

November 19, 2024, Council Meeting
Minutes

The second meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on November 19, 2024, 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 Ms. Whitling, Ms. Logue, Ms. Roberts, Mr. Montana, and President Lapinto. Messrs. Aaron and Garbarino were absent. Mr. Colosimo, Solicitor Marshall, Mayor Fulmer Vinson, Mr. Preston, and Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary LaVan-Preston were also present. Chief Peck was not present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items Only
There were none.

ADMINISTRATION

On a motion by Ms. Roberts with a second by Ms. Logue to approve Resolution #2024-499, a resolution authorizing Borough Officials to execute all document and agreements between the Borough and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining a request for a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$70,178.50 to be used for the purchase of a Fire Rescue UTV for the Clarion Fire and Hose Co. No. 1.

President Lapinto pointed out Mike Chesterfield, President/Assistant Chief, submitted a request letter and offered to pay the \$100 application fee for Council to appoint on the fire department's behalf.

Speaking as the Fire Chief, Mr. Preston thanked Council for the consideration.

The motion carried with a vote of five yea.

On a motion by Ms. Roberts with a second by Ms. Logue to approve Resolution #2024-500, a resolution authorizing Borough Officials to execute all document and agreements between the Borough and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining a request for a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$117,005.33 to be used for the purchase of a skid steer and attachments.

President Lapinto asked what a skid steer is?

Mr. Preston reported the Borough has one now but it is getting worn out. This piece of equipment is smaller and will have tracks and different attachments to blow snow off the street and so on.

Ms. Roberts added it is a smaller piece of equipment.

The motion carried with a vote of five yea.

President Lapinto moved on down to Public Works/Storm Water Authority.

PUBLIC WORKS/STORM WATER AUTHORITY

On a motion by Mr. Montana with a second by Ms. Roberts to approve the fee agreement with Marshall Law Office, LLC, for the LGUDA services related to the PennVEST financing for the Grand Avenue Extension Storm Sewer Replacement Project, PennVEST Number 16789152312-CF and the Center Place Storm Sewer Project, PennVEST Project Number 16015041805-CF at a cost not to exceed \$17,000. The motion carried with a vote of five yeas.

On a motion by Mr. Montana with a second by Ms. Logue, giving permission to advertise Ordinance #2024-848, Local Government Unit Debt Act Ordinance of Council determining to incur lease rental debt by the guaranteed note in the maximum principal amount of \$357,547.86, to be authorized and issued by Clarion Borough Stormwater Authority in connection with the Center Place Storm Sewer Replacement in Borough, was carried with a vote of five yeas.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Non-Agenda Items

There were none.

Having no other reports or comments, on a motion by Ms. Roberts with a second by Mr. Montana, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Linda LaVan-Preston, Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary