

June 2, 2009, Council Meeting
Minutes

A regular meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at the Clarion Free Library. President Wilshire called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All Council members, with the exception of Mr. Herman, were present. Also present were Chief Hall, Messrs. Ragon and Stutzman, and Mss. LaVan and Freenock.

The minutes of the May 5, 2009, Council Meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Hopkins with a second by Ms. Vavrek.

The minutes of the May 18, 2009, Council Meeting were approved by a vote of five yeas following a motion by Ms. Leonard with a second by Ms. Vavrek. Mr. Hopkins abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Katie Rush of 156 Greenville Avenue presented on behalf of the Clarion Area Chamber. Ms. Rush stated that a group of her students would like to create chalk drawings at various businesses throughout downtown during the July 4th celebrations. The idea was endorsed by Council, and Mr. Ragon does not believe that creating such designs would violate any Borough ordinance. Ms. Rush assured Council that permission of the merchants would be obtained.

ADMINISTRATION

The appropriations for the month of June were approved by a vote of five yeas following a motion by Mr. Hopkins and a second by Ms. Leonard with Mr. Zerfoss voting no due to the bills presented for Reed Smith and Pope & Bogush.

Ms. Moore made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Vavrek, to donate \$750 for the July 4th fireworks. The motion carried unanimously.

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE

Ms. Moore noted that a meeting of the Committee will be held tomorrow in concert with the Conservancy Meeting. Crafter's Day is on the agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS

Ms. Vavrek stated that bids for the 2009 paving projects were received. The apparent low bidder is Hager Paving at \$195,187.80. Ms. Vavrek made a motion to accept Hager's bid contingent upon all requirements being met. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zerfoss and carried unanimously.

Mr. Stutzman was asked to comment on the work being done around town by Pennsylvania American Water Company (PAWC). He stated that Bison Contracting is working its way through town doing sanitary sewer line restoration for PAWC. In addition, Interstate Pipe is inserting liners in some sewer lines. This work was mandated by the Consent Order. Bison will be paving the ditches it dug next week. The Borough's

paving projects are to be completed by August 15th. So, things should return to an improved state by the end of the summer.

Ms. Vavrek made a motion to advertise for a full-time Public Works employee; the position is open due to the resignation of Mr. Larson. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leonard and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ms. Moore made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vavrek, to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-761, amending Chapter 205 Titled “Vehicles and Traffic”, Article X, Section 205-60, Snow Removal Ordinance. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Moore then made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-762, amending Chapter 185 Titled “Streets and Sidewalks”, Article IV, Snow and Ice Removal, Section 185-14C. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hopkins and was unanimously approved.

Ms. Moore noted that the H1N1 virus is expected to peak in late fall and middle-aged persons are most at risk. She urged everyone to practice good hygiene to stymie transmission.

HOUSING AND ZONING

Mr. Zerfoss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-763, regulating outdoor and recreational burning. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next, Mr. Zerfoss made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-764, prohibiting the use of outdoor fuel burning appliances and devices, establishing penalties for violation and providing for any previously existing use of such devices. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hopkins and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Zerfoss noted that the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is in process and will be presented to Council for adoption at its next meeting.

RECREATION

Ms. Leonard noted that the pool opened over the weekend. She also reported on two conferences which she attended in May.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Zerfoss stated that the Memorial Day Services held at the cemetery were wonderful. He thanked Don Montgomery and Jim Johnson as well as Reverend Jacobson and the Borough Police for their respective roles in the event.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Wilshire read a letter from Comcast stating that payments will be accepted at Sage Meadow.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on a motion by Ms. Leonard and a second by Mr. Hopkins, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy K. Freenock
Secretary