The regular meeting of the Cleona Borough Council was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bill Bechtel with the Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Members attending were, Patrick Haley, Doug Hartman, Elizabeth Lindsay and Sam Wengert. Also attending were Mayor Larry Minnich, Attorney Colleen Gallo, Chief Jeffrey Farneski and Borough Manager Kerry Rohland.

Absent: Jim O’Connor and Doug Hartman

**Belltown Power Presentation**

Attorney Tom Harlan introduced Ed Perrin, Belltown, who gave a presentation on a proposed Solar Farm located north of Norfolk Southern Railroad Tracks behind the Cleona Square Shopping Center. Belltown has an agreement in place to develop 60-65 acres for solar panels contingent on the Borough and North Annville Township agreeing this as an allowable use in an Agricultural Zoned Area. Council will take it under consideration.

Borough Manager Minutes were presented for August 5th and August 27th, 2019 Special Meeting. **A motion was made by Patrick Haley, second by Robert Moyer to approve the Borough Manager’s Minutes for August 5th and August 27th, 2019 Special Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.**

The Treasurer’s report was presented for August 2019. **A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Patrick Haley to approve the Treasurer’s report for August 2019. Motion carried 5-0.**

**FIRE COMPANY REPORT** – Mike Hughes, Vice President Fire Co. - Absent

Robert Moyer read report. There were 33 calls for the month of August: 7 in Cleona; 10 in Annville; and 9 in South Annville.

Total hours donated for August were 254.58 hours.

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

Chief’s Report reviewed.

Chief Farneski reported the Cleona Police Department was the only one that submitted a proposal for the Annville-Cleon School District Resource Officer. The proposal will be presented to the School Board for their approval. The School District is in the process of obtaining Mutual Aid Agreements from Annville Township and South Annville Township.
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Since there are currently only two fulltime officers, Chief Farneski interpretation of the Borough Code, stated that hiring John Maldonado would not have to go through Civil Service.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Robert Moyer to hire John Maldonado fulltime at step 2 (Patrolman 2) as stated in the Union Contract. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Minnich is working on providing North Annville Township with a proposal for the police contract. The proposal will be based on the incremental increase received in the past plus monies for additional services being provided due to the resignation of their part-time Chief.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Auman, 220 South Mill Street, inquired about the status on the artificial turf stored on 100 North Harris Street (Old Playground Area). Mayor Minnich has been in contact with the Kevin Fox, property owner. The Mayor was told they are waiting for a plant to be developed to process the used astro turf.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Jim O’Connor - Absent

No Report

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT - Kerry Rohland

Report submitted.

A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Robert Moyer, to approve the submission for the signs and paint cost of $2,394.45 for County Liquid Fuel reimbursement. Motion carried 5-0

A motion was made by Robert Moyer, second by Patrick Haley, to approve and authorize Kerry to advertise two budget meetings one for October 21st and the other on November 11th, 2019. Both meeting starting at 6:00 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Repealed Chapter 25 – Trees, pertaining to tree heights and shrubs partially obstructing sidewalks and roadways was discussed because of areas the street sweeper and leaf picker are not able to do because of tree heights. Tree heights would also hinder emergency vehicles. Options will be reviewed. Colleen recommended the codified ordinances should be reviewed.
FIRE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Robert Moyer

Robert will provide additional information to Colleen for her to prepare the Volunteer Firefighters Earned Income Tax Credit.

PROPERTY DEPARTMENT – Douglas Hartman - Absent

No report

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Sam Wengert

Paving project scheduled for Wilson Street has been delayed due to Sewer Authority addressing a Stormwater issue.

Future paving projects being considered are East and West Maple, and East Walnut Street (waiting on City of Lebanon replacement of water main).

With the 10-year PIP Loan being paid off in April 2020, Sam is considering combining projects and applying for a new PIP Loan.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Patrick Haley

The August 16th Movie, “Wonder” was cancelled due to weather and was shown August 23rd. Attendance was low due to August 23rd being the first Friday football night.

The Ocean City Maryland bus trip is scheduled for September 21st.

Fall Festival is scheduled for October 5th starting at 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm, with the haunted walk scheduled from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

The next bus trip being scheduled is on December 14th, a day in New York City.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/POLICE – Elizabeth Lindsay

Researching for a notification system was discussed to notify residents when services (street sweeping and leaf pick-up) are occurring.

Working on Union negotiations with the Police Association.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Bill Bechtel

Bill reported the Borough was under budgeting spending by $65,000.
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SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Colleen Gallo

Report Submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 MMOs are as follows: Uniform - $40,444 and Non-Uniform - $6,999.

Municipal Trash was put on the agenda for future discussion. Recreational vehicles parking on the streets was discussed and initial thoughts that things should not be changed. Believe it can be addressed on an individual basis.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2020 Budgets including 5-year Capital Improvement Plan was discussed under Borough Manager Report.

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 Patrick Haley to pay the bills for August 2019. Motion carried 4-0. Robert Moyer abstained. Abstention on record.

A motion was made by Robert Moyer, second by Patrick Haley to adjourn at 8:13 pm.

Respectively Submitted  
Kerry L Rohland  
Borough Manager