointed out that beats the price of a new road.

If this is done as a change order to the project, Mr. Noto believes this can be paid with PennVEST money instead of using Borough funds.

Mr. Colosimo commented that is being looked into now to make sure PennVEST will allow that as a change order. Funding does remain in the construction part of the project.

Ms. Roberts inquired if this was not seen as an issue when the road was being assessed and voiced curiosity as that ditch has always been along that side of the road.

In discussions, Mr. Noto also feels there should have been a lot more inlets along that side as the water does come rushing right down through there. However, more inlets were not possible due to other utility locations and not being enough room. This is the solution the Borough is left with now. Mr. Noto agreed he had the same questions and concerns as Ms. Roberts about why that was not in here.

Ms. Roberts added it has always slanted that way and is the area of the road that was crumbling the most.

Mr. Noto stated there seems to be a lack of vision there.

The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Mr. Aaron to award Contract 2019-4 Second Avenue Storm Sewer Repair Project, contingent upon receipt of properly executed performance bond, payment bond, insurance certificate, and contract agreement.

President Lapinto stated Council was handed a copy of the bid results.

Mr. Colosimo stated Terra Works is the apparent low bid of \$37,370, which did check out. Four bids were received all together.

The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Aaron had nothing to report.

LIBRARY REPORT

Mr. Noto had nothing to report.

HOUSING AND ZONING

Ms. Roberts had nothing to report.

RECREATION

Ms. Roberts had nothing to report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary LaVan-Preston had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

President Lapinto called on Mayor Miller for his first report.

Mayor Miller thanked everyone for being so nice.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Non-Agenda Items

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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Linda LaVan-Preston, Borough Secretary