

# November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The special meeting of the Cleona Borough Council was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order by President Larry Minnich with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. Members attending were Ellen Burke, Bill Bechtel, Don Hopple, Elizabeth Lindsay, Jim O'Connor and Sam Wengert. Also attending were Attorney Colleen Gallo and Borough Manager Kerry Rohland.

Larry Minnich requested an executive session involving personnel that could have an impact on the 2015 Budget.

**Larry Minnich turned the meeting over to Jim O'Connor for the appointment of Mayor.**

Jim O'Connor asked if there were any nominations for the Mayor vacancy. Both Larry Minnich and Brian Burke had completed an Affidavit of Residency. **Ellen Burke nominated Brian Burke. Sam Wengert nominated Larry Minnich. A motion was made by Bill Bechtel, second by Ellen Burke to close the nomination for Mayor.**

Each candidate, starting with Brian, was given an opportunity to present to Council why they should be considered, and their qualifications for Mayor. After each presentation, the floor was opened for Council to ask questions.

Valorie Bowman of 19 South Grant Street expressed that she believed both candidates would make fantastic Mayors, but with the President of Council being the glue, that it might be better to bring someone on new to be groomed as Mayor.

**Jim O'Connor called for a roll call vote: Don Hopple – Larry Minnich, Elizabeth Lindsay – Larry Minnich, Larry Minnich – Abstain, Jim O'Connor – Larry Minnich, Sam Wengert – Larry Minnich, Ellen Burke – Abstain, and Bill Bechtel – Larry Minnich. Larry Minnich – 5 votes, Brian Burke – 0 votes, and 2 Abstentions.**

Larry thanked everyone for their work during his term as President of Council, and then tendered his resignation as Council President. **A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to accept Larry Minnich's resignation from council. Motion carried 5-0.**

The appointment of the Council vacant seat will occur at the December 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting.

**The Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:37 pm.** Sam Wengert left the meeting.

**The Council came back into General Session at 8:02 pm.**

## CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Comments

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**FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Bill Bechtel**

The Capital Fund was changed from the previous reading by allocating \$105,000 instead of the original \$195,700 for repaving in 2015.

Larry provided Council with information he received from Jonestown Bank on financing the repaving project as follows: For a general obligation note and the associated cost (bank fee, attorney fees, bond cost), Council should consider a note of \$500,000 to justify the savings for a tax free loan. Recent quotes for other municipalities on a 10 year loan were in the 2.75% range, fixed for 5 years, and adjusted there after base on the prime rate. A written proposal would be required to possibly obtain a lower rate. Kerry looked into the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank with a current rate of 1.62%. The current loan was secured by future Liquid Fuels Money. An application would need to be submitted with the amount of the loan. Once Sam determines the dollar amount, Kerry could submit the application. This would be after the 2015 Budget has been approved.

Elizabeth mentioned that with the Borough considering weed spraying, an addition of \$1,000 could be added to her Budget. After discussion about a possible agreement with Annville Township, Bill decided the possible expenditure could be approved at a later date.

**A motion was made by Bill Bechtel, second by Ellen Burke to accept the reading of the 2015 Budget, and authorize the advertisement of the 2015 Budget for public review. Motion carried 5-0.**

**A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to authorize Colleen to advertise Ordinance #306 – setting the 2015 Real Estate Tax millage rate at 2.77 mills (no increase). Motion carried 5-0.**

**A motion was made by Bill Bechtel, second by Ellen Burke, to adopt Resolution #2014-06 appointing Larry Minnich to fill the vacancy of Mayor as a result of Mayor Jack Hartman’s death, filling the term through December 31, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.**

Since neither party gave notice 70 days prior to the expiration date of the contract with North Annville, it automatically renewed. Colleen is making a note on her August calendar, to discuss the North Annville Contract at the September 2015 Council Meeting.

Ellen asked, since the contract has been renewed, can she order the second cruiser. After further discussion, the second cruiser will be put on the December Agenda.

A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by, Bill Bechtel to adjourn at 8:28 pm.

Respectively Submitted  
Kerry L Rohland  
Borough Manager