

December 21, 2021, Council Meeting
Minutes

The regular meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on December 21, 2021, 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, Mr. Aaron, Mr. MacBeth, Ms. Logue, and President Lapinto. Dr. Sanders Dédé was absent. Solicitor Marshall, Mayor Whitling, and Secretary LaVan-Preston were also present. Mr. Colosimo, Chief Peck, Mr. Sharrar, Mr. Preston, Ms. Schwabenbauer were absent.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items Only

There were none.

President Lapinto called an Executive Session for personnel, including all members of Council, Mayor Whitling, and Solicitor Marshall, leaving at 7:01 p.m.

President Lapinto called the meeting back to order at 7:11 p.m.

Solicitor Marshall stated no official action will be taken on the issue of personnel.

ADMINISTRATION

President Lapinto asked for a motion to approve the resolution for the fiscal year budget and again thanked everybody for working on this.

Ms. Roberts thanked President Lapinto and Secretary LaVan-Preston.

On a motion by Mr. Garbarino with a second by Mr. Aaron, approving Resolution #2021-462, approving the fiscal year budget, was carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. MacBeth with a second by Mr. Garbarino to approve the 2022 Budget, Tax Ordinance #2021-837, and fee schedules. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. MacBeth, approving the 2022 Salary Schedule, was carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Garbarino with a second by Mr. Aron to approve the resignation of Bernie Vavrek from Civil Service Commission, effective December 31, 2021.

President Lapinto cannot recall how long Mr. Vavrek has served on the Commission, but it's been a very long time, and Council appreciates his time and all the hard work.

Mr. Aaron stated Mr. Vavrek has been involved in the hiring of many Borough officers.

The motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. MacBeth to appoint BJ Wrhen to a 6-year term on the Civil Service Commission, effective January 1, 2022, to expire at the end of 2027. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Garbarino with a second by Ms. Roberts, appointing Marcy Trombetta to a 6-year term as an alternate on the Civil Service Commission, effective January 1, 2022, to expire at the end of 2027, was carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. Garbarino to appoint Christy Logue to a 3-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, effective January 1, 2022, to expire at the end of 2024. The motion carried with a vote of five yea with Ms. Logue abstaining.

CL: Reappoint JFV PC 2025. Motion. CL: Just for informational purposes, we have checked and being on the PC is compatible to being Mayor. Vote.

On a motion by Ms. Roberts with a second by Ms. Logue to reappoint Jennifer Fulmer Vinson to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission to expire at the end of 2025.

President Lapinto commented Ms. Vinson checked the Mayor's Manual and it is a compatible to be a member of the Commission as well as Mayor.

The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Garbarino with a second by Mr. MacBeth, reappointing Lee Krull to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission to expire at the end of 2025, carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. MacBeth, reappointing Mike Kalinowski to a 3-year term on the Police Pension Committee to expire at the end of 2024, carried unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. MacBeth with a second by Mr. Aaron, reappointing Mike Kalinowski to a 3-year term on the General Employees' Pension Committee to expire at the end of 2024, carried with a vote of six yea.

President Lapinto asked if anyone has anything to report under his/her committee?

Mr. Aaron reported the Storm Water Authority Board did sign the work order and work will be starting on the project on South 3rd Avenue.

Mr. Garbarino inquired if there is anything new on the University's request or if that is not proper to bring up now?

President Lapinto stated Mr. Colosimo and she reached out to the University to ask if a meeting could be arranged to try to work together to solve the problem. Due to graduation, a meeting has not been held yet but probably will be the first or second week in January.

Mr. Garbarino asked what address the problem means?

President Lapinto commented the meeting has nothing to do with the storm water fee only to see if the two entities can work on a solution to allow the University to tie into the Borough's system.

Mayor Whitling again thanked everyone and appreciated everybody's support.

Ms. Logue echoed that as well.

President Lapinto thanked both Mayor Whitling and Ms. Logue as this is his/her last meeting.

President Lapinto wished everyone a Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Hearing nothing further, on a motion by Ms. Roberts with a second by Mr. Aaron, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Linda LaVan-Preston, Borough Secretary