

October 2, 2018, Council Meeting
Minutes

The regular meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on October 2, 2018, in 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. Zerfoss, Ms. Roberts, Dr. Sanders Dédé, Mr. Aaron, Ms. Logue, and President Lapinto. Mr. Noto was absent. Chief Peck, Mayor Parker, Mr. Preston, Mr. Colosimo, Mr. Sharrar, Solicitor Marshall, and Ms. LaVan-Preston were also present.

On a motion by Mr. Zerfoss with a second by Ms. Roberts, approving the minutes of the September 4, 2018, Public Hearing, was carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Zerfoss with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018, Council Meeting. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items Only

There were none.

ADMINISTRATION

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

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

President Lapinto reminded everyone the November 6, 2018, Council Meeting, will be held at the Clarion Borough Offices due to that being Election Day.

President Lapinto asked Solicitor Marshall to discuss the next ordinance, amending the LGUDA ordinance approved last month.

Solicitor Marshall reported the amendment is necessary, because the ordinance adopted last month was prepared stating the useful life of the project would be 5 years and should have been 50. Under LGUDA, you're not allowed to have the finance period of your note be less than the useful life. In other words, the PennVEST note finance period has to be at least for the useful life of the project. Solicitor Marshall didn't catch this initially, and DCED asked this amendment be made in order to correct it. Once the second advertisement is completed, it will be sent to DCED for approval.

On a motion by Dr. Sanders Dédé with a second by Ms. Logue, approving the first advertisement, adopting Ordinance #2018-829, amending the Ordinance increasing the indebtedness of the Borough by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$684,078, and approving the second advertisement, was carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé, adopting Resolution #2018-424, approving the FFY 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application and attached three-year Community Development Plan (CDP) for submission by Clarion County to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), was carried with a vote of six yeas.

On a motion by Dr. Sanders Dédé with a second by Ms. Roberts to approve the Clarion Borough Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Statement of Goals for FFY 2018. The motion carried with a vote of six yeas.

President Lapinto commented next is the status of the Main Street improvements. This past month, Dr. Sanders Dédé, Mr. Aaron, Mayor Parker, and she met with the University. At that time, the Borough decided to continue with the University's style of benches, which is the same style that has been used by the County. There will be some regular benches and then some double-sided benches that would enable people to sit facing the street or a business. President Lapinto reported the Borough did not decide to use the same decorative trash cans, mainly because they are not strong enough. The Borough needs to have heavy cement receptacles so they do not get pushed over.

BLUEPRINT COMMITTEE

Dr. Sanders Dédé commented the Blueprint Committee will be meeting October 10, 2018, at 5 p.m. at the Borough Office. The Committee will continue work on the grant for capacity building and the strategic plan.

PUBLIC WORKS

Chairman Zerfoss announced leaf pick-up is every Monday and Tuesday, beginning October 15, 2018, through November 20, 2018. This will be handled the same way as it has been in the past. Leaves only, no grass or branches. The leaves should be placed at curbside, and the Public Works Department will pick them up.

Chairman Zerfoss stated the Seventh Avenue and Wood Street storm water repair project is completed and asked Mr. Colosimo for anything additional.

Mr. Colosimo commented the project was completed without any change orders. The contract price was \$20,098 and Terra Works did an excellent job. Mr. Colosimo thanked the Clarion Volunteer Fire and Hose Company, Mr. Preston, and Mr. Himes for providing pipe jetting services for part of the project, which saved about \$5,000 from having to hire a company to complete that work.

On a motion by Mr. Zerfoss with a second by Mr. Aaron to adopt the policy for connection to the Borough's storm water system.

President Lapinto asked any questions be addressed to Mr. Colosimo or Solicitor Marshall.

Dr. Sanders Dédé questioned if this was developed by the Storm Water Committee?

President Lapinto stated Mr. Colosimo and Solicitor Marshall developed this policy. Part of the Borough's issues on Center Place is that people just punched into the system, which created a lot of problems. Now the Borough will have a written policy on how to connect properly.

The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

Chairman Zerfoss noted the Public Works Report is in the packet and asked Mr. Preston for any comments.

Mr. Preston stated everything is going well.

STORM WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Aaron, in the absence of Chairman Noto, commented the bid results for the Center Place Storm Water Project are in the packet showing Bison Construction as the lowest bidder by quite a bit.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. Zerfoss to award the contract for the Center Place Storm Water Project to Bison Construction in the amount of \$881,260, which includes the contingency item pricing.

President Lapinto asked if Mr. Dave Neill, The EADS Group, wished to add anything.

