

**CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 17, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: President Rinaldi called the meeting of the Clarks Green Council to order at 7:02 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Ms. Igoe and Mayor Barrassé.

VISITORS: CSPD Chief Yarns, Matt Murnin, Jay Miller, Tim Rowland from the Clarks Summit Fire Co. and Robert Naegele, Borough Engineer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: President Rinaldi entertained the motion to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2023 Council meeting. Mr. Williams motioned, seconded by Mr. Egan. Mr. Williams, Mr. Toms, Mr. Nealon, Mr. Egan, Mr. Curran and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

POLICE REPORT: CSPD Chief Yarns reviewed the monthly police report. Chief Yarns told Council a resident was cited for allowing a pit bull to run at large in the Borough. Chief Yarns reported he has received complaints on a side street in the Borough. Currently, it is being investigated along with a speed study noting he did not want to state the name of the street.

CLARKS SUMMIT FIRE CO.: Matt Murnin, Jay Miller, Tim Rowland updated Council on the Emergency Medical Services (EMS). They proceeded to inform Council the Pennsylvania Ambulance LLC had acquired Commonwealth Health Emergency Medical Services noting its services will continue without disruption but had left a void making us develop a program to pay some of our members to run on EMS calls. Right now, we are doing 9 to 5 five (5) days a week and we are hoping to add two (2) more full-time EMS personnel to make it six (6) days a week, twelve (12) hours a day and the off hours planning on supplementing with (paid) volunteers. Chief Miller stated it's hard getting volunteers in the daytime so we are paying a staffing agency. They stated the legislature needs to make some changes to the way volunteers are funded. Costs are constantly increasing and the health insurance companies are not covering the risk. They told Council they came to the meeting tonight to inform the community of the issue and encourage proactive steps needed or could become a disaster. Mr. Rinaldi asked if there is a report that can provide the community on the average number of EMS calls initiating from Clarks Green. They stated the information will be forwarded. Mr. Rinaldi thanked them for the updates and assured the Borough will do it's part.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mr. Egan provided the Mayor's report reminding everyone about the upcoming Memorial Day parade asking for participation.

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	\$	707,096.48
Capital Fund Money Market		127,407.21
Sewer Fund Checking		511,271.10
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>216,487.64</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$	1,869,368.00

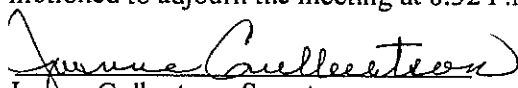
Mr. Rinaldi entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and ratify the payment of the bills. Mr. Curran motioned, seconded by Mr. Toms. Mr. Toms, Mr. Curran, Mr. Nealon, Mr. Williams, Mr. Egan and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor.

2023 PAVING PROJECT: Bob Naegele, Borough Engineer addressed Council on the American Water Company's main replacement project at Evans and Clark Street, part of Glenburn Rd. and Main Street stating the Borough has been receiving notification by a complex PA1 Call Ticket scheduling a meeting at the specific sites with the utility companies involved along with municipalities officials. These meetings are meant to clear the air between all the utilities, contractors and municipalities if concerns or problems exist. Mr. Rinaldi talked about the work being done at Evans St. since there is a grant application pending that included this street and questioned, "how will this affect our grant application?" Mr. Naegele stated I think in most cases, they are somewhat accommodating as long as it is in the general area, if you are not changing the whole scope of the grant application but provided no clear indication of the utility project. Mr. Naegele reported to Council the Greenbrier Drive stormwater project has been surveyed, design and construction plans for the project have been prepared and distributed three (3) sets of mapping for Councils' review but has not completed the bid package while lamenting how politicians want the work done during election years. Mr. Naegele told Council the bid documents should finally be ready to advertise for bid in June and receive them in July.

MOTIONS: Mr. Rinaldi told Council last year Clarks Green Borough donated \$800 to the Rotary of the Abington's for the 4th of July Fireworks display. Mr. Williams motioned to donate \$800 to the Rotary of the Abington for the 4th of July Fireworks display, seconded by Mr. Nealon. Mr. Egan, Mr. Toms, Mr. Nealon, Mr. Williams, Mr. Curran and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Rinaldi told Council the trash/recycling contract with GFL will be expiring March 31, 2024. Recently, Clarks Summit's contract expired and their new proposed contract increased approximately seventy-two (72) percent noting this was the only proposal received. Mr. Rinaldi questioned whether it was possible to approach GFL and possibly negotiate an extension. Mr. Rinaldi felt the Borough has some leverage since the residents had been overcharged when they converted the invoices from County Waste to GFL Environmental last April. Mr. Rinaldi told Council he feels it is worth exploring considering other municipalities increases in refuse/recycling services. Solicitor Weinschenk told Council he will review the current contract and research on whether or not it is legal to negotiate an extension. Mr. Nealon told Council he has been getting calls for the Borough to have a clean-up day which residents can put anything out for garbage pickup. The Solicitor stated the GFL Environmental contract has unlimited bulk waste pickup noting items with freon needs to be tagged that the freon has been removed and there is no charge for pick up. Mr. Rinaldi informed Council the Borough has been receiving complaints concerning the grounds at 100 Squirrel Run noting the resident has been incarcerated and faces another set of charges. Mr. Rinaldi reported the Zoning Officer, Mr. Parker will be sending a letter addressing the issue and further actions will be taken.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Rinaldi entertained the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 P.M., seconded by Mr. Curran. 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.