

August 3rd, 2015

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

Absent: Elizabeth Lindsay

John Bainbridge was also recording the meeting.

Fred Wolf and David O. Twaddell, Rhoads & Simon LLP presented information on the Borough Authority being a conduit for the UCC Home.

A motion was made by Ellen Burke, Second by Don Hopple to adopt Resolution #2015-03 authorizing President or Vice President to execute and deliver on behalf of the Council of this Borough a Certificate of Approval with respect to the Obligations, such Certificate of Approval. Motion carried 6-0

Borough Manager Minutes were presented for July 6th, 2015. **A motion was made by Pat Haley, second by Sam Wengert to approve the Borough Manager's minutes for July 6th, 2015. Motion carried 6-0.**

The Treasurer's report was presented for July 2015. **A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Patrick Haley to approve the Treasurer's report for July 2015. Motion carried 6-0.**

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Chief Robert Moyer

For the Month of July, the Annville-Cleona Fire District responded to 59 calls, 4 being in Cleona, 28 in Annville, 10 in South Annville and the remaining throughout other municipalities. Average turnout has been 6 personnel.

The Fire Company is winding down their 2014-2015 State Grant for \$14,000. The Fire Company will be applying for the 2015-2016 State Grant with the main item being the replacement of the light tower on the Squad.

The merger/consolidation committee meetings are being held monthly. Union/Waterworks Fire Company is officially exploring the possibilities of being a part of the merger/consolidation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Mayor Larry Minnich

Report submitted by Chief

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In the month of July there were 108 calls in Cleona and North Annville Township, with 41 being in North Annville Township.

Finalizing the aggressive driving grant on North Center and South Mill Street with 28 citations issued.

Larry requested an Executive Session to discuss Personnel.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bob Howard of 12 Walnut Mill Lane, emphasized the importance on the selection of Chief of Police. He pointed out that the person chosen should have job security, not be subject to political whims, and should be forward thinking, having the ability to do the right things and time to carry them out. He emphasized the importance of consideration of internal candidates, who have the trust of the community. Jim O'Connor explained that the goal of the process was to be unbiased and also to include the search outside the Borough. Jim explained that Council is not taking it lightly. Bob explained part of the reason he was at this council meeting because he had not received a response from a letter in January. Bob provided a copy of the letter.

Scott Miller employee of Wengert's Home Center explained the quality service of the current police officers. He emphasized the consideration of the internal candidates, especially Officer Matt Bartal.

Michael Light of 9 Natalie Lane explained how well the police interact with the community. Mr. Light asked Council to consider candidates that have made an investment in the community.

Cindy Howard of 12 Walnut Mill Lane emphasized the importance of hiring within the department.

Gary Reist of 25 South Garfield explained he came to learn what plan was in place. He was pleased to hear about the process that is in place. Mr. Reist asked Council if there was a tie between an internal and external candidate, that the internal candidate would be selected.

Robert Moyer of 216 West Walnut Street explained that he had given the firemen the option to give up training to learn about the process on the selection of the Police Chief. He commended Council on the process selected. Mr. Moyer asked Council to consider Officer Matt Bartal because of Officer Bartal's handling of an issue in his neighborhood.

Don Hopple explained that the first stage of the process was a technical review of the candidates. The next step will be a face to face interactions.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jim O'Connor

Jim mentioned the panel is moving ahead with the process of hiring a Chief.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT - Kerry Rohland

Report submitted and Reviewed by Kerry.

SAFETY DEPARTMENT – Ellen Burke

Dates are being obtained for the Municipality Committee on the Fire Companies merger/consolidation. The meeting will include Cleona, Annville, North Annville, possibly South Annville, the State, and the Fire Chiefs.

PROPERTY DEPARTMENT – Don Hopple

Don and Kerry will be meeting with an electrical contractor. Looking into possibly installing LED piecemeal. There has been some questions on the quality, especially the life, on LED fixtures.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Sam Wengert arrived during Executive Session

All the road repair have been completed. All paving projects scheduled for this year are on hold and will be re-scheduled for next year (summer).

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Patrick Haley

Last movie night is August 14th, “Big Hero 6”. There will be a craft activity directed by Megan Hammer before the movie. Kerry and Melody came up with the idea of a \$2.50 meal deal that includes a hot dog, soda, and chips or pretzels. Philly Factory soft pretzels will be offered.

Colleen is in the process of reviewing the DCNR Bidding Procedure. DCNR Grant includes renovating the tennis courts, a pavilion with fireplace, and additional macadam for handicap accessibility.

August 12th is the next Park and Recreation meeting with discussions on the Fall Festival being held on October 24th.

The end of the 2015 summer program is August 14th.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Elizabeth Lindsay absent

Most of the IPMC covered in Colleen's report.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Bill Bechtel

Bill projected that all departments except Fire Safety and Sanitation will be over budget by \$100,000. This will be partially offset with revenues being over budget by \$92,000.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Colleen Gallo

Report submitted by Colleen.

Colleen reminded Council to review the North Annville Contract for police services for any changes that might need to be renegotiated.

Colleen reported that Judge Charles ruled on Earned Income Tax in favor of the under charged. The municipalities/school districts not part of the agreement will be charged with a penalty of interest on amount owed.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget worksheets will be delivered the week of August 10th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reviewing the Capital Projects a minimum of twice a year. No report.

Council recessed into executive session at 8:54 pm.

Council returned into general session at 9:10 pm.

A motion was made by Bill Bechtel, second by Pat Haley to adopt a 2014-2016 Contract Addendum to allow officers to work 12 hour shifts. Motion carried 6-0

A motion was made by Pat Haley, second by Don Hopple to pay the bills for July. Motion carried 6-0.

Council adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectively Submitted
Kerry L Rohland
Borough Manager