

January 7, 2008, Council Meeting

Housing and Zoning:	Approved Martin Sub-Division Request
Administration:	Monthly Reports; 2008 Meeting Dates Approved; Appointments to Various Committees; 2008 Agility Agreement; Authorized Opening Money Market Account for Recycling Millage
Public Works:	Monthly Report; Purchase of Plow
Public Safety:	Accepted Meter Enforcement Officers' Resignations; Interviews Scheduled to Hire at Special Meeting
Recreation:	DCNR Contract Status; Work on Senior League Field Status
Mayor's Report:	Mandatory Training; Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, No Action Taken
New Business:	Committee Assignments; Library Grant

A regular meeting of the Clarion Borough Council was held on January 7, 2008, immediately following the biennial reorganization meeting. President Wilshire called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

The following Council members were present: Messrs. Wilshire, Zerfoss, Herman, and Hopkins and Mss. Moore, Vavrek, and Leonard. Mark Hall, Robert Ragon, Brad Stutzman, and Nancy Freenock were also present.

On a motion made by Ms. Vavrek and seconded by Ms. Leonard, the minutes of the December 4, 2007, Public Hearing, were approved by a vote of six yea. Mr. Hopkins abstained from voting as he was not on Council at the time of the hearing.

The minutes of the December 4, 2007 Council Meeting were approved by a vote of six yea following a motion made by Mr. Herman and seconded by Ms. Moore. Mr. Hopkins abstained.

On a motion made by Mr. Herman and seconded by Ms. Leonard, the minutes of the December 19, 2007 Special Council Meeting were approved by a vote of six yeas. Mr. Hopkins abstained.

President Wilshire then asked Ms. Leonard to discuss the Public Hearing that was held earlier this evening. Ms. Leonard indicated that Richard & Sharron Martin filed for a simple sub-division of property located at the northeast corner of Greenville Avenue and Heidrick Street. The Planning Commission approved the proposal at its meeting on December 11, 2007. Ms. Leonard reported that no adverse comments were made at the Public Hearing. Mr. Hopkins indicated that at the time of the vote by the Planning Commission, he was vice-chair and he was and still is in favor of the sub-division. Ms. Leonard then made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Vavrek, for Council to approve the Martin sub-division as presented. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Mr. Martin expressed his appreciation to Mr. Ragon for his assistance with this matter.

ADMINISTRATION

President Wilshire presented the appropriations for the month of January. Ms. Freenock stated that an invoice from S & S Processing should be added to the appropriations. She explained that funds from Clarion Little League to pay the invoice were delivered this day. Ms. Moore made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hopkins, to approve the appropriations. Motion carried with a vote of six yeas with Mr. Zerfoss voting no due to the Solicitors' bills.

The Treasurer's Report, Budget Analysis, and Overtime Comparison Report were presented.

President Wilshire asked that Council approve the 2008 meeting dates. The dates were approved on a motion made by Ms. Vavrek and seconded by Ms. Leonard, with changes noted by Ms. Leonard.

The following appointments were unanimously approved following individual motions made by Mr. Herman and seconded by Ms. Vavrek:

Robert Yoho-6-year term of Civil Service Commission
Barry Sweet-3-year term on Police Pension Committee
Timothy Seidle-3-year term on Library Board

The following appointments were unanimously approved following separate motions made by Ms. Vavrek and seconded by Mr. Herman:

Bill Sanders-3 year term on Zoning Hearing Board
Dave Sentner-5 year term on Clarion Authority Board

Resolution #2008-253, giving authorization for President Wilshire to sign the 2008 Agility Agreement with PennDOT, was approved following a motion made by Ms. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Herman; the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Herman, with a second by Ms. Vavrek, made a motion to authorize Ms. Freenock to open a money market checking account with S & T Bank into which the Recycling millage will be deposited. The President and Borough Secretary were authorized to sign any documents that may be needed in order to open the account and permit electronic transfers. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

The report was in the Council packet. Mr. Zerfoss stated that the Borough has three trucks outfitted with plows. Unfortunately, one of the plows is broken and cannot be repaired. Mr. Stutzman has located a replacement that uses the same parts as the broken plow. The cost of the new plow will not exceed \$4,000 and will be paid through Liquid Fuels. Mr. Zerfoss made a motion to authorize the purchase of the plow. Mr. Herman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Herman made a motion to accept Reda Blair's resignation as a Meter Enforcement Officer, effective December 31, 2007, and Sam Bavely's resignation from the same position, effective January 18, 2008. The motion was seconded by Ms. Vavrek and was unanimously approved. Mr. Herman thanked Ms. Blair and Mr. Bavely for their diligent work, wished them well in their future endeavors, and noted that the resignations were accepted with regrets.

Mr. Herman stated that advertisements were placed for MEOs and that nine applications were received. Interviews are scheduled and recommendations to hire will be made at the Special Council Meeting on January 18, 2008.

RECREATION

Ms. Leonard noted that the DCNR Contract has not yet arrived. She also stated that work on the Senior League field at Paul A. Weaver Park will be completed in the spring.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that the officers would be attending mandatory training. He then asked President Wilshire to call for an Executive Session. The Executive Session commenced at 7:51 p.m.

The Council Meeting reconvened at 8:18 p.m. No action related to the Executive Session was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

President Wilshire then announced the Committee assignments. Ms. Leonard raised a potential conflict regarding one of Mr. Hopkins' assignments. Mr. Hopkins expressed his

intention of resignation as a member of the Planning Commission at its December meeting but wouldn't do so until conferring with Mr. Ragon.

Ms. Vavrek informed Council that the Library was awarded a grant to replace the air conditioning units on the roof. Council will be asked to pass a resolution in February relating to the grant.

Council decided not to take any action in support of the Homeowner's Bank Protection Act.

There being no further business to come before Council, following a motion made by Mr. Herman and seconded by Ms. Leonard, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy K. Freenock
Secretary