

July 1, 2024

The regular meeting of the Borough Council was called to order on the above date.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Jim O'Connor with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. Members attending were Pat Haley, Rafael Jimenez Gomez, and Sam Wengert. Also attending were Mayor Larry Minnich, Solicitor Colleen Gallo Borough Clerk, Melody Vanderveer and Borough Manager, Jonathan Johnson. Doug Hartman, Tricia Springer and Matt Urban were absent.

Minutes from the June 3, 2024, meeting was e-mailed to Council prior to the meeting. **Motion by Mr Haley, seconded by Mr. Gomez, to approve the June 3, 2024, minutes. Motion Carried.**

The Treasurer's report for June 2024 was read. **A motion was made by Mr. Wengert, seconded by Mr. Haley to approve the Treasurer's report for June 2024. Motion carried.**

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Dustin Sider

Mr. Sider did not have the June report completed but said he would send it to the Borough in the next few days. Mr. Sider said that it has been a normal month in terms of fire calls. He continued that many of the fire company members were on vacation, but that they were able to respond to calls because of the merger of the two departments. Mr. Haley asked if the fireworks set off during the Fourth of July has resulted in more brush and house fires. Mr. Slider said that in the last 15 years he could not remember any significant problems with fireworks causing fires. Mr. Slider also mentioned that the sparks from farm equipment's has caused brush fires but that farmers have been aggressive in helping put out the fire by plowing the area around the fire. Finally, Mr. Sider mentioned that there is current no burn-band in the county.

POLICE DEPARTMENT—Mayor Larry Minnich and Chief Farneski

Chief's report submitted and attached to these minutes.

Mayor Minnich asked about the building project. Ms. Gallo said that Mr. Hartman, the Borough engineer and project architect, have met and they are discussing how to proceed. Mayor Minnich then informed Council that he was making a list of properties in the Borough that need code enforcement.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

There were no citizen's comments.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS – Jim O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor had no comments

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Rafael Jimenez Gomez

Mr. Gomez said that he was making progress on the municipal trash issues. He also said that under old business Council would be voting on the appointment of a new Code Enforcement Officer.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - Sam Wengert

Mr. Wengert said that he was putting together a triage list of streets in need of paving. He hopes to have it done by September or October. Once the list is completed, he'll see which ones need paving based on the Borough finances.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Pat Haley

Mr. Haley said the Summer Program is off to a great start. Fifty children have signed up, with an average of 25 children per day. Program is closed this week (July 1 to July 5) because Michelle had other commitments. The summer's first movie night is July 19th with the showing of Super Mario Brothers.

Mr. Haley said the Learning Trail completed last summer is being repainted due to high foot traffic. Jen Liedtka, family, and some students from LVC are doing the repainting. About 80 percent of the repainting project has been completed. Mr. Bill Matusiak has been applying a clear coat epoxy to give the paintings a little more durability. Mr. Haley said the paintings will continue to wear, but the epoxy will give them more longevity. He also mentioned that the epoxy has brightened the paintings.

FIRE SAFETY/POLICE DEPARTMENT – Tricia Springer (absent)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Matt Urban (absent)

BOROUGH MANAGER-BOROUGH AUTHORITY – Melody Vanderveer/Jonathan Johnson

Ms. Vanderveer provided an update on the Consortium Project. She said the stream bank restoration project at the 22nd bridge in North Cornwall had a breach in the stream as well as geese eating the vegetation seeds used to stabilize the stream bank. The breach was repaired, and reseeding was completed along with geese fencing to keep the geese out. Council members express skepticism about the reseeding project and the ability to keep the geese out of the areas. Mr. Johnson thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve and said he was doing his best to learn.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Colleen Gallo

Ms. Gallo's report submitted and attached to these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Gallo said that did not advertise the ordinance (#332 Parking of Non-Licensed/Registered Vehicles) because of a small corrected on handicap parking and time constraints. She said that it would be advertised this month and be ready for approval at the August meeting.
- Resolution #2024-04 Fines for Motor Vehicles and Traffic and Resolution #2024-05 Permit & Fee Schedule Resolution will be discussed at the August meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mr. Haley made a motion to hire David McDermott to be Cleona Borough's Code Enforcement Officers. Mr. Gomez seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- Mr. Haley made a motion to amend the agenda to allow the Borough Office to be closed on July 5, 2024 in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. Mr. Gomez second the motion. The motion was approved.
- Mr. Haley made a motion to close the Borough Office on July 5, 2024, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. Mr. Gomez second the motion. The motion was approved.

Motion by Mr. Haley, seconded by Mr. Gomez to pay the bills of June 2024 was approved

Council adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectively Submitted

Jonathan Johnson