

April 5, 2016, Council Meeting
Minutes

The regular meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on April 5, 2016, 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. Zerfoss, Ms. Roberts, Mr. Aaron, Mr. Noto, Mr. MacBeth, and President Lapinto. Dr. Sanders Dédé was absent. Chief/Secretary/Treasurer Hall, Solicitor Marshall, Mr. Colosimo, Mr. Preston, Mayor Walters, and Ms. LaVan were also present. Mr. Sharrar was absent.

On a motion by Mr. Zerfoss with a second by Mr. Aaron, approving the March 7, 2016, Council Meeting, minutes, were carried with a vote of four yea with President Lapinto abstaining as she was absent and Mr. MacBeth abstaining as he was not yet a member of Council.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Roberts to approve the March 14, 2016, Special Council Meeting, minutes. The motion tied with a vote of three yea and three abstaining (President Lapinto and Mr. Zerfoss as they were absent and Mr. MacBeth as he was not yet a member of Council). The motion carried after Mayor Walters voted yea.

On a motion by Mr. Zerfoss with a second by Mr. Aaron, approving the March 14, 2016, Vacancy Board Meeting, minutes, were carried with a vote of five yea and Mr. MacBeth abstaining as he was not yet a member of Council.

Mayor Walters presented a Proclamation for National Osteopathic Medicine Week for April 17-23, 2016, and urged all citizens and community organizations to support the observance by helping to educate residents about D.O.s and osteopathic medicine.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items

There were none.

ADMINISTRATION

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Ms. Roberts, approving the appropriations for the month of April, 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 stated approval for the Relay to Life 5K is next, which is a new request, and asked Chief Hall to discuss.

Chief Hall reported this is a new request, but the race route is not new so there is no problem with this and recommends approval.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Mr. Aaron to approve the Relay for Life 5K special event request to be held June 11, 2016. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

President Lapinto asked Secretary Hall to discuss the Resolution regarding the Emergency Operations Plan.

Every two years, Secretary Hall informed everyone all 33 municipalities have to approve a resolution for their own Emergency Operations Plan or can go along with Clarion County's. It's quite a lengthy document. Secretary Hall believes everyone signs onto the County's. As the Emergency Management Coordinator, Secretary Hall has to follow the Plan if anything bad would happen in the County.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Mr. Aaron, approving, adopting, and placing into immediate effect the Emergency Operations Plan of Clarion County and the Promulgation, was carried with a vote of six yea.

BLUEPRINT COMMITTEE

In the absence of Dr. Sanders Dédé, Mr. Colosimo stated he finished a rough draft of the design for the Committee's sign project. The field work is essentially done.

President Lapinto explained the sign will have all the businesses.

Mr. Colosimo added points of interest, places of worship, food and drink establishments, and essentially every commercial and public use within the boundary of the Commercial District will be on it. The Commercial District is from South Street to Liberty Street and from First Avenue to just a little bit beyond Ninth Avenue actually.

President Lapinto reported the Cherico boy is working on doing the historical signs, and the Committee doesn't want to interfere with his project. Now the Committee is toying around with putting it on campus so that people can be directed to Downtown. It will have a key that shows where all the businesses are. The Blueprint Committee received a \$5,000 grant, which is being used for this sign. President Lapinto noted it will be updated periodically, as needed.

Secretary Hall commented Mr. Colosimo and he have a meeting with the University's Facilities Director to discuss whether this sign could go by Arnold Avenue and Main Street somewhere by Starbucks.

Mayor Walters suggested the Borough owns the little triangle down by Arnold Avenue, which would be a great little spot for that sign.

Secretary Hall agreed that's a possibility, too.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Zerfoss stated Spring Leaf Pick-Up will be one-day only and is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2016, from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Residents do not need to call. This is leaf pick-up only, and all items must be next to the curb.

Mr. Zerfoss reminded everyone Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2016, from 6:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. It will be handled the same as last year; all items must be delivered to the Public Works facility between those hours. Mr. Zerfoss voiced skepticism last year, but it worked well, and the Borough only spent half the money it normally did. If residents don't have a way to get his/her items, because they are elderly or don't have a vehicle, he/she should call the Maintenance Department by Friday, May 13, 2016, at Noon. Mr. Zerfoss announced the merchants are included every year now, but again must bring their items to the Department.

President Lapinto asked if proof of residency will be required this year; driver's license or tax notice?

Mr. Preston stated yes.

President Lapinto asked Secretary Hall to publicize Clean-Up Day as far as the items that cannot be accepted on the website and the newspapers.

Secretary Hall commented it's already on the Borough's website and will be sent to the paper.

Mr. Zerfoss reported the Report is in the packet for everyone's review. Mr. Preston informed him earlier this evening that the asphalt plants will open next week. Therefore, the Department will not use anymore cold patch this year but will use the new machine and fix the potholes right the first time.

STORM WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Noto reported the Committee continues to proceed with the development of the Storm Water Authority and is making progress on both the engineering and the legal side of things. The Borough needs to address the PR side in the near future.

By the next meeting, Secretary Hall stated some announcements will be made.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Aaron had nothing to report.

LIBRARY REPORT

Mr. Noto had nothing to report.

President Lapinto stated some ideas were brought up regarding the bathrooms and will continue to be discussed.

Ms. Roberts added the Friends of the Library have the bathrooms as a pet project as well.

HOUSING AND ZONING

In the absence of Dr. Sanders Dédé, Ms. Roberts stated the Report is in the packet for review.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Ms. Roberts had nothing to report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Hall had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Walters had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Non-Agenda Items

Driving to the meeting tonight, Ms. Elisabeth Fulmer, 132 South Seventh Avenue, noticed the crosswalks have faded quite a bit over the winter and asked if the Borough can paint those crosswalks?

Mr. Preston agreed they are on the list, but the Department needs to wait for the weather to warm up.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Roberts, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Mark E. Hall, Borough Secretary