

September 1, 2020, Council Meeting  
Minutes

The regular meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on September 1, 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, Mr. Noto, Ms. Logue, and President Lapinto. Chief Peck, Mr. Colosimo, Mr. Preston, Solicitor Marshall, Mayor Whitling, and Secretary LaVan-Preston were also present. Mr. Sharrar participated by telephone. Ms. Schwabenbauer was absent.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé to approve the August 4, 2020, Council Meeting, minutes. The motion carried with a vote of seven yea.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Mr. Garbarino, approving the August 18, 2020, Council Meeting, minutes, was carried with a vote of seven yea.

President Lapinto rearranged the agenda and asked Mayor Whitling to present the Proclamation now.

Mayor Whitling presented a Proclamation to Joan Kriebel, proclaiming the week of September 17-23, 2020, as Constitution Week and asked everybody to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to everyone through this guardian of his/her liberties.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items

Mr. James Cunningham, Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau for Clarion, Venango, Mercer, and Lawrence, contacted the Borough Office about available signage stating 'it is not too late'. Secretary LaVan-Preston asked if he would like to attend a meeting to give an update. In the 2020 Census, Mr. Cunningham supplied Council with the following key remaining dates: Group Quarters (university housing, nursing homes) ends September 3<sup>rd</sup>; Non-Response Follow-Up or NRFU (door knockers) and Mobile Questionnaire Assistance or MQA ends September 30<sup>th</sup>; Homeless Population ends September 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>; last day to respond is September 30<sup>th</sup>; and the data delivery to the President will be December 31<sup>st</sup>. According to the woman that runs the program for the door knockers, 75% of Clarion County is done with 10,000 housing units to remain. This is not just Clarion Borough but Clarion County. The final 25% will be the hardest to do as they are the lower performing areas, which includes Sligo, Rimersburg, Clarion, Knox, some place called Turkey Ridge, and Scotch (possibly Scotch Hill). The Mobile Assistance Program is where a couple census workers set up in a business (for example, supermarkets or libraries), ask if customers have completed the census, and if not, help him/her do it on their own device so there is no contact. All census workers wear PPE and stay socially distanced. Mr. Cunningham noted the homeless count is the hardest population to count. Just to go over the self-response rate by State, Minnesota is the best at about 74%, Pennsylvania is ranked 18 out of 50 states at 68%, and Alaska is the worse at 53%. More than 80% of all the households

nationally have been counted as of August 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cunningham explained self-response is if an individual completed the paperwork and sent it in, you call the number and supply the information, or he/she completed it online. So, when it says 68% of Pennsylvania self-responded, it doesn't mean there are still 30% that haven't answered; he/she just haven't responded that way. In Pennsylvania by county metrics, Bucks County is #1 at 77%, Clarion County is 54 out of 67 counties or 59%, and Forest County is the worst at 26.5%. The more affluent the county is, the better the numbers seem to be. The more rural the county is, the worse the numbers seem to be. In Pennsylvania, Mr. Cunningham stated more than 85% of all households have been counted as of August 30<sup>th</sup>. Clarion County's self-response rate of 59.3% is down from the final 2010 rate of 63.4%. Forest is at 26.5%; Venango is at 63.9%; Butler is the star county with 75.3%, which exceed their 2010 rate of 73.8%; Armstrong is 65.6%, slightly down from 2010 of 65.9%; and Jefferson is 60.1%, down 10% from 2010. Mr. Cunningham informed Council that Clarion Borough itself is about 55.3% in self-response rate in comparison to in 2010, it was 72.2%. Previous discussions with the Mayor, Mr. Cunningham feels the reason the Borough's numbers are so much lowers is that when the Census began COVID hit and the college students were sent home. The ones living on campus were counted; however, the ones living off-campus were not. New Bethlehem Borough is the highest in the County at 64%, and Knox Borough is doing really well at 58%. Mr. Cunningham provided a copy of the handout with more information, which is attached to the Official File Copy of these minutes. If anyone has any questions, he/she may contact him. Again, Mr. Cunningham stressed it is not too late to respond. People can respond by going online at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov), calling at 844-330-2020, mailing in paper responses, providing information to door knockers or in businesses. There is no reason to answer the census. It is something each person can do to help your country. There is \$675 billion at stake that has to be divvied up. It is important to have the best number possible for Clarion Borough, Clarion County, and the State of Pennsylvania that goes so far and is only done every 10 years. Mr. Cunningham asked for any questions.

