July 1, 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, Robert Moyer, Elizabeth Lindsay and Sam Wengert. Also attending were Mayor Larry Minnich, Attorney Cory Lamoureux, Sargent Matthew Rager and Borough Manager Kerry Rohland.

Borough Manager Minutes were presented for June 3, 2019. A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Patrick Haley to approve the Borough Manager’s Minutes for June 3, 2019. Motion carried 7-0.

The Treasurer’s report was presented for June 2019. A motion was made by Robert Moyer, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to approve the Treasurer’s report for June 2019. Motion carried 7-0.

**FIRE COMPANY REPORT** – Dustin Sider, President Fire Company

Report was submitted by Dustin

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Mayor Larry Minnich and Sargent Rager

Chief’s Report reviewed by Sgt. Rager

National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 6th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Mayor shared with Council an incident where an individual was struck and killed by a train. Encourage a message should go out that railroad tracks are not a playground.

Mayor had attended neighboring municipal meetings and recommended that Council should consider doing likewise.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No comments

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

Jim had nothing to report

**BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT** - Kerry Rohland

Report submitted.
FIRE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Robert Moyer

After reviewing the options for a Volunteer Fire Fighters Tax Credit, Robert recommended to Council that a flat rate of $150 credit per year on Earned Income Tax, be considered. To receive the credit, Fire Fighters would have to meet certain criteria based on number of calls and other activities. There are currently 18 active members in Cleona. Council authorized Colleen to prepare an ordinance for Council to review providing $150 credit on Earned Income Tax.

Robert and Doug are continuing to work on the Box Cards.

A Fire Company Merger meeting is scheduled in August

PROPERTY DEPARTMENT – Douglas Hartman

Doug is trying to secure a contractor to install the storage area in the basement.

A zoning committee meeting is scheduled for July 10th, to continue the process of evaluate zoning throughout the Borough.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Sam Wengert

Planned use of County Liquid Fuel is to pave Liberty Alley between Cyrus and Garfield. We are waiting to receive bids.

The Wilson Street Project continues to be delayed for the Authority to address a stormwater issue. Sam is looking into possible other projects

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Patrick Haley

Pat reported there was a sewer line clog at the Park. It was eradicated promptly.

Michelle and Sharon are doing a great job with the Summer program.

For the first movie night, the Park and Rec Board made $300 in concessions and received a $20 donation.

Next movie night is scheduled for July 19th. The movie being shown is “Bumble Bee”.

On July 13th from, 7:00 am to 1:00 pm, a yard sale has been planned at the Park. Coffee and breakfast sandwiches will be sold.

Two Park and rec Board members, Lisa Geist and Layton Brush have resigned.
CODE ENFORCEMENT/POLICE – Elizabeth Lindsay

International Property Maintenance Code activity for the month included a fire incident and the usual summer issues. Fire restoration of the property is presenting issues which may require additional action.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Bill Bechtel

Spending year-to-date is under budget by $69,900.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Cory Lamoureux

Report Submitted.

Requested an executive session to discuss ongoing personnel matter involving an officer of the police department.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Robert Moyer to allow the Annville Cleona Youth Soccer Club to place a yard sign in front of the Borough Offices for one month. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Patrick Haley to allow Immanuel United Methodist Church to place Vacation Bible School Signs on Route 422. Vacation Bible School is August 4 through August 8.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion under Robert Moyer’s Report on tax relief for the Volunteer Firefighters.

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 Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Bill Bechtel to pay the bills for June 2019. Motion carried 7-0.

The Council recessed into executive session at 7:34 pm for an ongoing personnel matter involving an officer of the police department.

Council returned into general session at 8:03 pm.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Bill Bechtel to approve the agreement regarding the personnel matter. Motion carried 7-0.
A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Bill Bechtel to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Respectively Submitted
Kerry L Rohland
Borough Manager