June 5th, 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 Ellen Burke, Patrick Haley, Don Hopple, Elizabeth Lindsay, and Sam Wengert. Also attending were Chief Jeffrey Farneski, Attorney Colleen Gallo and Borough Manager Kerry Rohland.

Absent: Bill Bechtel

In recognition of service to the Community and school children, Chief Farneski presented a plaque to Charles Kercher, who is retiring after 18 years of service as a crossing guard.

Borough Manager Minutes were presented for May 1st, 2017. A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to approve the Borough Manager’s minutes for May 1st, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

The Treasurer’s report was presented for May 2017. A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Patrick Haley to approve the Treasurer’s report for May 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Mike Hughes

In May, the Fire Company responded to 27 incidents with 6 medical assists and 1 structure fire in the Borough.

Since there were a large influx of engines ordered in the beginning of the year, the new Pierce Engine delivery date was pushed back into next year.

The current engine has been listed on the internet with Fire Line Equipment. If the engine would be sold before the new one is ready, the Fire Company has a contingency plan.

On Saturday, June 10th, the Fire Company will be having a boot drive at Center and Route 422.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Farneski

Chief reviewed his report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Nicole Soliday, 29 South Mill Street, asked council to consider adopting an ordinance that would address rental properties, holding the property owner more accountable for their tenants. Ms. Soliday acknowledge that the Chief, Sargent Rager and the Officers have been very empathic and diligent with her situation. Ms. Soliday had reviewed Annville Township Rental Ordinance and asked Council to consider something similar for Cleona. Colleen Gallo suggested to Council that the City of Lebanon also has a rental ordinance that could be
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considered. Copies of the Annville and City of Lebanon’s Ordinance will be provided to Council for their review and discussion.

Larry Minnich, 3632 Hill Church Road, asked Council to consider appointing him Mayor for the remainder of the year due to the resignation of Brian Burke. Mr. Minnich presented that he had served on council for 28 years, and was Mayor after the passing of Mayor Hartman.

Colleen Gallo informed Council that once the resignation is accepted that Council has 45 days to fill the position, if not, it will go to the Vacancy Board. An affidavit of residency, must be completed by the candidates.

Don Smith, 104 West Penn Avenue, announce he would be a candidate for Mayor and has lived in the Borough for 33 years.

Bob Moyer, 216 West Walnut Street, stated that Doug Hartman, who received the second highest write in votes in the primary, would be interested.

Council decided that at the next regularly scheduled meeting, anyone interested would be able to present why they should be considered being appointed Mayor.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Jim O’Connor

Jim had no comments.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT - Kerry Rohland

Report submitted and reviewed.

A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Patrick Haley to approve the spreading and rolling of the millings at the Cleona Playground by Starner Excavating for $76.00 per hour. Motion carried 6-0.

FIRE COMPANY/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT – Ellen Burke

On May 10th, Jim, Ellen and Kerry attended a meeting with Annville Township, Rex Moore, Henri Lively, and Nick Yingst to discuss the merger of the Fire Companies. Information is being gathered on the separation of the social club from the Fire Company. Rob Brady from the State was contacted. Another meeting will be held in July.

PROPERTY DEPARTMENT – Don Hopple

Work was completed identifying the circuits for the changeover. Everything went well. One quote was received with a target date to obtain two additional quotes for the July meeting.
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Sam Wengert

Sam and Kerry met with Steve Shirk to review an updated triage list for the streets. The next project, South Wilson Street from Route 422 to Mill Street would be scheduled in Spring of 2018. The cost of the project would be around $100,000. A longer range project would be to continue on East Maple, but is contingent on installation of storm water facilities.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Patrick Haley

Free tennis lessons are being provided by Park and Recreation Board on July 1 and July 8. Bob Wentling, past Annville-Cleona Tennis Coach, is the instructor.

Due to the number of other commitments, Bob Wentling, resigned his position on the Park and Recreation Board. He still intends to volunteer and help whenever his schedule permits.

The Summer program will start on June 12th with Michelle Deitzler and Sharon Greiner returning as playground directors. Pat provided schedules and announced to Council on Mondays, Miss Cindy from the Annville Library will provide story time to the summer program participants.

First Movie Night is June 16th – “Secret Life of Pets” with the concession stand opening at 7:00 pm and movie starting around 9:00 pm.

G.F. Bowman’s Inc., Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, is sponsoring the August Movie Night.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/POLICE DEPARTMENT – Elizabeth Lindsay

The biggest International Property Maintenance Code issues are the vacant properties. Some of the vacant properties are listed on the Sheriff Sales and hopefully provide some resolution.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Patrick Haley to authorize Colleen to prepare and advertise the ordinance for Pawn Shops and Second-Hand Shops. Motion carried 6-0.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Bill Bechtel absent

No Report

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Colleen Gallo

Report submitted.
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Attorney Wolf contacted Colleen that since the MS4 permit was transferred to the Authority that the process will be started to transfer the storm water facilities to the Authority.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Don Hopple to accept the written May 4th resignation of Mayor Brian Burke. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Patrick Haley to approve the purchase a Dell Precision T3620 Mini Tower, Dell 20 Monitor P2017H and Microsoft Office Home and Business 2016 for $2,323.98 from Pointsolve. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Patrick Haley to hire two part-time officers Reginald McCall and Hugh Clinton at $20.00 per hour contingent on successful completion of background investigation and authorization of MPOETC. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Donald Hopple, second by Ellen Burke to approve Holmes Building Services Proposal to replace the Fire Company back man door frame and door for $3,250, with the Fire Company paying for half the amount ($1,625). Motion carried 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance for Pawn Shops and Second-Hand Shops was discussed under Elizabeth section.

Ordinance to require businesses to install Knox Box on their Premises. Letter was sent to businesses. GF Bowman installed a Knox Box. Larry Minnich expressed some liability concern with the Knox Box System. Mike Hughes from the Fire Company will obtain vandalism statistics from Knox Box.

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

A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to pay the bills for May. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Ellen Burke, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to adjourned into executive session at 8:08 pm to discuss potential litigation with Emergency Services

Respectively Submitted
Kerry L Rohland
Borough Manager