February 1, 2022, Council Meeting
Minutes

The regular meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on February 1, 2022, in the Clarion Free Library. President Lapinto called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Mr. Garbarino, Ms. Roberts, Dr. Sanders Dédé (via telephone), Mr. Aaron, Ms. Schmader, Mr. MacBeth, and President Lapinto. Chief Peck, Mayor Fulmer Vinson, Solicitor Marshall, Mr. Colosimo, Mr. Sharrar, Mr. Preston, and Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary LaVan-Preston were also present. Ms. Schwabenbauer was absent.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. Garbarino, approving the January 3, 2022, Reorganization Meeting, minutes, was carried with a vote of five yea with Dr. Sanders Dédé and Mr. Garbarino abstaining as they were absent.

On a motion Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. MacBeth to approve the January 3, 2022, Council Meeting, minutes. The motion carried with a vote of five yea Dr. Sanders Dédé and Mr. Garbarino abstaining as they were absent.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items
There were none.

ADMINISTRATION
On a motion by Mr. MacBeth with a second by Mr. Aaron, approving the appropriations for the month of February, carried with a vote of seven yea.

President Lapinto commented the Treasurer's Report of Fund Totals and Budget Analysis are in the packet for informational purposes.

President Lapinto announced the second Council Meeting to be held February 15, 2022, at 7 p.m. at the Clarion Free Library, if necessary. At this point, there is not a need.

President Lapinto asked for a motion is to authorize the transfer of the American Rescue Plan Funds to the General Fund.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. MacBeth to authorize the transfer of American Rescue Plan Funds in the amount of $298,687.02 to the General Fund for lost revenue for governmental services.

President Lapinto asked Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary LaVan-Preston, who has been working very hard all these months with the financial advisor, to explain.

Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary LaVan-Preston reported Sam Lynch was in last week and stated that because of the lost revenue the Borough had the Borough can transfer the American Rescue money that was received last year into the General Fund for

governmental purposes. Things earmarked for use of some of the funds is the Borough's match for the PA Small Water and Sewer Grant and a police car. All the documentation is in place and the minutes with this motion will be placed in our file. That way when the single audit is completed next year, Mr. Lynch along with Zelenkofske Axelrod, the Borough's auditing firm, will have all the documentation in place.

The motion carried with a vote of seven yea.

On a motion by Mr. MacBeth with a second by Mr. Garbarino to accept the resignation from Brett Whitling from the Library Board, effective January 12, 2022.

President Lapinto thanked Mr. Whitling for serving for 2 years.

The motion carried with a vote of seven yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Roberts, appointing Jennifer Fulmer Vinson to fill the vacancy on the Library Board with the term to expire at the end of 2023, was carried with a vote of seven yea.

On a motion by Mr. MacBeth with a second by Mr. Aaron to adopt Resolution #2022-464, a resolution approving, adopting, and placing into immediate effect the Emergency Operations Plan of Clarion County.

President Lapinto noted the Borough has approved a resolution for many years to adopt the County's Plan. It is too cumbersome to do a plan for the Borough.

The motion carried with a vote of seven yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. MacBeth to approve Change Order #4 for Contract 2021-2 Clarion Free Library Building Improvements to extend the time of completion to February 28, 2022.

Mr. Garbarino inquired when the project was to be completed.

Mr. Colosimo stated originally back in the fall and then it was moved to January 31st. These extensions are due to the delay in getting the exterior doors. The restroom doors were installed yesterday and today. The exterior doors are really the last component of the project. The restroom renovations are completed.

The motion carried with a vote of seven yea.

On a motion by Mr. MacBeth with a second by Mr. Aaron to approve Change Order #1 for Contract 2020-2 Main Street Improvements to reconcile final costs and add one (1) G18 replacement globe for a total of $145. The motion carried with a vote of seven yea.

On a motion by Mr. MacBeth with a second by Mr. Garbarino, to give permission for Clarion County to drawdown CDBG funds to pay Main Street Lighting's Invoice #20PA-020, dated December 23, 2021, in the amount of $15,161 contingent upon receipt of outstanding materials and executed contract close-out documents.

Mr. Colosimo noted the outstanding materials are the 100 stainless steel clamps for the banner arms. The Public Works Department will be installing the arms once the clamps are received.

The motion carried with a vote of seven yea.

BLUEPRINT COMMITTEE

Dr. Sanders Dédé commented the Blueprint Committee is actively engaged in raising funds for the various activities that the Committee is trying to do, the most urgent one being the park. The Committee is starting a new campaign for the tax credit dollars as well as any other private donations, to make sure interest is built up and the financial need for the park and Blueprint activities are achieved.

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There was none.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. MacBeth stated the motion for the police car can be handled under Public Safety.

Mr. MacBeth thinks the Public Works employees deserve a big thank you for taking care of the roads. During the last few good snow storms, the Department has done an excellent job and were out in a timely manner. With the first big snow, the guys were on top of it and did a good job. Mr. MacBeth asked Mr. Preston to relay that to all the employees and hopes it will continue with the next one coming later this week. Hopefully, Clarion doesn't get it.

STORM WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Aaron reported the South Third Avenue Project that the Board had Terra Works working on is completed to this point as weather will permit. The paving will be finished once the plants open. Mr. Aaron thanked Terra Works on a really good job on that project.

PUBLIC SAFETY

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. MacBeth, giving permission to purchase 2022 Ford Interceptor Explorer from Tri Star Motors, Blairsville, Pennsylvania (Co-Stars Program) in the amount of $34,591, was carried with a vote of seven yea.

LIBRARY REPORT

There was none.

HOUSING AND ZONING

Ms. Roberts stated the Housing and Zoning Report is in the packet for everyone's information.

RECREATION

Ms. Roberts stated the Recreation Committee met with EADS and Delta to discuss the pool grant and what kinds of things are being anticipated to be done and what will be focused on. Ms. Roberts asked the community, organizations and/or individuals, to send support letters to show what an asset the pool will be to the community. These will be collected and submitted with the grant for the project.

President Lapinto stated the letters should be mailed to the Borough Office, 1400 East Main Street, Clarion. The Blueprint Committee has already approved sending in a support letter.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary LaVan-Preston commented she is working on sending the year-end reports in as well as working on closing out the accounting so the audit can begin. Audit materials are being gathered for the Borough's financial consultant.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fulmer Vinson had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Non-Agenda Items

President Lapinto wished Elisabeth Fulmer, a citizen that attends every meeting, a Happy Birthday today.

Ms. Fulmer stated trees.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. Garbarino, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Linda LaVan-Preston, Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary