

BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 25, 2018
7:00 PM

The April 2018 Borough Council Special Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. The Meeting was held in Borough Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 304 South State Street, Borough of Clarks Summit, County of Lackawanna and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Council members in attendance were Ms. Gerrie Carey, Mr. Dominic Scott, Mr. Patrick Williams, Mr. Frank Besten, Mr. Vincent Cruciani, Mr. Bob Bennett, Mr. David Jenkins, Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe, Mayor Johnson, Solicitor Kevin Hayes and Nacole Leonhart. Absent from the meeting was Junior Council Member Will Carey.

1. 2018 CDBG PUBLIC HEARING

Jay Schectman spoke to Council about their objective of community development. Provided a list of eligible and ineligible activities. Needs assessment paperwork with any proposals. There is 2016 and 2017 monies available. Pat Williams asked about curb cuts, can we use this money to pay for them. It depends on where they are, Mr. Schectman would be glad to get together with Mr. Williams to talk about this further. Need to have the ideas by June 15, 2018. Ms. Kehoe suggested a committee to get together. Vince Cruciani asked what the criteria was for the assessment for the prevention and elimination of slums or blight. Mr. Cruciani asked what is the assessment process whether or not the grant could be applied to solve a blight problem. Mr. Cruciani asked about the immediate threat to health and community. The ash trees are dying, and as they fall they are going to damage property, it is an immediate threat. Many elderly people cannot afford to have their dying trees taken down. The Borough would need to know the amount of trees that are dying. Mr. Cruciani suggested that we start identifying the properties that have the dying ash trees. Many of our parks have ash trees in them.

2. WORKSESSION: President Carey

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Insurance presentation CC Young and Henkelman:** Jim Henkelman discussed risk management. They can be of even more service that they are now. Discussed a bid document and the amount of insurance that the Borough puts in for that. Discussed the changes that could be made with the bid documents. They would give examples for the Solicitor to review.
- **National Running Center re: Strawberry Run June 30:** Ms. Kehoe stated that they are asking for the Borough's permission, put this on the agenda. The Chief and the Mayor are aware of this. David Jenkins asked Ms. Kehoe to notify the Fire Chief also.

- **Vote re: waive Neighborworks ZHB fee:** At the meeting this was left over for this meeting. David Jenkins voted to accept their suggestion that we waive the \$700 ZHB fee, seconded by Bob Bennett, vote was unanimous.
- **Lackawanna Cty Office of Economic Development – CDBG Monies:** Need a committee. Gerrie Carey, Vince Cruciani and Pat Williams agreed to be on the Committee. Mr. Cruciani stated that they should just concentrate on the ash trees. This is an epidemic.
- **Unmarked Chevy Tahoe:** This can be voted on next week if we want to sell the Tahoe. With all of the equipment removed.
- **FEMA floodplain maps:** FEMA updated their floodplain maps; we are in a 90 day appeal period. At the end of the 90 days we have to update our Ordinance to accept these changes in order to be eligible for FEMA. Ms. Kehoe is working on that draft ordinance. Bob Bennett asked if there are many changes. Not sure.
- **Seasonal employee for DPW:** Ms. Kehoe asked Council for permission to advertise for a seasonal employee for the DPW. Vince Cruciani suggested checking with the drug court and see if there was anyone there interested.
- **Council Photo:** Council picture will be taken at 6:45 pm before the council meeting. Vince Cruciani suggested putting out information that we will need new Junior Council Members because our current ones will be graduation. Ms. Kehoe will notify the school.
- **Open bids – sealing of borough building:** Sealing of the masonry. Received three bids. Gerrie Carey stated that she did speak with Mark Shiffer and he spoke with Evans Roofing. They are supposed to come tomorrow and check out the issues with the roof and they should get back to Gerrie. Pat Williams suggested having Dunmore Roofing check the roof. We worked out a deal with them to check all 3 places. Vince Cruciani said they vote next Wednesday either way.
- **Open bids – commercial appraisal of Little League field:** Ms. Kehoe stated that she reached out and only received one bid. Mr. Reidenbach is willing to do the work for \$1,250. They will put this on the agenda for a vote at the Council meeting. He is charging \$2,500 for the appraisal of the Borough Building; this can be discussed at the meeting. Lisa Armetta approached Virginia Kehoe stating that she may be interested in the Borough Building also. David Jenkins asked if we can have the same person do both appraisals and give us a better deal on the cost. Ms. Kehoe would check on that. Mr. Cruciani stated that the more we know the sooner we know the better. David Jenkins accepted an appointment with the Board of Directors with the Gathering Place as a rep of the Borough. David Jenkins discussed the 400 Block of Powell Avenue, the change has been remarkable. Kathy Roth's house. Gerrie Carey also stated that the 500 block of Powell is looking better, Art Well's old house. The signs were put in on Clark Avenue. Mayor Johnson wants no parking signs on our side of the street. Ms. Kehoe stated that we couldn't do this without voting. Mayor Johnson stated that there were signs there before. Veteran's Park has 2 spots to park. Ms. Kehoe stated that they need to vote on the extension of healthcare for Officer Orzalek.

4. REVIEW OF MAY 2, 2018 AGENDA

5. ADJOURN:

David Jenkins made the motion to adjourn.

President Carey

