

**CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: President Williams called the meeting of the Clarks Green Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Secretary Culbertson conducted roll call. The following were present: Mr. Rinaldi, Mrs. Earley, Ms. D'Oro, Mr. Williams, Mayor Thorburn and Solicitor Weinschenk.

ABSENT: Mr. Hughes, Mr. Toms and Mr. Barrasse.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: President Williams entertained the motion to accept the minutes of the January 18, 2017 Council meeting. Mrs. Earley motioned, seconded by Ms. D'Oro to accept the minutes. Ms. D'Oro, Mr. Rinaldi, Mrs. Earley and Mr. Williams voted in favor.

VISITORS: Peter Giermanski, 100 Squirrel Run, Marnie Palmer, 280 East Grove Street, Dan Schneider, 335 N. Abington Road, Clarks Summit Police Chief Chris Yarns and Officer Pat Gibbons.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Thorburn welcomed Clarks Summit Police Chief Chris Yarns & Officer Pat Gibbons to the meeting and stated he has noticed the police car sitting in the gas station parking lot which helps with the speeding in that vicinity. Police Chief Yarns informed Council of an incident with an elderly resident in the Borough which involved someone impersonating an employee from the water company. Fortunately the Resident had a dog which chased the impersonator from the scene. Mayor Thorburn will be contacting Fire Chief Ryan Miller to evaluate Glenburn Road near the C.G. Methodist Church on Sunday mornings. The Mayor believes if there was a fire near that location firetrucks would not be able to use the street during church services. Mayor Thorburn notified Council that the Borough will need to fill the Deputy Public Information Officer position. The Mayor also completed filling out a survey for the Census Bureau.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan Schneider, 335 N. Abington Road, addressed Council requesting lowering his sewer bill EDUs from two (2) to one (1) eliminating the EDU for the family's pool house. President Williams stated Council and the Finance Chair Alan Hughes will review at the next work session and a letter will be sent informing of the decision. Marnie Palmer, 280 East Grove Street, thanked Councilmen Rinaldi, Barrasse and Hughes in attending the event with guest speaker State Fire Commissioner Tim Solobay stating the presentation was informative and a success.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Weinschenk had nothing specific to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL APPROVAL: Mrs. Earley reported on the checking account balances with comparisons to last month and last year stating this month had no extraordinary bills. The Treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. Earley and filed for audit. Current fund balances are as follows:

Capital Fund Money Market	\$	59,373.66
General Fund Checking		198,380.38
General Fund Money Market		35,262.28
Sewer Fund Checking		205,487.10
Sewer Fund Money Market		84,968.66
Sewer – Wayne Bank CD		50,000.00
State Funds Checking		<u>14,196.39</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$	647,668.47

Mrs. Earley motioned, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi to accept the Treasurer's report and ratify the payment of the bills. Mrs. Earley, Mr. Rinaldi, Ms. D'Oro and Mr. Williams voted in favor. Mrs. Earley then presented the Budget vs. Actual report comparing balances on the report to amounts of a year ago. Mrs. Earley reported approximately \$3000 had been collected from the sewer delinquent accounts. Mr. Rinaldi reported on the state audit performed on the Borough's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. He stated the Auditor General, Eugene DePasquale, stated there were no findings and appreciated the courtesy extended by the Borough of Clarks Green during the course of examination. Mr. Rinaldi and Council thanked Secretary Culbertson on her efforts in getting a perfect audit.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report in Mr. Toms absence.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mrs. Earley reported the Borough salt supply is adequate for the rest of the winter season and the same amount of salt has been ordered for the next winter. The Borough's Chapter 94 Annual Report has been prepared will be submitted to ARWA before the due date of February 17, 2017. Mrs. Earley informed Council replacement street sweeping brushes have arrived. Street sweeping will begin at the end of the month with cleaning catch basins as soon as it is feasible. Mrs. Earley stated the interior of the Borough building is in the process of being painted by the DPW.

HEALTH & SAFETY: President Williams had nothing to report for Mr. Barrasse.

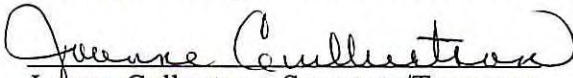
PERSONNEL: Mr. Rinaldi informed Council he authorized overtime sixteen (16) hours for Tom Worobey and Kevin Quinn for the building interior painting project. The purpose of the additional overtime is to minimize or eliminate disruption during business hours. Mr. Rinaldi reported that the Clarks Summit Police vehicles are being positioned at different locations within the Borough, including the Borough's driveway which is slowing traffic down through the intersection.

REFUSE & RECYCLING: Ms. D'Oro reported the cost of electronic recycling at the county facility has increased to \$1.85 lb. from \$1.00 lb. Ms. D'Oro told Council electronic manufacturers may be required to recycle more of their devices, under legislation recently introduced by State Representative Marty Flynn.

ARWA: Mr. Rinaldi reported the Director has been visiting other sewer authorities that have grit chambers to get a better understanding of how to eliminate odors generated in using the chamber. ARWA Director Elliott discovered that low flow and lack of movement within the chamber caused grease to accumulate making it septic. The Director proposed an aeration system at a cost of approximately \$1200 to help keep the water moving and reduce or eliminate the recent odor problem. ARWA will be seeking bids for the aluminum sulfate. Mr. Rinaldi told Council the Authority's audit is currently being performed by Jones Kohanski while the MPDS permit renewal application has been submitted to DEP on January 30, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS: President Williams informed Council that he has been working on getting proposals for publishing the Borough Code book. Mr. Rinaldi motioned to appoint Peter Giermanski to the Shade Tree Commission, seconded by Ms. D'Oro. Mr. Rinaldi, Ms. D'Oro, Mrs. Earley and Mr. Williams voted in favor. Mr. Giermanski thanked Council for the appointment.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Earley motioned, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. All in attendance voted in favor.


Joanne Culbertson, Secretary/Treasurer

CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL
3. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES
4. MAYOR'S REPORT
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
Visitors should approach the podium and state their name and address. Comments are limited to 5 minutes.
6. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Weinschenk
7. TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL APPROVAL – Ms. Earley
8. FINANCE COMMITTEE – Ms. Earley
Sewer Delinquencies
9. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Mrs. Earley
10. HEALTH & SAFETY – Mr. Barrasse
11. PERSONNEL – Mr. Rinaldi
12. REFUSE & RECYCLING – Ms. D'Oro
13. ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY REPORT – Mr. Rinaldi
14. OLD BUSINESS
Codification of Ordinances
15. NEW BUSINESS
16. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE TO VISITORS: Please sign the attendance sheet and indicate if you wish to observe the meeting or to address Council, stating the agenda topic on which you would like to comment. Thank you.