

June 5, 2018, Council Meeting
Minutes

The regular meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on June 5, 2018, in the Clarion Free Library. Vice President Sanders Dédé called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Sanders Dédé asked the record reflect that President Lapinto is absent. Councilmembers present were Mr. Zerfoss, Ms. Roberts, Dr. Sanders Dédé, Mr. Aaron, Mr. Noto, and Ms. Logue. President Lapinto was absent. Chief Peck, Mayor Parker, Solicitor Marshall, Mr. Colosimo, Mr. Sharrar, Mr. Preston, and Ms. LaVan were also present.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Mr. Aaron to approve the May 1, 2018, Council Meeting minutes. The motion carried with a vote of six yeas.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items Only

Acting President Sanders Dédé asked anyone wishing to speak on agenda items to do so at this time.

Solicitor Marshall pointed out the Miles' rezoning request was on the agenda for Council to consider this evening and if anyone had any comments now would be the appropriate time to do so before Council decides to take any or not any action on that issue.

If Council gives the Miles' permission to rezone the property, Ms. Stephanie Kalinowski, 107 Bond Drive, stated it will impact and reduce her property value and others in University Manor that range from \$300,000 and up. Showing pictures from her cell phone earlier at the hearing, Ms. Kalinowski doesn't believe what Mr. Miles states he is going to do. There are no maps, plans, or anything on paper. If given permission, then they will have free reign to do anything they want to. Just the removal of a bunch of trees has impacted the visibility in her backyard. There was supposed to be a wheat field there; however, there isn't. Ms. Kalinowski commented it's nothing but devastation and disappointment. If Mr. Miles already told her lies, what else did he tell? Ms. Kalinowski urged Council not to vote in favor.

Mr. Todd Glenn, 100 Still Drive, thinks Council maybe needs to relook at this with the Miles Brothers to see if a better plan is feasible such as rezone with certain restrictions upon the property as far as setbacks. It would be more amicable between the people that border this property. Not directly bordering this property, Mr. Glenn lives in University Manor and any affect in that development will affect everyone's property value. Mr. Glenn feels the residents just want to see a specific plan as far as setbacks and other zoning requirements. Clarion Borough does need a viable tax base in the Borough as everybody pays taxes.

Mr. Bob Chernicky, 1318 Robinwood Drive, echoed Mr. Glenn's comments and had nothing to add.

In past experiences with meetings such as this one, Ms. Rebecca Chernicky, 1318 Robinwood Drive, reported anyone who wanted to rezone had to have maps prepared to show people

attending what he/she planned to do. The applicant and their counselor clearly showed all the people bordering what was proposed so that he/she could visually see what was going to happen. It was not verbally done.

HOUSING AND ZONING

On a motion by Ms. Roberts with a second by Ms. Logue to table action on the Miles' rezoning request of a 35.31 acre parcel of land located in Clarion Borough from R-1, Residential, to C-I, Commercial-Industrial until July 10, 2018. The motion carried with a vote of five yea and Mr. Zerfoss voting nay. However, Mr. Zerfoss requested a roll call vote for clarification. The motion carried after the following roll call vote: Mr. Zerfoss, no; Ms. Roberts, yes; Mr. Aaron, yes; Mr. Noto, yes; Ms. Logue, yes; Acting President Sanders Dédé, no.

ADMINISTRATION

On a motion by Mr. Zerfoss with a second by Mr. Noto, approving the appropriations for the month of June, was carried with a vote of six yea.

Acting President Sanders Dédé stated the Treasurer's Report of Fund Totals and Budget Analysis are in the packet for Council's review.

Acting President Sanders Dédé reminded everyone the July Council Meeting will be July 10, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the Clarion Free Library. This is due to the Fourth of July Holiday.

On a motion by Mr. Zerfoss with a second by Mr. Noto, giving permission to pay July bills on July 3, 2018, to avoid late fees, with ratification at July 10th meeting, was carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Ms. Logue with a second by Ms. Roberts to give permission to transfer the Capital Projects Plan B interest to date of reinvestment (as of 5-14-18 Notice, \$1,126.98) to the Capital Projects Fund. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Mr. Aaron, approving Clarion County Coalition for Suicide Prevention's special event request for Suicide Awareness Walk to be held September 13, 2018, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Ms. Logue to approve Resolution #2018-419, approving the submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Grant Application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority and designating Carol Lapinto and Linda LaVan as the Borough officials to execute all documents related to the grant.

