

**CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: President Rinaldi called the meeting of the Clarks Green Council to order at 7:01 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Secretary Culbertson conducted roll call. The following were present: Mr. Egan, Mr. Nealon, Mr. Toms, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Williams, Mr. Curran, Mr. Rinaldi, Mayor Barrasse and Solicitor Weinschenk were present.

VISITORS: CSPD Officer Keiser, Ben Freda, Abington Journal, Rick Williams, 208 Maple St., and Mary Moore, 113 Glenburn Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: President Rinaldi entertained the motion to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2023 Council meeting. Mr. Curran motioned, seconded by Mr. Egan. Mr. Williams, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Toms, Mr. Nealon, Mr. Egan, Mr. Curran and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

POLICE REPORT: CSPD Officer Keiser reviewed the police report. Officer Keiser stated they had up their presence at the local schools conducting school walkthroughs.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Barrasse stated he had talked with Chief Yarns telling Council about a loose dog incident on Clark St. and the owner located at Evans St. has been cited. Mayor Barrasse told Council he believes this is still an ongoing investigation.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL APPROVAL: 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	\$	631,463.63
Capital Fund Money Market		127,117.28
Sewer Fund Checking		498,002.30
Sewer – FNCB CD #200469681		76,488.61
Sewer – FNCB CD #200845158		50,000.00
Sewer – Wayne Bank CD #80049035		76,974.99
Sewer – Wayne Bank CD #80021603		53,339.83
Sewer – Wayne Bank CD #80044088		50,302.14
State Funds Checking		<u>216,471.03</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$	1,780,159.81

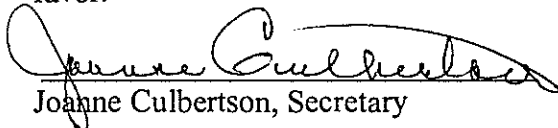
Mr. Rinaldi entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and ratify the payment of the bills. Mr. Williams motioned, seconded by Mr. Egan. Mr. Toms, Mr. Curran, Mr. Nealon, Mr. Williams, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Egan and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor.

MOTIONS: Mr. Rinaldi entertained a motion to renew the Wayne CD # 80044088 in the amount of \$50,302.14 with an interest rate of 4.45% for ten (10) months. Ms. Igoe motioned, seconded by Mr. Toms. Mr. Egan, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Toms, Mr. Nealon, Mr. Williams, Mr. Curran and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor. Mr. Rinaldi informed Council that Ken Lynch of the DPW resigned his position with his last day on March 31st 2023. Mr. Rinaldi stated the Borough Manager held interviews and hired an applicant

from earlier in the year. Mr. Rinaldi entertained a motion to hire Mark Holeva from Dickson City at the rate of \$18.00 per hour retroactive to April 3, 2023 his first day on the job. Ms. Igoe motioned, seconded by Mr. Curran. Mr. Williams, Mr. Curran, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Nealon, Mr. Toms, Mr. Egan and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor. Mr. Rinaldi told Council the Borough has been invoiced by AAJRB for the 2023 second quarter contribution. Mr. Rinaldi entertained a motion to approve payment of the 2023 contribution payment to AAJRB in the amount of \$1,509.75. Ms. Igoe motioned, seconded by Mr. Nealon. Mr. Curran, Mr. Egan, Mr. Williams, Mr. Toms, Mr. Nealon, Ms. Igoe and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor. A discussion took place over the recent request from AAJRB in regard to a letter supporting applying for DCNR funding for a number of improvements at Hillside Park. Mr. Rinaldi told Council the request came in on a weekend and Council was not going to meet until April 19th. Mayor Barrasse stated he wanted to submit a letter on Borough letterhead noting he was contacted by Bill Risse but was told by the Borough Manager it needs to be authorized by Council. Mr. Rinaldi stated it's unreasonable for AAJRB not to have known about this grant application in time to request municipal action before Clarks Green's March meeting. Mr. Rinaldi told Council the Borough would author a letter of support if Council agrees. Council agreed. Mayor Barrasse told Council the Borough Manager could have placed the letter of support on the Borough letterhead and this letter could have been retroactively supported by Council noting you have just hired a DPW worker and just approved a retroactive \$50,000 CD. Mr. Rinaldi told Mayor Barrasse the difference between those situations that these ratifications were for Clarks Green's business and to provide services to Borough residents. AAJRB annually requests contribution increases. For 2023 it was five (5) percent while the Borough had not raised taxes in over ten years. Mr. Rinaldi asked Mr. Barrasse why are they deciding to apply for a grant the last minute. Where is the planning? A brief discussion took place regarding the Borough representatives AAJRB terms. Mr. Rinaldi reiterated to Council in the Solicitor's opinion noting we have only one (1) representative from the Borough, Sarah Cremer whose term had not expired while the other two (2) representatives' terms had expired. Mr. Rinaldi told Council has still not determined whether if the Borough wants to appoint more than the AAJRB bylaws established which was one (1) representative. Mr. Rinaldi told Council while driving on N. Abington Road he noticed there is some vacant land making it potential recreational opportunity for a Borough park while noting our residents would then be able to walk to rather than drive to Hillside. Solicitor Weinschenk informed Council he believes the land is under new ownership.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Rinaldi asked Ms. Culbertson to give Council an update on the Borough building technology systems installation and computer upgrades. Ms. Culbertson told Council all the Borough new PCs have been installed along with the camera system and software. The access control devices have been installed on the door frames and necessary wiring. Borough email accounts will be migrated to Microsoft 365 starting next week. Mr. Rinaldi told Council the side garage door has been installed but noticed there was a scratch. He asked that Mesko be contacted to see if we can get a discount. Mr. Rinaldi stated the DPW will be doing maintenance work on the front and the other side doors of the Borough building.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Rinaldi entertained the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Igoe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M., seconded by Mr. Toms. All in attendance voted in favor.


Joanne Culbertson, Secretary

CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
May 17, 2023
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 April 19, 2023
4. Public Comment.
5. Police Report.
6. Discussion with Tom Curra, Clarks Summit Fire Department including new EMS updates.
7. Mayor's Report.
8. Review of Borough Financials, Budget vs. Actual Report and Motion to pay bills.
9. Discussion with Borough Engineer regarding Pa. American Water Company's main replacement project affecting Evans Street and Armstrong Ave. Effect of PAWC project Storm Water Grant Application pending with DCED. 2023 Paving Project delays.
10. Discussion on Borough contract with GFL expiring on March 31, 2024 in considering results of Clarks Summit Borough's recent Refuse Contract bidding results.
11. Other Business/discussion. Update on Borough Building systems installation and computer update. Consideration of donation to Rotary Club for 4th of July Fireworks.
12. 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.