

December 17, 2024, Council Meeting
Minutes

The regular meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on December 17, 2024, as advertised, in the Assembly Room of the Clarion Free Library. In the absence of President Lapinto, Vice President Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers present were Ms. Whitling, Mr. Garbarino, Ms. Logue, Ms. Roberts, and Mr. Montana. Mr. Aaron and President Lapinto were absent. Mayor Fulmer Vinson, Mr. Colosimo, Mr. Preston, Solicitor Marshall, and Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary LaVan-Preston were also present. Chief Peck was absent.

Vice President Roberts stated there were no minutes to approve.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items Only

There were none.

ADMINISTRATION

Vice President Roberts asked for a motion to approve the resolution for the fiscal year budget.

On a motion by Mr. Garbarino with a second by Ms. Logue, to approve Resolution #2024-503, approving the fiscal year budget. The motion carried after the following roll call vote: Ms. Whitling, yes; Mr. Garbarino, yes; Ms. Logue, yes; Mr. Montana, yes; and Ms. Roberts, yes.

On a motion by Mr. Garbarino with a second by Ms. Logue to approve the 2025 Budget, Tax Ordinance #2024-849, and fee schedules. The motion carried with a vote of five yea.

On a motion by Ms. Logue with a second by Mr. Garbarino, approving the 2025 Salary Schedule, was carried with a vote of five yea.

On a motion by Ms. Logue with a second by Ms. Whitling to re-appoint Jamie Phillips to a 3-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board to expire at the of 2027. The motion carried with a vote of five yea.

On a motion by Ms. Whitling with a second by Mr. Garbarino, reappointing Mike Kalinowski to a 3-year term on the Police Pension Committee to expire at the end of 2027, was carried with a vote of five yea.

On a motion by Mr. Garbarino with a second by Ms. Whitling to reappoint Mike Kalinowski to a 3-year term on the General Employees' Pension Committee to expire at the end of 2027. The motion carried with a vote of five yea.

On a motion by Ms. Logue with a second by Garbarino to appoint Adam Roberts to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission to expire at the end of 2028. The motion carried with a vote of five yea.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Montana stated there was nothing to report. No more meetings will be held until sometime in the Spring 2025.

BLUEPRINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Logue had nothing to report.

DESTINATION CLARION DOWNTOWN REPORT

There was none.

PUBLIC WORKS/STORM WATER AUTHORITY REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Montana with a second by Mr. Garbarino, giving permission for the Borough to execute any documents relating to PennVEST Loan and Debt Assumption of the Center Place PennVEST Loan by CBSA, was carried with a vote of five yea.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. Roberts had nothing to report.

LIBRARY REPORT

Mayor Fulmer Vinson had nothing to report

HOUSING & ZONING REPORT

Ms. Logue reminded everyone tomorrow, December 18th, is the last day for recycling.

RECREATION

Ms. Roberts had nothing to report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary LaVan-Preston had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fulmer Vinson just wished everybody a happy and safe holiday season.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Garbarino stated that it was a long time to get here but the speakers on Main Street are blasting Christmas music for people that like Christmas music and hopes everyone enjoys it.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

On a motion by Mr. Garbarino with a second by Ms. Logue, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Linda LaVan-Preston, Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary