

May 17, 2016, Council Meeting
Minutes

The second regular meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on May 17, 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, Dr. Sanders Dédé, Mr. Aaron, Mr. Noto, Mr. MacBeth, and President Lapinto. Ms. Roberts was absent. Chief/Secretary/Treasurer Hall, Solicitor Marshall, and Ms. LaVan were also present. Mayor Walters was absent.

Since Mayor Walters is absent, President Lapinto stated she will be acting as the Mayor and will not be able to vote unless there is a tie.

President Lapinto stated there are no minutes.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items

There were none.

ADMINISTRATION

On a motion by Dr. Sanders Dédé with a second by Mr. Noto, giving permission for Todd Colosimo to drawdown CDBG administrative funds in the amount of \$150 to reimburse the Borough for the FFY-2016 CDBG Conference registration fee, was carried with a vote of five yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé to give permission for Todd Colosimo to drawdown CDBG administrative funds in the amount of \$392.22 to reimburse the Borough for eligible expenses (lodging, meals, and mileage) incurred by Mr. Colosimo while attending the FFY-2016 CDBG Conference in State College, April 24th through 26th, 2016. The motion carried with a vote of five yea.

BLUEPRINT COMMITTEE

Dr. Sanders Dédé had nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS

On a motion by Mr. Zerfoss with a second by Mr. Noto to adopt Ordinance #2016-817, LGUDA Ordinance in re front-end loader. The motion carried with a vote of five yea.

STORM WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Noto reminded everyone there is a Public Hearing to form the Clarion Borough Storm Water Authority on June 7, 2016, at 6:15 p.m. at the Library.

PUBLIC SAFETY

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. Noto, adopting Ordinance #2016-818, LGUDA Ordinance in re police car, was carried with a vote of five yea.

LIBRARY REPORT

Mr. Noto had nothing to report.

HOUSING AND ZONING

Dr. Sanders Dédé reminded everyone there is a Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to be held June 7, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Library.

Dr. Sanders Dédé also reminded everyone of the Corcettis' Simple Sub-Division Request Public Hearing to be held June 7, 2016, at 6:45 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Aaron had nothing to report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Hall reported Clean-Up Day was a success. This year, the Borough used 5½ dumpsters slightly up from 5 last year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

President Lapinto announced the Mayor prepared a proclamation for National Police Week as May 15-21, 2016, and presented it to Chief Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Non-Agenda Items

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Dr. Sanders Dédé received positive comments from citizens regarding her comments that were in the newspaper that Clarion Borough will not tolerate loitering, noise, trash, and conditions of several properties in the Borough and asked the comments be attached to the Official File Copy of these minutes. If Councilmembers would like to review them, Dr. Sanders Dédé handed them to President Lapinto prior to the meeting. Also, Dr. Sanders Dédé was a guest speaker on the radio last Thursday reiterating Clarion Borough is serious about cleaning up the community. The article then appears on Explore Clarion. Again, all the comments were supportive.

President Lapinto asked if Ms. Penny Campbell from the Housing Authority is planning to attend the Housing and Zoning Meeting on Monday?

Ms. LaVan stated yes and Ms. Campbell thanked everyone for the opportunity to attend.

President Lapinto asked if Zoning Officer Sharrar has inspected any of these particular units?

Secretary Hall doesn't know but will check.

President Lapinto thinks they need inspected and feels everyone needs to work together to tackle this problem. Some of these problem owners are employees of the University.

Dr. Sanders Dédé reported students visit her office to let her know how deplorable living conditions are at his/her rental location and unfortunately, there is nothing she can do about it other than to advise the student to move out. If Clarion Borough doesn't mandate them, nobody will.

Mr. Noto stressed no one else will.

President Lapinto stated the Borough has to take control of this problem.

On a motion by Mr. Noto with a second by Mr. Zerfoss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Mark E. Hall, Borough Secretary