

October 5th, 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 Elizabeth Lindsay. Also attending were Mayor Larry Minnich, Attorney Colleen Gallo and Borough Manager Kerry Rohland.

Absent: Sam Wengert

Borough Manager Minutes were presented for September 14th, 2015. **A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Don Hopple to approve the Borough Manager's minutes for September 14th, 2015. Motion carried 6-0.**

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

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Chief Robert Moyer

For the month of September the Annville Cleona Fire District responded to 56 calls, 7 in the Borough, 28 in Annville, and 7 in South Annville Township with the remaining spread over multiple municipalities. The average turnout was 7.

The 2014-2015 Grant of \$14,000 has been closed with the Fire Company using the money for hose, meters, and harnesses. The Fire Company will be applying for the 2105-2016 grant to purchase turnout gear.

The fire siren is being repaired, cleaned, and painted, and a new structure being built by Holmes Building Services. Anticipate a spring installation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Mayor Larry Minnich

Mayor Minnich requested an executive session for police matters.

Report submitted by OIC Sergeant Matt Rager.

Mayor Minnich reported that the shift arrangements made by the officers are working well.

The two new computers are working well after new security chips and a new operating system were installed.

New scanner for the evidence room has been ordered.

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CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jim O'Connor

Jim requested an executive session to discuss selection process of Chief.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT - Kerry Rohland

Working on budgets with the first reading tonight.

Working with Sergeant Rager on information on North Annville

Joe and John are replacing signs that lost their reflectivity in the southeast quadrant.

Joe and John are working on the playground equipment and removed a piece (dinosaur) due to a crack in the neck area from people sitting on it. John is also working on the tube slide to temporary repair a crack at one of the joints.

Pat Haley and I have been working on the removal of the fence around the tennis courts in preparation of the renovations.

SAFETY DEPARTMENT – Ellen Burke

Kerry has worked on a letter regarding the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS), and submitted it to Lebanon County EMA. It is recommended that a file should be maintained of all certificates for NIMS. If Council as not already gotten certificates, Ellen recommended that Council should get training in NIMS 100, 200, and 700.

Ellen requested an executive session to discuss the negotiation for 2016 Police Salaries.

PROPERTY DEPARTMENT – Don Hopple

Don reported there is an expansion joint on the south wall that needs attention.

With the amount of rain we recently have received, we have been fortunate that no water has been in the basement.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Sam Wengert absent

No Report

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Patrick Haley

Pat reported the tennis court area had become a storage area and that all items would be removed. Tom Krall of Eagle Excavating gave Pat a quote of \$936 to remove the post around the tennis courts.

Pat will contact Ann Yost the Borough's Consultant on the DCNR Grant about the next steps to be taken.

The Park and Recreation Board is considering a Space Shuttle to replace the dinosaur at the Park.

Sweet Sanctions will be at the Fall Festival with their usually assortment, in addition they added a decorate your own cookie. Pat informed Council that they were still in need of volunteers for the Fall Festival, and that people can sign-up on the Park Facebook page.

Because of the on continued maintenance on the tube slide, Pat mentioned that the Park and Recreation Board is considering replacing it with an open slide.

Elizabeth mentioned that there will be a free concert at the Park on October 11th, 2015 from 2:00 pm to 5:00pm. The concert is sponsored by the Cub Scouts.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Elizabeth Lindsay

Leaf Clean-up starts October 6th with the following schedule: Tuesday – Southwest, Wednesday – Southeast, Thursday – Northeast, and Friday – Northwest. Leaf clean-up will continue until the first or second week of December dependent on weather and how the leaf fall occurs.

Elizabeth reported that the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) can be broken into three categories: Complied, those that are paying, and Vacant Properties. One vacant property that makes up over half of the outstanding IPMC Balance is being worked from several angles.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Bill Bechtel

Bill reported the Borough should be under budget this year, and the preliminary 2016 budget numbers show that the Council may not have to raise taxes for next year.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Colleen Gallo

Report submitted by Colleen.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Kerry did the 1st reading of the 2016 Budget
- Annville Free Library requested increase on per capita giving was discussed. Because of decrease in funding, the Annville Free Library is asking us to increase our per capita giving (\$.95 per resident) by \$.50 per year over the next seven years. **A motion was made by Pat Haley, second by Don Hoppole to increase the 2016 contribution by \$500 (total \$3,000) and to look at it on a year to year basis. Motion carried 6-0**
- **None of the Council members will be able to attend the October 8th, 2015 Lebanon County Association Meeting @ Expo Center.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reviewing the Capital Projects a minimum of twice a year. Bill will research the price of Welcome to Cleona Signs.

Council recessed into executive session at 7:51 pm.

Council returned into general session at 9:34 pm.

A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to accept the wage and benefit package for the Chief contingent on the current changes made and based on consultation by Peggy Morcom or Colleen with our pension plan administrators. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Pat Haley to offer the aforementioned package to Mr. Jeffrey Farneski. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Pat Haley, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to pay the bills for September. Motion carried 6-0.

Council adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Respectively Submitted
Kerry L Rohland
Borough Manager