Ms. Roberts asked if someone can explain what this is?

Mr. Colosimo commented this grant, if awarded, will pay for a number of transportation enhancements to the Sheridan Road and Grand Avenue area, involving pedestrian safety, road upgrades, storm sewer repairs, and more.

Ms. Roberts inquired if this is the one the Miles's discussed with Council a couple months ago.

Mr. Colosimo stated yes. They asked the Borough to work with them on applying for this grant.

Ms. LaVan asked Mr. Colosimo to announce the amount, which needs listed in the Resolution, but was not available until after the packets were prepared.

Mr. Colosimo stated the amount is \$2,964,000.

The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

BLUEPRINT COMMITTEE

Acting President Sanders Dédé reported a free concert is still being planned for July 4, 2018, in the afternoon at the corner of Wood Street and Eighth Avenue.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Zerfoss reported Clarion Borough's 2018 Paving Project will be to pave Grant Street from 5th Avenue to Jefferson Place, Merle Road from Jefferson Place to 4th Avenue, Merle Road from 4th Avenue to 3rd Avenue; Merle Road from 8th Avenue to a point; Penn Avenue from Frampton Street to Corbett Street; and Penn Avenue from tie in intersection to at Frampton Street. Bids were due today at 10 a.m. and opened at 10:15 a.m. Four bids were received, which everyone received a copy of the results this evening. The bids range from \$36,168 up to \$52,535.28. Hager Paving Inc. is the apparent low bidder. As a reminder, Mr. Zerfoss stated the Borough received County Aid funds to pave Grant Street from 5th Avenue to Jefferson Place, Merle Road from Jefferson Place to 4th Avenue, and Merle Road from 4th Avenue to 3rd Avenue.

On a motion by Mr. Zerfoss with a second by Mr. Aaron, accepting the apparent low bid of Hager Paving Inc. in the amount of \$36,168 for the 2018 Paving Project, contingent upon review and approval of all required paperwork and bid bonds, was carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Zerfoss with a second by Ms. Logue to approve procurement of up to three replacement garage doors for the Clarion Fire and Hose Company #1 Building.

Mr. Aaron asked if there is an estimated cost?

Secretary LaVan preferred not to release the amount in hopes the Borough will get the best prices. If the bids come in over the budget figure, the number of doors will need to be reduced.

The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

Mr. Zerfoss asked Mr. Preston for any comments?

Mr. Preston reported the Department has been busy working on the pool. It is filling up with water now. Hopefully by next week, it will be open. Then the Department will go back to patching potholes and painting crosswalks that are starting to fade.

Mr. Zerfoss stressed anyone that notices potholes to contact the Borough Office or Maintenance Department with the location and they will be added to the list.

STORM WATER AUTHORITY

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Mr. Zerfoss to approve the agreement with the EADS Group, Inc., for professional services needed for the Center Place Storm Sewer Project.

Mr. Colosimo stated this will extend the agreement to cover more services than what was originally intended, which would be the PennVEST Grant application.

The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Mr. Zerfoss, approving the resignation letter from Karen Grosch from the Storm Water Authority Board, effective as of May 22, 2018, was carried with a vote of six yea.

Mr. Noto stated Bill Miller exhibited interest in filling a previous vacancy and is still willing to serve on the board.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Mr. Zerfoss to appoint William Miller to fill the vacancy on the Board with a term to expire the first Monday of 2023. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Aaron had nothing to report and asked Chief Peck for any comments.

Chief Peck informed everyone there was a fire on North Fourth Avenue. After seeing some of the video, the fire company deserves recognition with a good job of minimizing the damage. Thanks to Officers Kemmer and Zerfoss, the Department was able to make an arrest.

In the last month or so, Chief Peck pointed out there has been a little uptick in people resisting arrests but applauded the officers for using as minimum force as necessary to complete the arrest.

LIBRARY REPORT

Mr. Noto reminded everyone the Summer Reading Program begins June 7th and runs through August 2nd for ages 7 through 17. It is free and open to all children in the library service area. Mr. Noto encouraged everyone to bring his/her kids/grandkids or themselves and read.

Mr. Noto stated the Presbyterian women weeded and mulched the flower beds again this year, and they look very nice.