Ms. Janice Horn received a mailing around April 1<sup>st</sup> for both houses she owns, which she completed and returned. A door knocker approached her to say that the second house had not been counted, but Ms. Horn stated she had and he stated that was okay. Last week, another mailing was received for it. Ms. Horn completed it again. While completing it, a question asked which house she lived in so she reported it again.

Mr. Cunningham stated that is strange and doesn't have an answer as to why she would have been bothered so many times for the information. There is a quality control check so that should be caught if it was submitted more than once.

Ms. Elisabeth Fulmer received a form for her business and asked if the form needs to be returned as nobody lives there.

If nobody lived there, Mr. Cunningham commented you should not have to fill it out and it may have been a mistake. This may have been a census for economic questions.

Ms. Fulmer stated it was not.

## ADMINISTRATION

On a motion by Mr. Garbarino with a second by Mr. Aaron to approve the appropriations for the month of September. The motion carried with a vote of seven yeas.

President Lapinto commented the Treasurer's Report and Budget Analysis are included for Council's review.

President Lapinto stated next is the Autumn Leaf Festival special event request to be held October 1-4, 2020, and noted it is different and was included in the packet.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. Garbarino to approve the Autumn Leaf Festival special event request to be held October 1-4, 2020.

President Lapinto asked for any discussion?

Dr. Sanders Dédé stated Clarion County has a very low count of infections and/or diseases and inquired why would anyone want to invite people to come into the community to spread the virus even more? So far, Clarion has been pretty blessed, lucky, and fortunate for the numbers and death rate to be low. If this event is done at any scale, Dr. Sanders Dédé voiced grave concern that the vulnerability of risk to the county, livelihoods, lives, and everything will increase. One more thing, if the Rose Bowl can be canceled, Dr. Sanders Dédé stated ALF can be too for a year.

President Lapinto stressed this is a very, very difficult decision and always asks her experts starting with the Solicitor.

Solicitor Marshall understands that the current guidelines or protocols indicate that gatherings over 250 people should not occur. Clearly, ALF, in their events, usually brings in more people than that. The application submitted did not include any provision for how that would play out, how it would be enforced, or how that was going to occur to limit the gatherings for that size. It becomes an enforcement issue as far as masks and social distancing guidelines. To reiterate what Councilwoman Dédé mentioned, Solicitor Marshall pointed out sports organizations, professional and collegiate, are canceling their events. The University cancelled their sporting events and gatherings, including anything related to the Autumn Leaf Festival. If the Borough endorsed the Autumn Leaf Festival this year and gave its blessing, Solicitor Marshall stated his opinion is the Borough would significantly increase its exposure to liability based on the current guidelines.

President Lapinto asked the Chief?

Chief Peck stated the officers have been exposed to it directly and have had to take precautions to keep them off work to protect them. Recently, there was a cycle that drained the

Department, and Chief Peck doesn't want to see that occur again. There are a couple officers that are not really thrilled about the event in the Department. Chief Peck stated that's about it.

President Lapinto asked Mr. Sharrar for any comments.

Mr. Sharrar had nothing to add.

Mr. Garbarino asked Chief Peck if he anticipates getting any support from the University. In other words, will the University police assist or help at all?

Chief Peck thinks the University made a stance that they are not going to participate.

Mr. Noto clarified that is as an entity it will not participate, but the students may well do so.

Chief Peck agreed and thinks that Mr. Garbarino was just asking for police. If the Borough got into an emergency, Chief Peck feels the University Police will provide assistance just nothing for normal ALF activities.

Dr. Sanders Dédé added the University students are basically the bread and butter for Clarion Borough. Why would anyone invite people to come and possibly get the students infected? Clarion Borough needs the students to stay in school, stay in the Borough, and support the merchants on Main Street. When they left earlier this year, it may be a reason the census numbers are low, which will affect federal money that comes to Clarion. Dr. Sanders Dédé has particular problems with Cheers and Beers as to how he/she is going to be carded and informed what to do or not do. Working that event before, it's hard to keep the adults under control without getting drunk. College students are her babies but are crazy and have no responsibility whatsoever. Dr. Sanders Dédé apologizes for her comments but this how she feels.

President Lapinto asked if everybody received a copy of Bill Miller's letter?

Secretary LaVan-Preston stated the letter was attached to the front of the packet to Council, the Mayor, and the Solicitor and can read it into the record if Council wishes.

Dr. Sanders Dédé thinks it should be.

Secretary LaVan-Preston read a letter from Mr. William Miller, who hopes that the 'word on the street' that the Chamber is planning to have a scaled down version of crafters day on the sidewalks of Clarion's Main Street will not take place. One of the main ideas for the preventing of the spread of COVID-19 virus is to limit interactions of large numbers of people. If the Chamber doesn't feel many will attend, Mr. Miller questioned why have it? Other celebrations are not going to be held until next year; the State Fair and the Butler County Fair to name a few. Mr. Miller voiced concern that there could be a liability issue should visiting crafters, shoppers, local citizens, and the police officers become infected. Councilmembers are faced with a serious

decision. Mr. Miller questioned why risk it and encouraged everyone not this year. A copy of the letter is attached to the Official File Copy of these minutes.

President Lapinto asked for any other comments or questions?

Ms. Elisabeth Fulmer asked if there has been any final event schedule put together yet. It is kind of hard to decide whether you are for it or against it if you don't know what's planned.

Ms. Tracy Becker commented not yet. The craft show is not happening this year. The Chamber is looking at making it a Merchants Day to go back to what was done 67 years ago where businesses along Main Street come out and sell their items from his/her store and invite the local farmers to sell the items he/she has in their field. The Chamber's goal is to do very limited events. Publicizing will be done locally, meaning The Clarion News, The Derrick, exploreClarion, and C-93, to only reach people that live in the County. Ms. Becker stated the goal is not to bring people from Butler or Forest Counties. Holding a scaled down event is to provide an opportunity for people to come in, do some shopping at area stores, grab something to eat, listen to some music for a little bit, and then go on about his/her day. As for Cheers and Beers, a maximum of 250 tickets would be sold, probably more like 200, and it would be spaced along Main Street. All participants will be carded prior to the purchase of a ticket. Ms. Becker feels that keeping the event outside the store will help control it. Everyone is concerned about COVID, which is understandable. However, Ms. Becker is looking at the business aspect of the businesses on Main Street that are struggling and the hotels down at the exits that have suffered a significant loss. Some may have to close at the end of the year and/or not be able to open next year. By downsizing, Ms. Becker stressed people are not expected to come to town for the entire day but to enjoy what is available and only if you are comfortable participating. The Chamber did receive the letter from the Borough as far as how to address the COVID-warning, which will definitely be addressed in any public service announcement out for ALF. People will be informed to wear masks, which will be handed out to him/her on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue if he/she does not have one. Social distancing will also be encouraged. Ms. Becker informed Council that additional handwashing stations as well as hand sanitizer stations are being planned. Local food vendors will have to wear masks, serve with gloves, and have hand sanitizer available for use.

Being asked by President Lapinto last month for her opinion on if ALF should be held or not, Ms. Fulmer simply cannot provide one without having an idea of what is being proposed.

Before going to businesses as to what was being planned, Ms. Becker stated the Chamber wanted to see if Council approved the downsized schedule. Some businesses may want to participate and some may not. The Chamber is not going to force anyone to do so. This year rather than having schedules a poster is being planned to be displayed in local businesses.

Ms. Fulmer hasn't received brochures before and hopes to get a poster.

Mayor Whitling asked how the Chamber can guarantee that there will only be 250 people and what plan of action is in place to make sure the crowd does not exceed that number?

In discussion with the Board, Ms. Becker thinks the only concern as far as 250 would be the 2-hour concert but it ends at 8 p.m. and no one should be on the street after that. Not being shy and being very vocal, Ms. Becker has no problem asking people to either social distance or put a mask on.

Mayor Whitling voiced concern the limit is 250 and, right now, people are just excited to get outside for anything.

Ms. Becker reported the entertainment will be on Sixth Avenue on the Captain Loomis side, which is a small area. A large influx of people is not expected. In previous discussions with President Lapinto, it was mentioned to block Sixth Avenue down to Wood Street. If people have a bigger space, you may get more people. If the space is limited, it should result with less.

Ms. Roberts noted the people will be packed in like sardines in one little area. Even if there are 200 people in that tiny space, he/she will not be able to social distance. Even with masks, people are supposed to stay a good distance apart from each other.

Ms. Becker informed Council the Board is looking at additional signage to also remind people to follow the guidelines. Everyone understands that people will not 100% follow the rules, but the Chamber can try their best to encourage him/her to do so.

Ms. Roberts agreed the Board can do their best. However, Council has the responsibility to the citizens that live in the community to make the right decision so that he/she is not going to be in harm's way because of the people that choose not to wear a mask or choose not to social distance. Council needs to make a decision for them.

While driving to the meeting tonight, President Lapinto noticed the vendor selling the ice. There was a line and nobody was wearing a mask or social distancing. What will happen if that is what occurs with the vendors during this event? President Lapinto stated that is her main concern. Also, President Lapinto feels she's in a difficult position because she chaired ALF for many years and totally supported the Chamber but has to think about all the residents in the Borough.

Mr. Aaron stated she didn't have to think about him as he would worry about himself.

As far as advertising, Dr. Sanders Dédé reported another concern would be with someone in Butler County that has been in his/her house since March and just wants to get out; here is a place to go. There is no way to keep people from coming to the event.

Ms. Becker understands that and stated it's like people coming from Pittsburgh, Butler, and New York that go to Cook Forest. You go to the horse ranch or go carts, and people are practicing social distance. Signs are on doors saying to 'please, as a courtesy, wear a mask'.

Mr. Aaron added a chainsaw event is being promoted now for a 3-day event at the end of September.

Dr. Sanders Dédé just doesn't feel people will listen and argue he/she don't have to.

Mr. Jim Crooks thinks everyone in this room knows that Autumn Leaf is a huge economic impact to the area, but that will not happen this year. It would be great to say 'hey, Autumn Leaf made it through this year, maybe just this big'. Some of the businesses are planning on doing something called mALF, Almost Autumn Leaf. However, Mr. Crooks certainly understands everything that is being stated here tonight as well and questioned if anybody had an idea of what could be done just to say ALF was held for even one day?

Dr. Sanders Dédé reported a state organization she belongs to was going to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year but now will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> year in the 51<sup>st</sup> year in 2021. Dr. Sanders Dédé stressed ALF can be held next year.

If Council decides vote no, Ms. Logue inquired if the events at the Mall will still be held?

Ms. Becker stated possibly. It would be up to the Board to see if it will be feasible to do or not.

Ms. Logue personally doesn't have a problem with some of the events, but the live music and Cheers and Beers will be hard to control 250 people and doesn't seem possible to do. People can say that people are social distancing and wearing masks but that doesn't happen in Sheetz anymore. Ms. Logue understands the craft show is going to be an online event.

Ms. Becker agreed the Chamber is doing an online craft show. An in-person craft show will not be held. All 195 crafters were notified by letter of his/her options. On Friday and Saturday, the idea is for merchants along with farmers to go back to the original root of Autumn Leaf.

Mr. Noto commented that sounds like a neat idea.

President Lapinto asked Ms. Becker if the idea for businesses not participating in sidewalk sales to put a crafter in that spot.

Ms. Becker stated that was a suggestion, but the Chamber did not go that route.

Ms. Logue asked if this would be set up where the Farmer's Market is on Saturday morning?

Ms. Becker commented no. The Chamber will not be using that lot beside the Courthouse this year. It was once mentioned perhaps the farmers could sell from his/her trunk or back of their truck rather than setting up on the sidewalk.

Mayor Whitling questioned if the Chamber looked into whether the Cheers and Beers complies with the Governor's Order?

Ms. Becker reported as of right now that event is 100% on hold. If the mitigation does not get updated and the bars are still at 25%, that event cannot take place. So, right now, the Chamber is not planning that event.

Mayor Whitling inquired about the touch-a-truck?

President Lapinto stated that event is at the Mall and would not involve the Borough. Hearing no further questions or comments, President Lapinto asked for a roll call vote.

The motion failed after the following roll call vote: Mr. Garbarino explained originally he planned to vote yes but after hearing Chief Peck's comments cannot in good conscience, as an elected official, ask an individual to do something that he/she doesn't feel comfortable doing and, for that reason, voted no; Ms. Roberts, no; Dr. Sanders Dédé, no; Mr. Aaron, yes; Mr. Noto, no; Ms. Logue, no; and President Lapinto, no.

Mr. Crooks asked what the motion actually was.

President Lapinto stated to approve it as presented.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Roberts, approving Resolution #2020-450, a Resolution reducing the Police Pension contributions from 5% to 0% for the year of 2021, was carried with a vote of seven yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. Garbarino to approve the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Clarion Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$58,673. The motion carried with a vote of seven yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Roberts to approve Resolution #2020-451, a Resolution reducing the General Employees' Pension contributions from 5% to 2.5% for the year 2021. The motion carried with a vote of seven yea.

On a motion by Mr. Garbarino with a second by Ms. Roberts, approving the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Clarion General Employees' Pension Plan in the amount of \$66,743, was carried with a vote of seven yea.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Ms. Roberts to approve The EADS Group to begin engineering and design services in support of the Clarion Borough PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Project.

President Lapinto asked Mr. Colosimo if this is where he wished to discuss an item relating to this project?

Mr. Noto feels it is as the work needs to be modified.

Mr. Aaron stated that is for the Storm Water Authority to address.

President Lapinto stated Mr. Colosimo is saying no.

Mr. Colosimo reported the contract for the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant will be with the Borough, meaning the Borough will be contracting basically.

President Lapinto thinks the Authority should have some input as they have more knowledge on the projects right now.

Mr. Noto inquired if Council could table this action, let the Storm Water Authority discuss it, and bring some recommendations back to Council.

Ms. Logue agreed that is a good idea.

Even though the Borough is responsible, President Lapinto agreed that is the way to go.

Mr. Colosimo commented the Borough will not be able to do all the contracting totally until there is a decision on how to proceed.

Mr. Aaron made a motion to table it and doesn't feel it is right to say it's Council's decision whenever the Storm Water Authority is in place to recommend prior to a vote.

President Lapinto asked the Solicitor to weigh in on this discussion?

Solicitor Marshall doesn't think this is actually a legal question but questioned if DCED has to know by a certain deadline?

Mr. Colosimo reported DCED doesn't have a deadline but have indicated they wish to move rather quickly. To be honest, DCED probably won't give a deadline.

Solicitor Marshall wondered if it would be possible to have either a special meeting of the Storm Water Authority and then either a special meeting or at the second meeting of Council this month address the issue.

Mr. Colosimo commented the Authority meets September 10<sup>th</sup> and thinks that would be soon enough.

Solicitor Marshall questioned what would the adverse impact of not doing something tonight be?

Mr. Colosimo honestly doesn't know but has a feeling DCED wanted to move quickly. DCED hasn't provided a deadline, but Mr. Colosimo doesn't like holding things up.

President Lapinto agrees with Mr. Aaron to table it.

Ms. Logue seconded Mr. Aaron's motion to table action.

Since there are two basic options, either Sunset Drive or Emerson Way being removed, Mr. Noto asked if the motion could be modified that Council could agree to allow the Storm Water Authority make that determination at their meeting based on their knowledge and then proceed from whatever the Authority thinks would be most feasible at choosing a project?

Solicitor Marshall doesn't think that can be done without it coming back to Council for a vote.

Ms. Logue stated the Authority is meeting the 10<sup>th</sup> and Council's second meeting is the 15<sup>th</sup> so that should be quick enough.

If this passes, Mr. Colosimo will contact the State to see how fast this has to be moved on and if it could wait until next month.

Mr. Noto asked what if they can't?

Mr. Colosimo stated he'd ask Council to have the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting then.

