

August 4, 2009, Council Meeting
Minutes

A regular meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, in the Clarion Free Library. President Wilshire called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were: Mr. Zerfoss, Mr. Herman, Ms. Leonard, Ms. Vavrek, Mr. Hopkins, and President Wilshire. Councilmember Moore was absent. Also present were Mayor Stroup, Chief Hall, Mr. Ragon, Mss. LaVan and Freenock.

The minutes of the July 7, 2009, Council Meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Hopkins with a second by Ms. Vavrek.

The minutes of the July 27, 2009, Council Meeting were approved by a vote of five yeas following a motion by Ms. Leonard with a second by Mr. Herman. Mr. Hopkins abstained as he was absent from that meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

The appropriations for the month of August were approved by a vote of five yeas following a motion by Mr. Herman and a second by Mr. Hopkins. Mr. Zerfoss voted no due to the presence of invoices from Campbell Durrant.

Ms. Vavrek made a motion to permit Ms. Freenock or Mr. Stutzman to attend CDL Records Management Training. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leonard and carried unanimously.

Resolution #2009-291, appointing delegates to the County Tax Collection Committee, was unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Herman with a second by Mr. Hopkins.

A discussion then ensued concerning House Bill 1858 concerning the imposition of a 1% County sales tax. More information is needed before Council can make a decision on this issue.

On a motion by Mr. Herman with a second by Mr. Hopkins, Service Authorization #1 under the Kopko Engineering Master Services Agreement was approved by a vote of six yeas. The service authorization involves the design of the South Street rehabilitation and engineering costs up to the point of construction or not to exceed \$21,650.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. Vavrek noted that a report is in the packet. The Public Works Department has been busy completing the Elss Street Project and they will be making some drainage corrections on North Third Street this week. Crosswalks are scheduled to be painted next week. Mr. Preston started his employment with the Borough yesterday.

On a motion by Ms. Vavrek with a second by Mr. Hopkins, it was unanimously decided to accept Veolia ES Solid Waste proposal to provide Clean-Up Day Services for the next three years.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Hall reported that he attended chief's training last week. He indicated that many of the discussions concerned leadership, law, and liability. On-line training is possibly coming to rural communities due to the significant decrease in state funding for police training.

He also discussed the active shooter training which he is attending this week.

HOUSING AND ZONING

Mr. Zerfoss stated that the report is in the packet. Mr. Ragon noted that Borough residents have been purchasing shed and carports and have been told by the salespersons that no permits are needed. Mr. Ragon stated that UCC permits are not needed but zoning permits are needed.

RECREATION

Ms. Leonard noted that she attended a meeting of the Clarion River Municipal Partnership. Among the speakers was Brenda Adams Wiant who has a 100% grant under which the Toby boat launch is to receive one or two signs. It was a worthwhile meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hopkins read a resolution into the minutes concerning Borough's support for broadband efforts. On a motion by Mr. Hopkins with a second by Ms. Vavrek, Resolution #2009-292 was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on a motion by Mr. Herman with a second by Ms. Leonard, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy K. Freenock
Borough Secretary