Mr. Noto reported they had a very successful chili cook-off, which raised some good money.

Mr. Noto announced the Library is working on a new and improved website for everybody to be able to access and, hopefully, it will be ready soon to get out to everyone.

On a not so good note, Mr. Noto commented everyone probably noticed the doors seem to be sticking. As they continue to rot and sink, new doors are going to be needed as soon as the water issue is under control.

RECREATION

Ms. Roberts asked Mr. Preston for an update on the pool.

Mr. Preston stated the Department began to fill the pool today with water. That will take approximately three days. Once filled, the chemicals will be added. Then G and C Labs will have to test it prior to opening. It looks as though the pool will open next week.

As soon as the date is known, Ms. Roberts reported the information will be blasted everywhere to inform the public. Right now, the weather is cold, and next week is supposed to be nice.

Backing up to the Library Report, Mr. Noto forgot to mention the Library purchased service with a company called Hoopla, which is a digital download service that a person can stream books, videos, comics, audio, and music. Being a member of the Clarion Free Library, this will give you access to this digital streaming service without paying a fee to anyone. As a library board member, Mr. Noto thinks this is a really cool, neat idea worth mentioning to everyone tonight. If you have people visiting this summer and he/she wanted to be able to do things, you can just stream material right off the Library's website. Mr. Noto stressed this is a service the Clarion Free Library offers to the public as a Library member.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary LaVan reported the Administration Committee will meet this month with Zelenkofske Axelrod to review the 2017 Audit. A report will be given next month.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Parker had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Acting President Sanders Dédé announced on Thursday, June 14, 2018, the 16th annual Juneteenth Program will be held on the Clarion University Campus at Hart Chapel, beginning at

10:30 a.m. The speaker will be the pastor of the Episcopalian Church from Oil City. There will be a free lunch at Eagle Commons. Acting President Sanders Dédé encouraged everyone to attend.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Non-Agenda Items

Mr. Bob Balough suggested that Public Works or Public Safety consider a 3-way stop at Ditz Place and George Road. It's not that bad in the summer; however, once the apartments are filled with students on Ditz Place, people speed in this area. Visibility is not great at that location. If there is a 3-way stop making drivers stop, it will make the intersection a lot safer.

Acting President Sanders Dédé referred that to the Public Safety Committee to review.

Mr. Preston agreed it is hard to see traffic coming on Ditz Place when you try to pull off of George Road.

Mr. Balough commented residents use caution, but the younger unfamiliar drivers do not.

Mr. Aaron reported the Committee is reviewing the Traffic Ordinance as a whole now and that will be looked into as well.

Ms. Balough added that her daughter lives on Fairview Avenue in the Troese Addition. There is a stop sign coming out of Hillside Apartments; however, people still drive fast in and out of that area. Ms. Balough asked if the Borough Police can watch that area.

Mr. Todd Glenn asked how much the Borough received for County Aid this year for the paving project?

Secretary LaVan stated \$19,700.

Mr. Glenn pointed out a municipality is allowed to go 10% overall on a paving bid and suggested the Borough see if Hager Paving would be amicable in providing more so additional streets could be handled throughout the Borough, which would be beneficial.

Mr. Zerfoss commented the Committee will look into the possibility.

Ms. LaVan reported the County aid can only be used on the streets included in the application. The problem with this year's bid is if the amount of money for those streets came in above the County aid amount the Borough would have to pay for it. It was uncertain how many other streets to include. If the bid came in too high, then the Borough would have had to reject them all unless it was optioned out. This will be looked into.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Just for informational purposes, Mr. Zerfoss stated while Clarion Area High School graduated last weekend, the last of the Zerfoss' grandkids didn't attend the ceremony but instead was at the Track and Field State Championships in Shippensburg. Brendan Zerfoss, the son of Officer Zerfoss, finished 5th in the 200 run and the 400 dash overall for the State of Pennsylvania. When Mr. Zerfoss stated that's the last of his grandsons to graduate, he represented Clarion High School and Clarion Borough well.

Mr. Balough announced that Rose Logue's daughter, Christy, graduated from Duquesne University Law School.

Acting President Sanders Dédé asked Ms. LaVan to make sure that all gets in the minutes and congratulated both of them.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Roberts, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Linda LaVan, Borough Secretary