

December 17, 2008, Special Council Meeting

A special meeting of the Clarion Borough Council was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, in the Clarion Borough Offices. President Wilshire called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. In addition to President Wilshire, the following Councilmembers were present: Mr. Zerfoss, Mr. Herman, Ms. Vavrek, and Mr. Hopkins. Also present were Mayor Stroup, Chief Hall, Mr. Ragon, and Mss. Freenock and LaVan.

On a motion by Mr. Herman with a second by Mr. Hopkins, Resolution # 2008-276, approving the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget was approved after roll call vote the results of which were as follows: Mr. Zerfoss, yes; Mr. Herman, yes; Ms. Vavrek, yes; Mr. Hopkins, yes; and President Wilshire, yes.

On a motion by Mr. Herman with a second by Mr. Hopkins Tax Ordinance and Fee Schedules related in Tax Ordinance #2008-757 were unanimously approved. The salary schedules were also part of that motion. Mr. Zerfoss questioned whether there were funds available to pay increases for the police once the contract negotiations are completed. Ms. Freenock responded that the budget projects a \$10,000 surplus at the end of 2009. Those funds will be used to cover any increase in pay for the police.

On a motion by Mr. Herman with a second by Ms. Vavrek, the Council Meeting dates for 2009 were approved unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Herman requested an Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations. No action will be taken.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Zerfoss requested that guidelines be established for the funds that are to be distributed pursuant to the request of Paul Weaver. Ms. Vavrek stated that she believes that the fire company's portion should go into a building maintenance fund. Mr. Herman suggested that the Administration Committee meet with Mr. Weaver to discuss guidelines so that his wishes can be fulfilled.

President Wilshire called for an Executive Session at 8:50 a.m. to discuss contract negotiations. President Wilshire reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Herman with a second by Mr. Hopkins, the Council Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy K. Freenock
Borough Secretary