

April 21, 2026, Council Meeting
Minutes

The second meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on April 21, 2026, 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. Harbaugh, Ms. Whitling, Mr. Garbarino, Ms. Logue, Ms. Hampikian, Mr. Montana, and President Lapinto. Mayor Fulmer Vinson, Mr. Colosimo, Mr. Preston, Chief Peck, Solicitor Marshall, Mr. Greg Elliott (engineer from The EADS Group) and Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary LaVan-Preston were also present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Agenda Items

There were none.

Before proclaiming Remake Learning Days, Mayor Fulmer Vinson asked for comments from the representatives.

Ms. Kelsi Boyles, Education Program Specialist Riverview Intermediate Unit #6, stated in the spring there are quite a few events scheduled for Remake Learning Days not just in Clarion Borough and Clarion County but overall the northwest regions consisting of Erie, Crawford, over to the Ohio border, Mercer, Lawrence, Butler, Jefferson, Forest, and Venango Counties. Throughout the month of May, 120 events are scheduled. Opening their doors to this program, Ms. Boyles commented are businesses, school programs, elementary schools, United Way of Clarion County, Conservation District, and public libraries. It is growing every year, which is very exciting. Ms. Boyles noted this program originated in Pittsburgh 10 years ago and is now across Pennsylvania, the United States, and even a global festival. Ms. Boyles thanked Clarion Borough Council and the Mayor for doing the proclamation and has some sunglasses, tape measures, and stickers that will be left behind for anyone to take.

Mayor Fulmer Vinson proclaimed May 1-23, 2026, as Remake Learning Days Northwest PA and urge all citizens to not only take pride in recognizing that time period but also that it is a festival of special importance and worthy to all citizens of Clarion, Pennsylvania and presented it to Ms. Boyles and another representative.

Ms. Boyles introduced Ms. Jessica Carbaugh, a longtime friend and an event host for Remake Learning Days. They host a great event at Clarion Elementary and partner with PennWEST college students and also a parent-teacher ambassador at large.

Mayor Fulmer Vinson stated a lot of work went into organizing this and it looks amazing.

President Lapinto moved down to Destination Clarion Downtown for a report.

DESTINATION CLARION DOWNTOWN

Mr. James Crooks stated there are some very exciting things coming up for the Semiquincentennial, the country's 250th birthday on July 4th. After tomorrow, Mr. Crooks hopes

that it can be made public on what is being planned to occur actually July 4th Downtown. The town will be decorated like no one has ever seen it before. Mr. Crooks appreciates the entire Borough's support in this adventure, Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary LaVan-Preston, and especially President Lapinto.

Ms. Logue offered donations for the new decorations, if necessary, and asked Mr. Crooks just to reach out.

Mr. Crooks thinks it's under control at the moment and thanked her for the offer.

PUBLIC WORKS

Chairman Harbaugh reminded everyone Clean-Up Day will be held May 16, 2026, from 6 to 11 a.m. at the Public Works Building.

President Lapinto added businesses can participate as well.

STORM WATER AUTHORITY

Chairman Montana had nothing to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

On a motion by Ms. Logue with a second by Mr. Garbarino, accepting the retirement of William H. Peck, IV as Police Chief, effective April 23, 2026, was carried with a vote of seven yea.

On a motion by Ms. Logue with a second by Mr. Garbarino to un-table to approve Police Chief's Compensation and Benefits Agreement for William H. Peck, IV as regular part-time Police Chief at the rate of \$45.42 per hour no more than 30 hours per week. The motion carried with a vote of seven yea.

On a motion by Ms. Logue with a second by Mr. Garbarino, approving Police Chief's Compensation and Benefits Agreement for William H. Peck, IV as regular part-time Police Chief at the rate of \$45.42 per hour no more than 30 hours per week, was carried with a vote of seven yea.

LIBRARY REPORT

Mayor Fulmer Vinson reminded everyone this is Library Week and to check out what's going on.

HOUSING & ZONING

Chairman Whitling had nothing to report.

RECREATION

There were none.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/BOROUGH SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Fulmer Vinson added a thank you to the Chief for all the full-time work he has done over the years and is glad the Borough is keeping him part-time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Garbarino thanked the Public Works Department for getting the dock in. Everyone down there is very appreciative, especially himself.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Non-Agenda Items

There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

On a motion by Mr. Garbarino with a second by Ms. Logue, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Linda LaVan-Preston, Chief Administrative Officer/Borough Secretary