

**CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: President Rinaldi called the meeting of the Clarks Green Council to order at 7:10 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Secretary Culbertson conducted roll call. The following were present: Mr. Egan, Mr. Curran, Mr. Rinaldi, Mayor Barrasse via phone conference and Solicitor Weinschenk.

ABSENT: Ms. Wanchisen, Mr. Toms, Mr. Williams and Ms. Igoe.

VISITORS: Ben Freda, Abington Journal and CSPD Chief Yarns.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

Since there was no physical quorum for the meeting as required by the Borough Code, President Rinaldi briefly discussed with the Council Members attending, the posted agenda items noting that no official action can be taken unless a physical quorum is present for the vote on legislation.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Yarns briefly reviewed the monthly report. Chief Yarns told Council they helped assist with the painting of crosswalks and waiting for help from PennDOT in replacing the vascar lines on Fairview Road since PennDot chipped and tarred over them. Chief Yarns told Council he had received a \$29,000 Technology grant allowing us to purchase all new terminals for the patrol vehicles and upgrading our vehicles cameras enabling to read license plates on cars. Mr. Rinaldi asked about the truck traffic on Highland Avenue noting it was brought up at the last meeting. Chief Yarns stated only local truck traffic is allowed but noted sometimes GPS directs them on these local roads.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Barrasse questioned the traffic stops for last month stating I thought we had twenty-eight (28) and feels that the report is inaccurate based on the previous the month's report. Mayor Barrasse just wanted to mention the discrepancy in case those numbers are used for grant applications. Mayor Barrasse congratulated Chief Yarns on his successful turnout at the school shooting practice event. Chief Yarns told Council they hope to travel to different schools to get a clear understanding of the each school's interior layouts.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Rinaldi reviewed the distributed Budget vs. Actual comparing balances to last month and last year. The Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Rinaldi and filed for audit. Current fund balances are as follows:

General Fund Checking	\$	730,216.11
Capital Fund Money Market		126,477.43
Sewer Fund Checking		515,196.04
Sewer – FNCB CD #200469681		76,412.18
Sewer – Wayne Bank CD #80049035		76,974.99
Sewer – Wayne Bank CD #80021603		53,206.65
Sewer – Wayne Bank CD #80044088		50,188.16
State Funds Checking		<u>168,500.75</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$	1,797,172.31

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Rinaldi updated Council on ARWA stating the fee increase from \$64,892 to \$66,673 per quarter for Clarks Green Borough. Mr. Rinaldi stated the increase was due to the increase in cost for chemicals and other supplies. Mr. Rinaldi stated as a result the proposed budget needed to be revised to reflect this cost increase. Mr. Rinaldi told Council since there was approximately a \$4,500 reduction in the proposed budget for 2023, the Real Estate taxes had been revised upward to the previous amount of \$310,000, noting new businesses have been established in the Borough mentioning Central Park Flowers, Astra Wealth and 251 East Grove Street. Mr. Rinaldi reminded Council the Borough will need to advertise the budget for ten (10) days before it is adopted. Mr. Rinaldi introduced the proposal for purchasing surveillance cameras and building access technology. Mr. Rinaldi stated just recently the DPW laborer, Ken Hiller reported residents are putting yard waste, garbage and unflatten boxes in the Borough's dumpsters. Mr. Rinaldi told Council that he has asked Solicitor Weinschenk to review a vendor agreement for the participation Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) stating residents will have the opportunity to complete an application with the Department of Human Services for help in paying their sewer delinquency. Solicitor Weinschenk stated the program is a response to the COVID 19 pandemic and designed to assist with arrearages to prevent disconnection of drinking water or wastewater services for low-income households. Solicitor Weinschenk stated the agreement is valid until December 31, 2023 and eligible amounts up to \$2,500 and the Borough can opt out of the agreement anytime. Mr. Rinaldi updated Council on PennDot continued insistence without evidence that the patched the Route 407 at the corners of Grove Street and S. Abington Road was caused by Borough underground systems stating his concern that the Borough will be sent a bill for the repairs. Mr. Rinaldi stated we have prepared a response to any billing if needed.

