

September 15, 2020, Council Meeting
Minutes

The second meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on September 15, 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, Ms. Logue, and President Lapinto. Mr. Noto was absent. Solicitor Marshall, Mr. Colosimo, Mayor Whitling, and Secretary LaVan-Preston were also present. Chief Peck, Ms. Schwabenbauer, Mr. Preston, and Mr. Sharrar were absent.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items

There were none.

ADMINISTRATION

President Lapinto called on Mr. Aaron and Mr. Colosimo to discuss the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Project.

Mr. Aaron stated last Thursday the Storm Water Authority met and discussed the short fall on the grant that the Borough was awarded. The Authority discussed the two projects that EADS brought up for elimination. The Board decided to recommend that Emerson Way be excluded from the list of projects mainly due to the complexity of the project. Emerson Way will have a much more fluctuating cost whereas all the others are pretty straight forward.

Mr. Colosimo agreed. Emerson Way is more of a specialty project compared to the other four. It will take a specialized contractor, or sub depending on whom is awarded the work.

Mr. Aaron added that one gives the greatest risk of an overage. At this time, the Authority's position is to recommend Council exclude Emerson Way.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. Garbarino, reducing the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Project by eliminating Emerson Way, was carried with a vote of six yea.

President Lapinto asked Mr. Colosimo if he had something else to discuss with Council?

Mr. Colosimo provided a few stats for the record on this grant. The total ended up being \$391,053. The Borough's match for construction and engineering is going to be \$69,021. With Council's permission, Mr. Colosimo would like to add \$2,000 for administration, making the match \$71,021. This would be an 18.2% match, which exceeds the 15% required match. The engineering is coming in at 10% and the contingencies are under 5%, which are two requirements of the grant. Mr. Colosimo reported the total project for the administration, construction, and engineering is \$462,074.

President Lapinto asked if this is necessary in the form of a motion.

If Council is going to add the \$2,000 for administration, Solicitor Marshall stated yes.

Mr. Colosimo informed Council this additional \$2,000 is an estimate of hours to administer and the cost of the bid notice.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Logue to add \$2,000 to the \$69,021 match for the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Project.

President Lapinto asked for any questions?

Ms. Roberts verified the Borough is providing the match at this time but in the future this will be repaid by the Storm Water Authority.

Mr. Colosimo commented those details haven't been worked out yet but feels that is what will happen once the Authority is billing.

President Lapinto stressed the Borough is the entity receiving the grant.

Mr. Colosimo agreed the Borough will hold the contract and implement the project.

The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

President Lapinto asked if there was any other business to bring up tonight as Committees have not met yet this month.

Dr. Sanders Dédé reported the Borough needs to provide a support letter for something that the Blueprint Committee put forward on the park project and several other projects. The grant has already been submitted, but the letter is still needed to be part of the package.

Secretary LaVan-Preston stated this is on the agenda for the Administration Committee to discuss at their meeting this month.

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 7:06 p.m.

Linda LaVan-Preston, Borough Secretary