

December 2nd, 2013

The regular meeting of the Cleona Borough Council was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order by Larry Minnich, President with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. Members attending were Bill, Bechtel, Ellen Burke, Richard Fields, Elizabeth Lindsay, Jim O'Connor, and Sam Wengert. Also attending were Mayor Jack Hartman, Solicitor Colleen Gallo and Borough Manager Kerry Rohland.

Borough Manager Minutes were presented for November 4th, 2013. **A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to approve the Borough Manager's minutes for November 4th, 2013. Motion carried 7-0.**

The Treasurer's report was presented for November 2013. **A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Ellen Burke to approve the Treasurer's report for November 2013. Motion carried 7-0.**

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Chief Bob Moyer's Report - Absent

No Report.

Ellen informed Council there was no merger meeting scheduled in December. For January, the fire companies hope to have financial information pulled together for the fire companies to review.

POLICE DEPARTMENT –Mayor Hartman

Police Chief's Report was submitted.

The Mayor reported that two homes were broken in, one on 11 E. Penn Avenue and one on 6 W. Chestnut Street.

The Wednesday before Thanksgiving, some properties were broken in, Schwalm's Restaurant being one. The individuals were caught and are in jail.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

No Comments

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Larry Minnich

Larry thanked everyone for their efforts and dedication. Look forward to meeting the challenges ahead as the group looks to serve the community while still maintaining cost.

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BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT - Kerry Rohland

Borough Manager's Report was submitted by Kerry.

Sam Wengert shared his experience with health insurance and asked if alternatives were being looked into the Borough healthcare. Bill Bechtel and Ellen both shared their experience working with Mr. Rhoads and the alternatives on healthcare.

SAFETY DEPARTMENT – Ellen Burke

Ellen reported the negotiating team met with Peggy Morcom and changed some language, especially in the healthcares section in their proposal, Proposal was given to the Police negotiating team and because of the changes in language the police will require time to review. Ellen anticipates a response sometime in February.

A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Richard Fields to donate \$250 to the Annville Free Library. Motion carried 7-0.

PROPERTY DEPARTMENT – Richard Fields

Richard reported that everything is in good shape.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Sam Wengert

Joe Hoffer will be doing crack sealing in early December.

Sam has been in contact with Dan in preparation of the snow season.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Jim O'Connor

Jim reported the Park and Recreation Board will be focusing on obtaining grants in 2014 for their project.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Elizabeth Lindsay

Continue to work on properties in/or in the process of foreclosure.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – William Bechtel

Bill reported the 2014 Budget was ready to be adopted.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Colleen Gallo

Colleen provided Council with a Solicitor's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Bill Bechtel, second by Ellen Burke to adopt the 2014 Budget as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to adopt Ordinance #303 – Setting the Real Property Tax rate for the Year 2014 at 2.77 mills and providing a discount for early payment and a penalty for late payment. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Jim O'Connor to approve the 2014 Council Meeting Dates, and authorization to advertise. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to reduce the amount of reimbursement for electric and maintenance of street lights and traffic signals from July to December 2013 out of Liquid Fuels to the General Fund from a budget of 50% to 0%. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Jim O'Connor, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to authorize the signing of the engagement letter with Stanilla, Siegel, and Maser, LLC for the 2013 Audit, not to exceed \$6,000. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Ellen Burke to appoint the following: Pat Haley – Park and Recreation 2018, Les Powell – IPMC Appeals Board 2016, Kerry Rohland – Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority Board 2014, Lebanon County Planning – Zoning Officer 2014, Steckbeck Engineering – Borough Engineer 2015, Colleen Gallo – Borough Solicitor 2015, Kerry Rohland – Borough Secretary/Treasurer 2014, Lebanon County Treasurer – Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector 2014, Metro Bank and Fulton Bank – Depositories for the Borough 2014, Kerry Rohland Open Records Officer 2014, and Larry Minnich Alternate Open Records Officer 2014, Dennis Good Planning Commission 2016. Motion carried 7-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by Jim O'Connor, second by Sam Wengert to authorize the President of Council to sign the Lebanon County Clean Water Alliance Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried 6-1 (Bill Bechtel – No).

Review of the Capital Projects minimum twice a year. Bill recommended that since the building is paid-off at the year, Council should consider upgrading the property (electric service and heating). Kerry will explore a low interest loan.

A motion was made by Jim O'Connor, second by SamWengert to pay the bills for November. Motion carried 7-0.

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A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Respectively Submitted

Kerry L Rohland

Borough Manager