

January 18, 2008, Special Council Meeting

Administration:	Executive Session to Discuss Solicitor; Solicitor French Selected as Borough Solicitor
Public Safety:	Hired Terri Moore and Megan Kerr as Meter Enforcement Officers; Accepted Quit Claim Deed from Teresa Caldwell; Engaged Ron Kopko to Survey and Prepare Preliminary Drawings
New Business:	Gas 10 Cents Cheaper in Brookville

A special meeting of the Clarion Borough Council was held on Friday, January 18, 2008, in the Borough Offices. President Wilshire called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. All Council members were present. Also present were Bob Ragon and Nancy Freenock. The Mayor joined the meeting at 8:45 a.m. Mark Hall joined the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

ADMINISTRATION

President Wilshire called for an Executive Session at 8:20 a.m. to discuss the selection of a Solicitor. Rodney Sherman of the Clarion News objected to the Executive Session. President Wilshire stated that according to the current Borough Solicitor, this matter could be discussed in Executive Session.

President Wilshire reconvened the meeting at 8:50 a.m. and stated that no business was conducted at the Executive Session. President Wilshire then called for nominations for Borough Solicitor. Ms. Vavrek nominated Attorney Stephen French; Mr. Zerfoss nominated the firm of Alexander, Alexander & Troese. Ms. Vavrek asked that the nominations be closed. President Wilshire called for a roll-call vote. The results were as follows:

Mr. Zerfoss-Alexander, Alexander & Troese
Mr. Herman-Alexander, Alexander & Troese
Ms. Leonard-Attorney French
Ms. Vavrek-Attorney French
Ms. Moore-Attorney French
Mr. Hopkins-Attorney French
Mr. Wilshire-Alexander, Alexander & Troese

Mr. Hopkins then suggested that as a means to control costs, Council consider a policy concerning usage of the Borough Solicitor. His proposed method would be to allow contact; but when a matter would require billable hours, before any costs are incurred, the Administration Committee must give its approval. Ms. Freenock stated that she was unsure if an individual Council Member's access to the Solicitor could be regulated. She will check and report back to Council. President Wilshire instructed Ms. Freenock to

check with surrounding municipalities and the County to determine if their solicitors regularly attend public meetings.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Herman again commended Mr. Bavely for his service to the Borough. Mr. Herman then made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Zerfoss, to hire Terri Moore as Meter Enforcement Officer at the rate of \$8.00/hour. The motion carried with a vote of six yeas with Ms. Moore abstaining as she is related to the candidate.

Mr. Herman then made a motion to hire Megan Kerr as a Meter Enforcement Officer at \$8.00/hour. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leonard. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item to come before Council was the acceptance of a Quit Claim Deed from Mrs. Teresa Caldwell for the private road commonly known as North Riverview. Mr. Herman made a motion to accept the deed which was seconded by Ms. Vavrek; the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Herman then made a motion to engage Ron Kopko to survey North Riverview as it currently exists and to prepare preliminary drawings for Bilo's approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vavrek; the motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Zerfoss suggested that the Borough purchase gas in Brookville as it is 10 cents cheaper there.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on a motion made by Ms. Vavrek and seconded by Mr. Herman, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy K. Freenock
Secretary