November 4, 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 Robert Moyer. Also attending were Mayor Larry Minnich, Attorney Colleen Gallo, Chief Jeffrey Farneski and Borough Manager Kerry Rohland.

Absent: Sam Wengert

Borough Manager Minutes were presented for October 7th, 2019. A motion was made by Elizabeth Lindsay, second by Patrick Haley to approve the Borough Manager’s Minutes for October 7th, 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

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

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Tony Deaven, Fire Company Secretary

Report submitted and Reviewed

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Mayor Larry Minnich and Chief Farneski

Chief’s Report reviewed.

Since there were changes in the Civil Service hiring regulations, the Chief proposed that the Cleona Borough Civil Service Manual be reviewed and updated to reflect the changes.

Chief Farneski asked to update the non-traffic parking fine from $15 to $25. This will be reviewed and determined if this must be updated by ordinance.

Chief and Mayor will be meeting with a possible part-time candidate.

Mayor Minnich requested an executive session to discuss negotiations on Police Union Contract and progress on Police Services Contracts.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joe Auman, Public Works Employee, shared with Council, pricing he had obtained for a small utility tractor with a frontend loader, weight box, belly mower deck and wagon. Joe requested that Council consider purchasing or budgeting.
COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Jim O’Connor

No Report

BOROUGH MANAGER REPORT - Kerry Rohland

Kerry reported that 106 rental license letters went out in October.

Due to the elections being held in the Council Chambers on November 5th, the Council chambers will need to be prepared after the meeting to accommodate a new paper ballot process.

As of the end of September, the yearend financial projection is very favorable. Bill Bechtel uses this information as a factor to determine the 2020 Budget.

FIRE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Robert Moyer

Colleen did send out a draft of Volunteer Firefighters Earned Income Tax Credit Ordinance. Robert and Kerry will get together to discuss deadlines.

Robert continues to monitor the EMS changes. At this time, he sees no impact to the Borough, but will wait until the changes go into effect in the beginning of 2020. recommendations.

PROPERTY DEPARTMENT – Douglas Hartman

Zoning Committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday, November 6, 2019 @ 7:00 pm

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Sam Wengert absent

No Report

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – Patrick Haley

Two events are scheduled in December: December 7th Meet and Greet Santa will be held on December 7th from 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm (use of one of the Police Bays requested); and December 14th a bus trip to New York, currently sold out.

Patrick presented to Council pictures of a new playground toddler piece costing $16,975. The Park and Recreation Board approved paying $11,000 for the piece. Pat asked Council to consider paying for the shipping ($975) and installation ($5,000). A motion was made by Patrick Haley, second by Robert Moyer, that $11,000 would be paid from the Park and Recreation Board Account, with the remaining balance of $5,975 (shipping and installation) would be paid out of the Capital Account. Motion carried 6-0.
CODE ENFORCEMENT/POLICE – Elizabeth Lindsay

Code Enforcement is starting to slowdown.

Police Contract and Police Service Contracts will be discussed latter.

Reminded everyone to move their cars off the street for street sweeping.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Bill Bechtel

Bill reported the 2019 Borough Budget was to use $40,000 out of the reserve. The current projection is to break even for the year. Our goal was to maintain a balance in the General Fund of $200,000 with a 2% rider. With the projection, the General Fund will end with a balance of $266,000.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Colleen Gallo

Report Submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Kerry read the 2020 Budget Summary; Revenues by Major Category and expenses by Departments. A detailed copy was provided to Council. 2020 Budget as follows:

Revenues - $955,888; Expenditures - $1,001,667; Other Income - $38,020; Other Expenses $15,000; Net Deficiency ($22,759) to be taken out of the reserve.

The 5 Year Capital Budget was reviewed and discussed by Council. Modifications of Building was discussed.

A motion was made by Bill Bechtel, second by Elizabeth Lindsay, to keep the taxes the same for the 2020 Budget. Motion carried 6-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Ordinance Review – Recreation Vehicles Parking on Streets; Review Repealed Chapter 25 Trees, etc. Council will be reviewing with other ordinance changes and address them all together.

Municipal Trash – Will be discussed after the beginning of the new year.

Belltown Panel – Solar Panel Farm on Agricultural Zoned Land. North Annville Township had advertised an ordinance to allow Solar Panels in an Agricultural Zoned Land. There has been no follow-up contact with Council.
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 Patrick Haley, second by Robert Moyer to pay the bills for October 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:04 pm for Police Union Negotiations and Police Service Contracts.

Respectively Submitted
Kerry L Rohland
Borough Manager