June 3, 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, Robert Moyer, and Elizabeth Lindsay. Also attending were Mayor Larry Minnich, Attorney Colleen Gallo, Chief Jeffrey Farneski and Borough Manager Kerry Rohland.

Absent: Doug Hartman – Reported, Sam Wengert

Borough Manager Minutes were presented for May 6, 2019. A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Robert Moyer to approve the Borough Manager’s Minutes for May 6, 2019. Motion carried 5-0.

The Treasurer’s report was presented for May 2019. A motion was made by Robert Moyer, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to approve the Treasurer’s report for April 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Report was submitted by Dustin

Update on the merger was given by Dustin. A group consisting of Fire Chiefs, Presidents, and Municipal Representatives was held. To assist in the process the group decided to ask Corey Simo, an outside party, to provide some recommendations on operations.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT** – Mayor Larry Minnich and Chief Jeffrey Farneski

Report submitted by Chief.

Mayor announced that the Liquor Referendum had passed for Giant Foods. Giant Foods will have to locate and transfer a liquor license from another municipality. Once this is accomplished the Borough will have a public hearing.

Mayor gave update on Astro Turf being stored on the old Hauck Manufacturing Property. Progress is being made.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Bob Fernsler, 300 East Pine Street, expressed concern about notice of violation (NOV) he and his father had received. He expressed concern over the check and balance of the International Property Maintenance, Appeal Process and the cost involved. Elizabeth expressed if anyone has any questions on a NOV, they could contact the Borough Office and she would check into it. The cost of the program is very economical compared to other programs. Mr. Fernsler asked that check and balances be placed on the program. Council will investigate in ways to improving the program.
COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Jim O’Connor

Jim had nothing to report

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT - Kerry Rohland

Report submitted.

FIRE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Robert Moyer

Bob asked the Fire Chief to gather information on the number of people that would benefit from the Act 172 – Tax Relief for Volunteers and determine the financial impact to present to Council.

To meet the Lebanon Department of Emergency Services deadline for the new box cards, Doug and Robert reviewed the cards and after some discussion with Fire Chief Jason Weikel, approved as presented. After the merger meeting, Bob is recommending some changes to the box cards.

PROPERTY DEPARTMENT – Douglas Hartman - Absent

Kerry shared Doug’s intentions are to focus on building the storage area in the basement.

A gentleman required to perform community service, has applied Dry Lock to two thirds of the main basement area.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Sam Wengert - Absent

No Report

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Patrick Haley

On May 18th was National Kid to the Park Day. The Park and Rec. Board provided free hot dogs, chips, drink and activities at the Park. Based on the number of hot dogs given out, there were at least 150 in attendance. Received $103 in donations.

Summer program starts June 10th through August 2nd, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

First movie night is June 21st, “Ralph Wrecks the Internet”.

Park and Rec is still trying to run a bus trip to Dutch Apple to see “Anne” on July 10th. Deadline is June 8th.
CODE ENFORCEMENT/POLICE – Elizabeth Lindsay

Street Sweeping is scheduled the week of June 10th.

International Property Maintenance was discussed with additional information on Colleen’s Report.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Bill Bechtel

Spending is under budget by $62,000.

Bill mentioned there has been increase Dollar General Truck traffic on Center Street. Possible solution is improve signage for trucks.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Colleen Gallo

Report Submitted.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Referendum Results of Liquor License discussed under Mayor’s Report.

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 Robert Moyer to pay the bills for May 2019. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council recessed into executive session at 7:57 pm for an ongoing personnel matter involving an officer of the police department.

Council returned into general session at 8:48 pm.

A motion was made by Robert Moyer, second by Elizabeth Lindsay to adjourn at 8:48 pm.

Respectively Submitted
Kerry L Rohland
Borough Manager