

## August 5, 2008, Council Meeting

A regular meeting of Clarion Borough Council was held in the Clarion Free Library on Tuesday, August 5, 2008. President Wilshire called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. All Councilmembers were present. Also present were: Mayor Stroup, Chief Hall, Messrs. Ragon and Stutzman, and Ms. Freenock.

Minutes of the July 8, 2008, Council Meeting, were approved on a motion by Mr. Hopkins with a second by Ms. Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the July 28, 2008, Work Session, were approved on a motion by Ms. Vavrek with a second by Ms. Leonard. Motion carried with a vote of five yea with Mr. Herman and Mr. Hopkins abstaining as neither was present at that meeting.

### ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations for the month of August were approved, following a motion by Mr. Herman and a second by Ms. Vavrek. The motion was amended to include payment to Wade Associates of \$2,000 from CDBG funds. The vote was six yea with Mr. Zerfoss voting no due to the Guardian invoice.

The special event request regarding Patriot Day was approved unanimously following a motion by Mr. Herman and a second by Ms. Vavrek.

Resolution No. 2008-265 regarding the Safe Routes to School Grant Application recently filed by Ms. Freenock was unanimously approved on a motion made by Ms. Vavrek and a second by Mr. Hopkins.

Ms. Vavrek made a motion that Council approve the advertisement of bids for the Library HVAC project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leonard and unanimously approved.

Ms. Freenock stated that the Borough was requested to pare down its Early Intervention Second Step Application due to a lack of funding. DCED is interested in funding only those things that will make Administration more efficient. It was stated that there are other sources of funding for Public Safety needs. Before it will agree to fund any of the items requested for Public Works, a peer-to-peer review is needed. DCED has an individual that was the head of a large Public Works Department. He will look at the Borough's operations and make recommendations based upon which funding decisions will be made. Mr. Herman made a motion to approve the peer-to-peer review. It was seconded by Ms. Vavrek and approved unanimously.

### PUBLIC WORKS

Following discussion, it was decided to proceed with stamped concrete for the Main Street Project. On a motion by Mr. Herman with a second by Mr. Hopkins, Mss. Moore, Vavrek and Leonard are to meet with Mr. Stutzman and choose a color and stamp pattern so that this project can proceed expeditiously, carried unanimously.

Ms. Vavrek reported that proposals have been received for the engineering of North Riverview. They will be reviewed at a Public Works Meeting with action to be taken by Council in September.

Ms. Vavrek made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to accept the resignation of John Lawrence. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Vavrek then made a motion to advertise the opening. The motion was seconded by Ms. Moore and carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Herman made a motion, with a second by Mr. Hopkins, to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-752, amending Chapter 205 to remove one-way traffic on Payne Street and adding no parking. The motion carried by a vote of seven yeas.

Mr. Herman then made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-753, laying out, opening, and adding a portion of North Riverview Avenue as a public street. It was seconded by Ms. Vavrek and carried by a vote of seven yeas. Ms. Freenock stated that the Ordinance will not be effective until the abutting property owners are given notice of the street opening and given an opportunity to object.

Mr. Herman stated that Mrs. Caldwell would like the name of North Riverview changed to Emerson Way in honor of her husband. Mr. Herman feels that this is appropriate, because Mrs. Caldwell has given the road to the Borough. Residents on the road would have to be notified and be given the chance to object. Following a motion by Mr. Herman, with a second by Ms. Leonard, the motion carried with a vote of six yeas with Mr. Zerfoss voting no.

Mr. Herman reported that a meeting was recently held with PennDOT and the Borough's engineer regarding retiming the Main Street traffic lights. A three second exclusive pedestrian phase can be put in place at 9<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Fifth Avenue is being re-examined; there are several proposals including putting a count down on all poles; changing the left turn from Main to 5<sup>th</sup>; and, no turns on red. PennDOT approval will be needed before any changes can be made.

#### HOUSING & ZONING

Mr. Ragon reminded the public about the dangers of "blow-up" pools. He stated that there have been six drowning deaths this summer, one in Brookville. He stated that supervision is necessary while children are in the pool and suggested that such pools be fenced.

Mr. Hopkins indicated that he would like to see Council appoint a Citizens Advisory Group to hear complaints/suggestions regarding zoning issues. Mr. Herman stated that such issues can be brought to the Borough's attention now, without a special committee. Ms. Vavrek noted that the Housing and Zoning Committee meetings are open to the public. President Wilshire stated that members of such a committee would have to be

Borough residents. Mr. Hopkins agreed that this matter should be further discussed by Housing and Zoning.

#### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Leonard reported that the pool will close for the season on August 24<sup>th</sup>. A used refrigerator has been purchased for the pool. The cost was \$150.00. Wade Associates is in the process of preparing a pool feasibility study as part of the 2007 DCNR Grant.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Chief Hall stated that this evening is the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out; it is a crime prevention/awareness program. He and the officers will participate. He also stated that all of the parking meters have been recertified.

Mayor Stroup stated that the I-80 Phase I has been filed. He is urging the Governor and Mary Peters to visit the area and to make the economic studies being done accurate. Mayor Stroup urged the public and all of the uncommitted state representatives to stand up and let the public know whether or not they support the tolling.

Mr. Herman stated that the Turnpike is the worst maintained road in the Commonwealth. He suggested that public officials drive that road before taking a stand.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Moore made a motion that Council adopt Resolution No. 2008-264 regarding the revised Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leonard. Ms. Moore stated that this plan will carry a 2009 date as it must be passed by all municipalities in the County. This plan is the result of a county-wide effort. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Herman reminded the public that students will be returning soon; he asked that extra care be taken when driving around town.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Wilshire called for an Executive Session to discuss the sale of property, beginning at 8:05 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:44 p.m. President Wilshire stated that no action was taken at the Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on a motion made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Ms. Moore, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy K. Freenock  
Secretary