

**CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: President Rinaldi 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. Egan, Mr. Toms, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Curran, Mr. Rinaldi, and Solicitor Weinschenk were present.

ABSENT: Mr. Nealon and Mr. Williams.

VISITORS: CSPD Chief Yarns, Mary Moore, 113 Glenburn Road, Ashley Deflice, 312 Evans St. and Ben Freda, Abington Journal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: President Rinaldi entertained the motion to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2023 Council meeting. Mr. Curran motioned, seconded by Mr. Egan. Ms. Igoe, Mr. Toms, 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 noting it has been a quiet month. Chief Yarns informed the Council they received a grant for DUI patrolling and will be implementing the grant program until September 30, 2023. Chief Yarns informed Council the CSPD has applied for another Aggressive driver grant. A discussion took place about the speeding on Grayson Avenue, Fairview Road as well as South Abington Road.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Barrassé thanked Ms. Igoe, Mr. Nealon and Mr. Rinaldi for participation in the Clarks Summit Memorial Day parade. Mayor Barrassé stated he has talked with Chief Yarns regarding the DUI patrol setup.

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	\$	793,587.90
Capital Fund Money Market		127,731.84
Sewer Fund Checking		474,221.17
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>216,506.02</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$	1,919,152.50

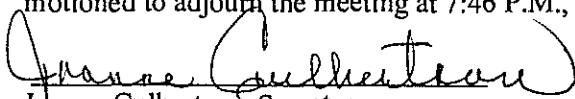
Mr. Rinaldi entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and ratify the payment of the bills. Ms. Igoe motioned, seconded by Mr. Egan. Mr. Toms, Mr. Curran, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Egan and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor. Mr. Rinaldi told Council the Borough should start considering investing some of the funds from the various accounts in accounts bearing higher interest rates that have become available. Ms. Culbertson stated she has a meeting with NBT Bank and discussed with the Branch Manager what the Borough might do with the fund balances regarding obtaining higher interest rates including Money Market accounts.

MOTIONS: Mr. Rinaldi entertained a motion to pay Borough Auditors, Murphy Dougherty's invoice for the 2022 audit in the amount of \$7,750 for the 2022 Audit. Ms. Igoe motioned, seconded by Mr. Egan. Mr. Egan, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Toms, Mr. Curran and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor. Mr. Rinaldi informed Council the Borough has not received a proposal for future annual audits. Mr. Rinaldi told Council the bid package for Greenbrier Drive is

ready noting this includes replacing stormwater piping, inlets and paving. The project will begin at the intersection of Greenbrier Drive and Grayson Drive and extend up Greenbrier Drive approximately 1,100 LF. Responses are due Monday, July 17, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. with an award at the July Council meeting. Mr. Curran motioned to authorize the bid advertisement for the 2023 Paving Project, seconded by Mr. Egan. Mr. Curran, Ms. Igoe, Mr. Toms, Mr. Egan and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Rinaldi informed Council the trash/recycling contract with GFL will be expiring on March 31, 2024. Mr. Rinaldi asked Solicitor Weinschenk to prepare a bid package. Solicitor Weinschenk stated he would like to prepare the package for either a three (3) and five (5) year terms beginning April 1, 2024 based upon the current contract providing containers or no containers. Solicitor Weinschenk told Council he would like Council to review the proposed bid package to make sure everyone is on the same page and we still have enough time to revise if needed. Mr. Rinaldi stated this matter will be discussed at the July Council Meeting. Mr. Rinaldi asked Ms. Culbertson for updates concerning the outstanding grants. Ms. Culbertson told Council the LSA Monroe Grant for a new truck was denied. After requesting a review as to why it was not awarded, the Borough was told the application was properly submitted. The grant Representative stated that the local representative, Bridgette Kosierowski did advocate for the Borough's grant. Ms. Culbertson informed Council the Borough has been reimbursed partially for the new skid steer purchase in the amount of \$61,496 and once the invoice for the brush attachment is received, request will be submitted for reimbursement of the remaining cost. A discussion took place regarding the Borough's old skid steer. Since the Borough had not received any bids speculating a new starter is also needed, Ms. Igoe motioned to purchase a new starter for the skid steer approximately \$256.00, seconded by Mr. Toms. Mr. Curran, Mr. Egan, Mr. Toms, Ms. Igoe and Mr. Rinaldi voted in favor. A discussion took place regarding purchasing an emergency generator for the Borough Building. Mr. Rinaldi stated the purchase can alleviate a safety issue with the Borough traffic light. Council all agreed this is a good idea and could also assist the community providing a facility with power during an extended power loss. Mr. Rinaldi requested Manager Culbertson obtain proposals for the potential purchase. Several Council members raised the possibility there might be a grant offset the cost.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Rinaldi entertained the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Igoe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 P.M., seconded by Mr. Curran. All in attendance voted in favor.


Joanne Culbertson, Secretary

CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
June 21, 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 May 17, 2023
4. Public Comment.
5. Police Report.
6. Mayor’s Report.
7. Review of Borough Financials, Budget vs. Actual Report and Motion to pay bills.
8. Motion to pay Murphy Dougherty \$7750.00 for CGB Audit of 2022. Consideration of engaging Murphy Dougherty for audits 2024, 2025 and 2026.
9. Discussion and consideration of authorizing Bid Package for the 2023 CGB Paving Project.
10. Discussion and consideration of authorizing Refuse contract bidding for 2024 and beyond Borough trash collection.
11. Update on Grants for skid steer and dump truck replacement.
12. Other Business/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.