

January 6th, 2014

The regular/re-organization meeting of the Cleona Borough Council was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jack Hartman with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. Members attending were Bill Bechtel, Ellen Burke, Don Hopple, Elizabeth Lindsay, Larry Minnich, Jim O'Connor, and Sam Wengert. Also attending were Solicitor Peggy Morcom and Borough Manager Kerry Rohland.

Mayor Hartman opened the floor for nominations for President of Council. **Jim O'Connor nominated Larry Minnich, second by Elizabeth Lindsay. No other nominations were received and nominations were closed for President of Council. Larry Minnich was elected President of Council President 7-0.**

Mayor Hartman opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of Council. **Bill Bechtel nominated Jim O'Connor, second by Larry Minnich. No other nominations were received and nominations were closed for Vice President of Council. Jim O'Connor was elected Vice President of Council 7-0.**

Mayor Hartman turned the meeting over to President Larry Minnich.

Larry Minnich opened the floor for nominations for Council President pro tem. **Jim O'Connor nominated Ellen Burke, second by Sam Wengert. No other nominations were received and nominations were closed for President pro tem. Ellen Burke was elected President pro tem 7-0.**

Larry wanted to thank council for their efforts over the last several years. Because of this, Larry kept all the departments the same with Don Hopple filling the Property Chair.

Appointment of Council Departments:

Safety: Ellen Burke

Property: Don Hopple

Highway: Sam Wengert

Recreation: Jim O'Connor

Code Enforcement: Elizabeth Lindsay

Finance: Bill Bechtel

Borough Manager Minutes were presented for December 2nd, 2013. **A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Sam Wengert to approve the Borough Manager's minutes for December 2nd, 2013. Motion carried 7-0.**

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

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Chief Robert Moyer or Mike Hughes absent

No report

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POLICE DEPARTMENT –Mayor Hartman

Police Chief's Report submitted (Y-T-D)

An International Property Maintenance to be held in January.

At the scene of an accident, the Police Cruiser was hit by one of the drivers after being released.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

After reading an article in the newspaper, Larry Beam of 120 West Penn inquired about the status of a Municipal Trash Hauler. He expressed that working together, saving money for the residents and saving the wear and tear on the roads outweighed a person having a personal choice. Beth Lindsay is still working on some of the details regarding a Municipal Hauler and will present it to Council sometime in the spring. Larry Minnich said the Borough will check with the haulers to publish their rates in the newsletter. Mr. Beam inquired about finding an insurance provider to cover the property owner's portion of the water and sewer line.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Larry Minnich

Larry requested an executive session.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT - Kerry Rohland

Report submitted and reviewed.

Kerry asked Council to consider turning the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) program to the Borough Authority to managed.

A motion was made by Jim O'Connor, second by Ellen Burke to approve the Borough Mangers Report. Motion carried 7-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Peggy Morcom

Report submitted and reviewed by Peggy.

SAFETY DEPARTMENT – Ellen Burke

Ellen received information from the Police Association on contract negotiations before Christmas. Ellen had one question which Peggy answered before the meeting, and she will send a reply to them right after the meeting.

Fire Company merger meeting will be held in January with emphasis on reviewing the financials.

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PROPERTY DEPARTMENT – Don Hopple

Since he just joined council, he had no report

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Sam Wengert

Sam reported that Joe Hoffer did get some crack sealing in December.

Sam reported on the last snow removal that there were some alley issues, which he had the contractor comeback to address. Elizabeth asked if some alleys are not done because of size. Sam explained that most alleys are done, but some were missed initial during the last storm.

Ellen expressed a concern of residents on East Chestnut, past the 100 block, that shovel their snow back in the street. The Mayor said they could be cited.

Since his vehicle broke-down, Sam thanked the Mayor, Chief, and Kerry for providing information during the last storm.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Jim O'Connor

A motion was made by Jim O'Connor, second by Bill Bechtel to appoint Zachary Teisher to fill the vacated seat by Brent Carpenter (Term ends 12/31/2014). Motion carried 7-0.

On March 10th, the FFA is schedule to help with the Park clean-up and spreading of mulch.

Jim announced that the Park and Recreation Board was gathering information and meeting with a consultant (Lori Yike, DCNR) to apply for grant money to refurbish the tennis courts.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Elizabeth Lindsay

Beth reported Subway continues to make progress on repairs from a vehicle driving through the front of the building.

Elizabeth express pressure is being applied to the banks to hopeful to remove other vacant properties off the books.

Mayor and Beth reported on an incident at the Dundore Apartments where 4 apartments were condemned to freezing pipes breaking in a third floor apartment.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Bill Bechtel

Bill reported that Borough performed better than budget by \$40,000, \$21,000 being from streets (snow removal) (before other income), which represented the amount of the tax increase for 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to appoint Sue Bowman to the Borough Authority -2018. Motion carried 7-0.

Planning Commission reviewed and approved the Zerman subdivision on Dec 10th, 3-0. The Borough Authority approved sewer capacity. **A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Ellen Burke to approve the Zerman subdivision plan and to authorize availability of sewer capacity. Motion carried 7-0.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill recommended that renovations (electric and boiler) to the Borough Hall should be reviewed. Don will start researching the electric service and boiler.

A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to pay the bills for December. Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to adjourn into executive session at 8:01 pm.

Respectively Submitted
Kerry L Rohland
Borough Manager