

# January 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Cleona Borough Council was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order by President Jim O'Connor with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Members attending were Bill Bechtel, Ellen Burke, Pat Haley, Don Hopple, Elizabeth Lindsay (arrived 7:27, left 7:54, returned 8:12), and Sam Wengert. Also attending were Chief Jeffrey Farneski, Attorney Colleen Gallo and Borough Manager Kerry Rohland.

Absent: Mayor Brian Burke

Borough Manager Minutes were presented for December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. **A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Don Hopple to approve the Borough Manager's minutes for December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Motion carried 6-0.**

The Treasurer's report was presented for December, 2016. **A motion was made by Bill Bechtel, second by Pat Haley to approve the Treasurer's report for December 2016. Motion carried 6-0.**

## **FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Mike Hughes**

Fire Company had their election of officers on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Officer as follows: Mike Hughes, President; Dustin Sider, Vice President; Tony Deaven, Secretary; Kerry Rohland, Treasurer; Jason Weikel, Chief; Mike Hughes, Deputy Chief; Gary Reist, Chief Engineer; Matt Zechman, Trustee; and Sam Day, Trustee.

Number of calls for 2016 by the A-C Fire District were 757, with Cleona responding to 441 of them.

Number of volunteers are up due to a lot of 16, 17, and 18-year-old signing on.

Update was given on purchase of engine, narrowed down to E-1 and Pierce. Decision will be made by the end of the month. Old engine will be sold when the new engine arrives.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT – Mayor Brian Burke absent and Chief Farneski**

Chief reviewed his report.

January 18<sup>th</sup> will be a start of a new program, Coffee with cops.

Both Jim O'Connor and Don Hopple thanked the Chief for an outstanding job by him and his department.

Since the Mayor was absent, the Years of Service Awards will be given at the February Meeting.

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**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Jonathan Ritchie of 979 Lilac Lane, Lebanon, PA 17042 presented to Council an outline of a Buy and Re-sell Business he would like to open at G.F. Bowman's Store front. Lebanon County Planning was looking for direction from Council. It was by consensus that Council agreed that Mr. Ritchie's business fell within the general definition of a retail business.

Joe Auman of 202 South Mill Street wanted to thank Council for the new truck.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jim O'Connor**

Jim had no further comments.

**BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT - Kerry Rohland**

Report submitted and reviewed.

**FIRE COMPANY/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT – Ellen Burke**

The Cleona Fire Company Officer's will be making the final decision on the fire siren. For Civil Defense, the siren would have to manually be turned on.

Cleona's EMA Coordinator is Ellen Burke this is because Mayor Brian Buke has responsibilities with Lebanon County Emergency Management. Ellen recommended that someone from the Fire Company be appointed the Deputy EMA Coordinator.

Ellen went through the minutes to determine years of service for Council Members. There were three council members that met the 20 year criteria. In total, there were 92 people that served as council members. Plaques will be ordered next week.

Fire Company is proposing the use of Knox Boxes for local businesses. This would allow the Fire Company and Police immediate access to the building in case of emergency. Ellen asked that Council consider passing an ordinance to require local businesses to install Knox Boxes. Ellen will bring information on the Knox Box System to the next Council Meeting.

**PROPERTY DEPARTMENT – Don Hopple**

An appointment will be scheduled with the contractor, Gary Reist, Fire Company, Don and Kerry to discuss in more details the needs and requirements for the electrical system.

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### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Sam Wengert**

Sam is going to coordinate a meeting with the two subcontractors and the borough plow driver. The Borough vehicle will focus on Walnut Mill Development, alleys, and cleaning up of intersections.

Sam recommended that the Borough would keep the Ranger if the cost remains minimal.

### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Patrick Haley**

The final DCNR walk through on December 14 at 10:00 am went very well. Final Payment submission was sent to DCNR.

Santa in the Park Event went very well with 45 kids visiting Santa. The Park & Rec, received \$67.40 in donations. Park and Recreation will explore working with the Fire Company to expand the Event.

The Park and Recreation Board re-organized with the officers as follows: Stephanie Dissinger, President; Pat Haley, Vice President; Holly Betz, Secretary; and Core Lamoureux, Treasurer. The Park and Recreation meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month starting at 6:00 pm.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT/POLICE DEPARTMENT – Elizabeth Lindsay**

IPMC meeting was held on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Information is provided in Colleen's report.

**A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Pat Haley to approve the compensation of the Police Chief on emergency call out for \$125 up to the first 4 hours with \$30 per hour for each additional hour. Motion carried 7-0.**

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Bill Bechtel**

Bill thanked everyone for staying under budget for 2016.

Bill also thanked the Chief for his work.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Colleen Gallo**

Report submitted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Patrick Haley to ratify the final payment #4 made to Premier Construction, Inc. for \$23,126.69. Motion carried 7-0.**

**A motion was made by Pat Haley, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to approve the non-uniform pay rates for 2017 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.**

**A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Patrick Haley to approve Cleona Elementary use of the Fire Company and Borough Hall Facility in case of emergency evacuation. Motion carried 7-0.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) Training (100, 200, 700, 800) remains on unfinished to serve as a reminder to Council to complete the training.

Union Negotiations will be discussed in executive session.

**A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Pat Haley to pay the bills for December. Motion carried 7-0.**

**Council adjourned into executive session at 8:25 pm to discuss police union contract negotiations.**

Respectively Submitted

Kerry L Rohland

Borough Manager