Secretary LaVan-Preston suggested Council could announce the second meeting would be held in case it has to be faster than October's meeting. This would eliminate having to re-advertise the second meeting. The second meeting could be canceled if not necessary.

Mr. Noto verified Council is going to vote to table this for the time being?

Mr. Aaron agreed until Council's second meeting.

President Lapinto repeated there is a motion to table action reducing the amount of projects for the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant until the second Borough Council Meeting scheduled for September 15, 2020, at 7 p.m. at the Clarion Free Library.

The motion carried with a vote of seven yea.

Before moving on, Secretary LaVan-Preston stated another motion was on the floor to approve The EADS Group to begin services.

President Lapinto stated that can't start until this is decided.

Mr. Colosimo commented the work won't start until the Borough is fully contracted, but this will allow The EADS Group to provide an offer for services, which will come back to Council prior to moving on.

Mr. Aaron cautioned as long as Sunset and Emerson are last.

Mr. Noto agreed as those projects are up for debate.

Mr. Colosimo pointed out EADS won't be doing design work until after all the contracting.

The motion carried with a vote of seven yea.

#### BLUEPRINT COMMITTEE

Dr. Sanders Dédé reported Blueprint is continuing with the development of the Park; again, thanks to Janice Horn. A grant was submitted Monday to get funding in order to continue the project. The Committee will be meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September at the Conference Room at Cozumel's. Dr. Sanders Dédé stated fundraising activities continue.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Noto reported the Public Works Report is in the packet for everyone's review.

#### STORM WATER AUTHORITY

Backing up, Mr. Noto asked what Council actually tabled if the design services have been approved?

Secretary LaVan-Preston noted the options on the projects being done.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Aaron had nothing to report.

#### LIBRARY REPORT

Mr. Noto stated the Borough is on hold with a couple of projects for the library, particularly the boiler and the sidewalk. Until official word comes from the Keystone Grant Application to see if the projects are awarded, the Borough cannot move on.

#### HOUSING AND ZONING

Ms. Roberts commented the Housing and Zoning Report is in the packet and any questions could be addressed to Mr. Garbarino as she was not able to attend the last meeting.

## RECREATION

Ms. Roberts had nothing to report.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary LaVan-Preston announced the Borough received notification the estimated Liquid Fuels funds for 2021 will be \$144,917.26, which is approximately \$16,000 less from this year's allocation of \$160,804.04. This information will be given to Sam Lynch for the 2021 budget preparation, which is coming up soon.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Weighing in on ALF, Mayor Whitling commented it means a lot to him as well as to everybody here but agrees with the majority of Council that holding off on ALF in Clarion Borough is the right thing to do. Council doesn't want to be liable to infecting some of the residents and visitors that may come into the Borough. There have been so many great memories of ALF in the past, and Mayor Whitling looks forward to next year making many, many more.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

## NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

## CITIZEN COMMENTS: Non-Agenda Items

Dr. Sanders Dédé wished to make a historical comment about something that took place this evening. Mayor Whitling presented a proclamation about the establishment of the Constitution of the United States and its approval. When the Constitution of the United States was approved, Dr. Sanders Dédé and her ancestors would only have been 3/5ths of a person at that time not a whole person. Dr. Sanders Dédé stressed she was not counted as a whole person in the Constitution. Luckily that has changed, and now she is a whole person. Women can now vote, because women could not vote at that time.

Ms. Elisabeth Fulmer agreed women weren't in the Constitution and Dr. Sanders Dédé wasn't counted twice.

Dr. Sanders Dédé thinks she might be the only person of color to sit on this Council and was duly elected by the citizens of Clarion Borough. Clarion and the United States have come a long way. People have died so that everyone could have the right to vote. Dr. Sanders Dédé encouraged everybody to continue to be good citizens and pointed out if she can overcome being 3/5ths of a person, then people can overcome everything.

Mr. Aaron feels Dr. Sanders Dédé is making up for it and is probably 7/5ths for her personality.

Ms. Fulmer commented she is glad that Dr. Sanders Dédé is finally a whole person but added she's glad that women are finally in the Constitution, too.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Logue, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Linda LaVan-Preston, Borough Secretary