RECESS: Mr. Rinaldi recessed the meeting for Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 7 P.M. to reconvene on October 26, 2022 at 7 PM.

MEETING RECONVENED OCTOBER 26, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: President Rinaldi called the meeting of the Clarks Green Council to order at 7:05 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Secretary Culbertson conducted roll call. The following were present: Mr. Egan, Mr. Toms, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Curran and Mr. Rinaldi.

ABSENT: Ms. Wanchisen, Mr. Williams, Mayor Barrasse and Solicitor Weinschenk.

VISITORS: Ben Freda, Abington Journal and Mary Moore, 113 Glenburn Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Igoe motioned to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2022 Council meeting seconded by Mr. Toms. Ms. Igoe, Mr. Toms, Mr. Egan, Mr. Curran and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor.

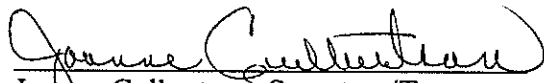
PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

BILL APPROVAL: Ms. Igoe motioned to approve the Treasurer Report and the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Toms. Mr. Toms, Mr. Curran, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Egan and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor.

MOTIONS: Mr. Rinaldi entertain a motion for the hiring of Kenneth Lynch as a DPW laborer, hourly rate \$18.50 retroactive October 10, 2022. Ms. Igoe motioned, seconded by Mr. Curran. Mr. Toms, Mr. Egan, Mr. Curran, Ms. Igoe and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor. Mr. Rinaldi told Council of the revised proposed 2023 Borough Budget stating Abington Regional Water Authority increased the quarterly payments for the participating municipalities approximately three (3) percent. President Rinaldi then asked for motion to advertise the 2023 Proposed Budget. Ms. Igoe motioned to advertise the 2023 revised proposed budget, seconded by Mr. Egan. Mr. Toms, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Curran, Mr. Egan and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor. Mr. Rinaldi introduced the Appel Technology proposal for surveillance cameras and building access in the amount of \$21,160.00. Ms. Igoe motioned to accept the proposal, seconded by Mr. Egan. Mr. Curran, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Toms, Mr. Egan and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor. Mr. Rinaldi reviewed the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) stating this will allow residents if qualified to take part in the program and help with their sewer delinquencies. Ms. Igoe motioned to authorize the Borough to participate in the LIHWAP, seconded by Mr. Toms. Mr. Curran, Mr. Egan, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Toms and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Rinaldi asked Council if there are any major items that Council will need to meet for at the November work session noting if there is nothing urgent he suggested Council cancel the November work session. All present Council members agreed.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Rinaldi entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Igoe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 P.M., seconded by Mr. Egan. All in attendance voted in favor.


Joanne Culbertson, Secretary/Treasurer

CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
October 19, 2022
7:00 PM

1. Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance – President Rinaldi
2. Roll Call - Secretary Culbertson
3. Motions to approve the Council Meeting Minutes September 21, 2022
4. Public Comment
5. Police and/or Fire Report
6. Mayor's Report.
7. Review of Borough Financials, Budget vs. Actual Report and Motion to pay bills.
8. Hiring of Kenneth Lynch, Clarks Summit, Pa as DPW Laborer at a rate of \$18.50 per hour retroactive to October 10, 2022.
9. Review of 2023 Proposed Budget. Motion to introduce 2023 proposed budget and advertise for public comment prior to adoption at December 2022 Council Meeting.
10. Consideration of purchase of surveillance cameras and building access for the Borough Office building from Appel Technology Solutions, LLC 615 George St Ste 1 Throop, PA in the amount of \$21,160.00.
11. Consideration of Borough participating in the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), that began on January 4, 2022.
12. Other Business/discussion. Pa DOT sink hole issue discussion.
13. Motion to Adjourn.

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.