January 7, 2019

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, Patrick Haley, Doug Hartman, Elizabeth Lindsay, and Sam Wengert. Also attending were Mayor Larry Minnich, Attorney Corey Lamoureux, Chief Jeffrey Farneski and Borough Manager Kerry Rohland.

Absent: Elizabeth Lindsay arrived 7:40; Robert Moyer

Borough Manager Minutes were presented for December 3rd, 2018. A motion was made by Patrick Haley, second by Sam Wengert to approve the Borough Manager’s minutes for December 3rd, 2018. Motion carried 5-0.

The Treasurer’s report was presented for December 2018. A motion was made by Bill Bechtel, second by Patrick Haley to approve the Treasurer’s report for December 2018. Motion carried 5-0.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Mike Hughes, President Fire Company Absent

Jim read the report from the fire company.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Mayor Larry Minnich and Chief Jeffrey Farneski

Report submitted by Chief

Mayor Minnich has reached out to Colin Hemp, Giant Foods to discuss a liquor license purchased/designated to the Cleona Giant Store. Mayor is waiting for a returned call.

Mayor expressed concern with Tractor Trailer traffic on North Center and intersection with Tunnel Hill Road and Hill Church Road. Jon Fitzkee, Lebanon County MPO will be contacted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Comments

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Jim O’Connor

Great Year Financially. Thanked all departments.

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT - Kerry Rohland

Reviewed report submitted.
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FIRE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Robert Moyer Absent

No report

PROPERTY DEPARTMENT – Douglas Hartman

Doug thanked Melody, Kerry, and Jim Westhaver for their efforts in maintaining the Borough Hall until a replacement is found.

The committee appointed to review the zoning received some sample ordinances to review, but is on hold until two replacements are found for the Planning Commission.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Sam Wengert

No snow removal in December.

Sam is waiting for the Borough Authority to determine the storm water work they need to do on Wilson Street before repaving. Authority agreed to pay for part of the paving.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Patrick Haley

On December 8th, Park and Recreation had their Meet and Greet Santa at the Borough Hall. Turnout was good. The silent auction was held at this event and netted $1,000.

The Board is exploring sponsoring a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower in March.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/POLICE – Elizabeth Lindsay (Arrived after Meeting Adjourned)

No report

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Bill Bechtel

Bill reported that finances are good

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Corey Lamoureux

Report Submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Patrick Haley, second by Bill Bechtel to appoint Sue Bowman – Sewer Authority 2023. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Bill Bechtel, second by Patrick Haley to sign the 2019 C.M. High Traffic Signal Agreement for $735. Motion carried 5-0.
There are 2 openings for Planning Commission due to Dennis Good and Gene Montgomery resigning. An article will be put in the newsletter announcing the two openings and requesting letters of interest to be turned into the Borough Office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) Training (100, 200, 700) Council Members to complete and provide copy of certificates to Borough Office was mentioned.

A motion was made by Doug Hartman, second by Sam Wengert to pay the bills for December 2018. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council adjourned into executive session at 7:40 pm for a police personnel matter and ongoing negotiations on a possible contract.

Respectively Submitted
Kerry L Rohland
Borough Manager