

March 7, 2023, Council Meeting
Minutes

The regular meeting of the Clarion Borough Council was held on March 7, 2023, in 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, Mr. Montana, and President Lapinto. Ms. Schmader was absent. Mayor Fulmer Vinson, Solicitor Marshall, Mr. Colosimo, Mr. Preston, Chief Peck, Mr. Sharrar, and Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary LaVan-Preston were also present.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Roberts, approving the minutes of the February 7, 2023, Council Meeting, was carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Garbarino with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé to approve the February 21, 2023, Council Meeting, minutes. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items Only

There were none.

Mayor Fulmer Vinson presented a Proclamation to Kirk Kirkpatrick, representative of PA One Call System, proclaiming April 2023 as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month and encouraging Pennsylvanians to visit the Pennsylvania 811 website at www.pa1call.org for information about digging safely.

ADMINISTRATION

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Mr. Garbarino, approving the appropriations for the month of March, carried with a vote of six yea.

President Lapinto stated the Treasurer's Report of Fund Totals and Budget Analysis are in the packet for Council's review.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Roberts, approving Next Step's special event request for Walk for Life to be held on May 20, 2023, from 6-8 p.m. contingent upon following COVID-19 Guidelines, was carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Garbarino with a second by Dr. Sanders Dédé to approve Delta Zeta's special event request for Turtle Trot 5K to be held on April 23, 2023, at 8 a.m. until Noon, contingent upon following COVID-19 Guidelines. The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Aaron with a second by Ms. Roberts, approving to pay Kroh Roofing, Inc., Invoice #2723 in the amount of \$6,000 for the Clarion Borough Contract 2022-4 Fire Department Parapet Repair Project, contingent upon submission of close-out documents and one-year maintenance bond, was carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Mr. Garbarino with a second by Mr. Aaron to approve the final redesign of the

Sunset Drive component of the PA Small Water and Sewer Program and authorize its submission to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Sanders Dédé asked if this will fix the drainage in University Manor.

President Lapinto stated no. Due to problems getting easements in that area, the project was moved to Sunset Drive.

Mr. Garbarino asked if that is near Chestnut Street.

President Lapinto agreed.

The motion carried with a vote of six yea.

On a motion by Dr. Sanders Dédé with a second by Ms. Roberts, approving the submission of a time extension request to October 30, 2023, for the PA Small Water and Sewer Program, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was carried with a vote of six yea.

BLUEPRINT COMMITTEE REPORT

When spring gets here, Dr. Sanders Dédé reported there will be equipment on the property. It is in Clarion in storage right now just waiting for the weather to break.

DESTINATION CLARION DOWNTOWN REPORT

Mayor Fulmer Vinson commented the Alley Cats are gearing up for the spring season. Donations are still needed towards the flowers and would be appreciated.

PUBLIC WORKS

On a motion Mr. Montana with a second by Ms. Roberts, approving the proposal of Tri-County Industries to supply dumpsters for Clean-Up Day to be held Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 6 a.m. until 11 a.m., was carried with a vote of six yea.

STORM WATER AUTHORITY

Mr. Aaron stated commented the Board is working on some alternate funding and added Mr. Colosimo is finding some good funding channels for larger projects that are being looked at for next year.

Mr. Colosimo thinks the Board has a real opportunity with the PennVEST SPI Program.

Other than thank Mr. Aaron thanked the Gatesmans for working with Mr. Colosimo in helping out with the redesign of the Sunset Drive Project. It is always good to have the community's eyes on the problem while the river is flowing.

Mr. Colosimo agreed the final redesign is really a fine tuning of the Borough's plan, which was due to a lot of citizen input and walking the area.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Aaron, nor Chief Peck, had nothing to report.

LIBRARY REPORT

Mayor Fulmer Vinson hopes to have something to announce at the next meeting.

HOUSING AND ZONING

On a motion by Ms. Roberts with a second by Mr. Garbarino, appointing George Shirey as an alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term to expire March 7, 2026, was carried with a vote of six yea.

RECREATION

On a motion by Ms. Roberts with a second by Mr. Aaron, giving permission for Todd Colosimo to complete necessary procurement tasks for the installation of a replacement picnic shelter/pavilion at the Paul A. Weaver Community Park to include development of specifications and public bidding, was carried with a vote of six yea.

Due to the work done in the fall of 2022, Ms. Roberts announced that the Clarion Borough softball field will not be accessible until further notice and asked everyone to please stay off the field to avoid any damage. Grass was planted, and everyone would like it to grow.

Mr. Aaron added it is also posted on the Clarion Little League's Facebook page.

President Lapinto asked the media to also put that in the newspaper to get the word out.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary LaVan-Preston reported she still working on annual reports and will be closing the books for the year soon. Then information will be prepared and provided to the financial consultant to get in order for the 2022 audit.

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

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

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

Linda LaVan-Preston, Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary