

May 5, 2025

The regular scheduled meeting of the Borough Council was called to order on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jim O'Connor with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. Members who attended were Pat Haley, Rafael Jimenez Gomez, Robert Moyer, Jim O'Connor, and Tricia Springer. Members absent were Matt Urban and Sam Wengert. Also attending were Mayor Larry Minnich, Solicitor Colleen Gallo and Borough Manager, Jonathan Johnson.

Minutes from April 7, 2025, meeting was emailed to Council members prior to the meeting. Mr. Moyer made one correction, to include him as a meeting attendee. With the correction, **Ms. Springer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moyer, to approve the April 7, 2025, minutes. Motion Carried.**

The Treasurer's report for April 2025 was read. **A motion was made by Mr. Haley, seconded by Ms. Springer, to approve the Treasurer's report for April 2025. Motion carried.**

FIRE COMPANY REPORT, Dustin Sider(absent)

Fire Company's report was submitted and are attached to these minutes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Farneski

The police report is attached.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Larry Minnich

Mayor Minnich discussed the IPMC Meeting and noted that grass and weed cutting will likely become an issue. He also discussed his concerns with the Cleona Borough Authority's graduated sewer rates. Mayor Minnich argued for uniform or flat rate. He also pointed out the Cleona had the highest sewer use rates compared to other surrounding municipalities. Mr. O'Connors asked that the Authority Chairman, Mr. Byran Hoffman, attend the next Council meeting to discuss the Authority's rate structure.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

None

PRESIDENT' S REPORT/COMMENTS – Jim O'Connor

No comment.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Rafael Jimenez Gomez

Mr. Jimenez discussed the meeting with Cleona Celebrates!. He also said that he has been working on the municipal trash ordinance.

PROPERT DEPARTMENT – Bob Moyer

Mr. Moyer said most of the building renovations have been completed on the fire company side of the building.

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - Sam Wengert

Absent

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Pat Haley

Mr. Haley reported that the candy scramble on April 19th was successful. He then thanked Fred Siebecker and the other volunteers for helping spread the mulch at the playground on April 26.. Mr. Haley highlighted the repair work that Rantz Martin has done on the miniature golf course. He believed the repairs should be done by the end of the month. Mr. Haley then discussed the amphitheater project saying the quote they received from Funk Construction was \$165,000, or 2.5 times the money that was received from the grant. He said they are hoping for a lower amount from another contractor. Mr. Haley also said that he is having difficulty finding a summer playground director. He is concerned that the summer program may have to be cancelled. He concluded by saying volunteers from LCBC Church are coming to the park to do cleanup work on Saturday, May 17th.

FIRE SAFETY/POLICE DEPARTMENT – Tricia Springer

Ms. Springer reported that the first bargaining meeting with the Cleona Borough Police Officers Association is scheduled for May 14th.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Matt Urban

Absent

BOROUGH MANAGER-BOROUGH AUTHORITY – Jonathan Johnson

- Ashlie Good and Mr. Johnson met with North Cornwall Township official to discuss Japanese knot weed.
- ARPA forms have been completed.
- The painting “party” is scheduled for Friday, May 10th.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Colleen Gallo

Solicitor’s report was submitted and are attached to these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Building Project: Pay Applications

Mr. Johnson said that the project engineer has approved each of the following paying applications:

- Heim Construction Inc. (General Contractor)\$60,960.14
- Spotts Brother (Plumbing Contractor)\$3,323.50
- Mann Plumbing & Heating (HVAC)\$29,107.08

Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the pay applications, Mr. Haley second, the motion was approved.

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Building Project: Change Orders

Mr. Johnson discussed the following change orders based on the recommendations of the project engineer.

GC16: Install Corian countertop with wall mounted brackets	\$3,189.00
GC23: Remove and replace 90 sq. feet of ceiling in DJ courtroom	\$3,425.00
EC1: Purchase additional CAT6A Cable	\$1,200.00

After a discussion, **Mr. Haley made a motion to approve Change Order GC15 for \$3,189.00. Ms. Springer second the motion. Mr. Moyer abstained from voting because of his work with the fire company. The motion was approved.**

Mr. Johnson recommended that Change Order GC23 for \$3,425.00 not be voted on. He said that the District Justice Office staff was happy with the existing tile ceiling. Council agreed.

Following a discussion, Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve Change Order EC1 for \$1,200. Mr. Haley second, and the motion was approved.

Handicap Parking Spot Request

Mr. Johnson told Council that George Koons (23 North Center Street) requested a handicap parking spot in front of his house. **Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the request for a handicap parking sport at 23 North Center Street, Mr. Jimenez second, the motion was approved.**

Grass Cutting at the Park

Mr. Johnson said that three bids were received to cut the grass at Cleona Park. The lowest bid was from Jim Shreve Landscaping for \$285 per cutting. After a discussion, **Ms. Springer made a motion to award the grass cutting bid to Jim Shreve Landscaping for 2025 to 2027 season. Mr. Haley second, the motion was approved.**

Grass Cutting / Snow Removal at the Borough Building

Mr. Johnson said that three bids were received to cut the grass and remove the snow at Cleona Borough Hall. After a discussion, **Mr. Moyer made a motion to award the bid to Siebecker Property Management, \$75.00 per grass cutting and \$260.00 per snow event. Ms. Springer second, the motion was approved.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance Review – zoning and map ordinance:

No Report

Municipal Trash:

No Report

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145 Dairy Road Driveway Issues

Mr. Gallo said a letter was written to the property owner of 145 Dairy Road, Rose Kane. Ms. Kane had not yet contacted the Borough office or Mr. Gallo.

Turing Right on Red from East Penn Avenue to North Center

Mayor Minnich discussed the need to allow vehicle to turn right on red from East Penn Avenue to North Center Street. Council members raised safety objections to this proposed change. After a discussion, Mayor Minnich agreed to withdraw the issues.

East Maple Street and North Center Street Parking Ordinance

Ms. Gallo said there was insufficient time to publicize the ordinance. The ordinance will be voted on at the June 2025 meeting.

East Liberty Alley and North Cyrus Street Parking Ordinance

Ms. Gallo said there was insufficient time to publicize the ordinance. The ordinance will be voted on at the June 2025 meeting.

Pay April 2025 Bills

Motion by Mr. Haley, seconded by Mr. Jimenez, to pay the bills for April 2025. The motion was approved.

Council adjourned at 8:05 pm. Then went into executive session to discuss two issues:

- Police personnel Issues
- Police IT issues

Respectively Submitted

Jonathan Johnson