Mr. Neill informed Council 11 bid packages were sent out for Center Place; and, of that, 7 bid were received. The low 4 bids were all very competitive. The overall price of \$881,260 includes contingent items. Mr. Neill stated EADS bid the project to include certain quantities for items that may occur during the process of the project, like repairing pipes or if a water line is hit. For instance, the asphalt 19 mm mix for Bison is \$26,400, which will be discussed with PennVEST at the next conference call. At times, PennVEST will only pay for trench restoration and will not pay to overlay the entire street. In this case, however, with the size of the pipe, the existing pipe, all the other utilities located there, and as small as Center Place is, Mr. Neill thinks the entire road will be destroyed during construction and doesn't feel PennVEST will fight paying to redo the entire road. EADS wanted to have a lower cost option in case the cost does have to be borne completely by the Borough. Mr. Neill pointed out Bison's actual base bid price was about \$850,000, which is below the \$1.1 million original construction estimate that EADS predicted for the project. EADS will discuss with PennVEST the option of utilizing any of the additional construction funds if that is something the Borough wishes. If not, Council could go with the base bid, which would obviously reduce the grant amount and in essence reduce the amount the Borough would have to borrow as a loan. Mr. Neill stated the way it is set up now is the Borough received a 2/3 grant, which will be taken off the total project at the end. Again, this can be discussed with PennVEST in a conference call to see if they are open to the alternative of some additional work being added; such as adding some inlets and extending the storm sewer

along 6th Avenue. There has been some discussion of problem areas across Sixth Avenue coming down Center Place. If those could be addressed at the same time, the issue created with water would be solved by tying it into Boundary Street into the new inlets that are being installed. This water all comes down to the same discharge point anyways. Mr. Neill pointed out this is an option if Council wishes to pursue it.

President Lapinto asked Mr. Neill if he had a chance to review all the bids?

Mr. Neill commented he did review all the bids and all the paperwork that Bison submitted. Everything is satisfactorily completed. Bison is not on the debarment list, and there is nothing outstanding that would classify them as a non-responsive bidder. As a quick aside, Mr. Neill introduced Joe Fusillo and asked if he could give a quick introduction of himself.

President Lapinto stated Dr. Sanders Dédé and she had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Fusillo already and asked him to go ahead.

Mr. Joe Fusillo commented he is the new Department Manager with The EADS Group and gets it pointed out frequently that he talks a little funny, which is attributed to living in Long Island over the last 6 years. Originally from Youngstown, Mr. Fusillo stated this was a great opportunity to come on board with EADS and now will be a lot closer to seeing his grandchildren, who live in Youngstown. Clarion is a wonderful community. Mr. Fusillo lives here and is currently looking to buy a house in Clarion somewhere. If anyone has any questions, he/she may contact The EADS Group or by cell phone, which he will provide to the Borough Office.

The motion was carried with a vote of six yea.

President Lapinto asked for an update on PennVEST.

Mr. Colosimo reported the second conference call is on Friday, October 5, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. Everything is in order, and the Borough is making progress. The closing date is still anticipated to be December 18, 2018.

PUBLIC SAFETY

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé, adopting Ordinance #2018-828, amending Chapter 205 of Clarion Borough's Code of Ordinances title " Vehicles and Traffic" to add stops signs and change parking meter zones, was carried with a vote of six yea.

Mr. Aaron announced trick-or-treat is scheduled for October 31, 2018, from 6-8 p.m. The parade line-up will be at 5:30 p.m. in front of McDonald's.

LIBRARY REPORT

Mayor Parker, in the absence of Mr. Noto, had nothing to report.

Mr. Colosimo asked Mr. Neill for an update on the storm water project for the library?

Mr. Neill, The EADS Group, stated the plan is to have the project ready for advertising in January. This will be a good time to get it on the contractors' radar and hopefully good prices will be received just like with Center Place.

HOUSING AND ZONING

On a motion by Ms. Roberts with a second by Ms. Logue, giving permission for Pennsylvania American Water for Intermittent sidewalk closures on both the east and west sides of South Fifth Avenue (east side includes 141 South Fifth Avenue to Main Street and the west side begins at 74 South Fifth Avenue to 15 South Fifth Avenue) and also street closures on Wood Street from South Second Avenue to South Fifth Avenue, beginning in October immediately following Autumn Leaf Festival extending beyond 14 days, was carried with a vote of six yea.

RECREATION

Ms. Roberts had nothing to report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary LaVan-Preston had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Parker had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Janice Horn, 32 Barber Street, informed Council, the Bridge Builders Trustees approved the parks project proposal.

Council congratulated Ms. Horn.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Linda LaVan-Preston, Borough Secretary