

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
RECONVENE FROM SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**

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- **Resolution 2018-16 CDBG Budget:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve this resolution, seconded by Frank Besten, vote was 6-0.
- **Adopt MMO:** Vince Cruciani asked when is it actually determined to go with Don Williamson, when does that vote occur each year. Ms. Kehoe stated that it has just been an automatic rollover. Vince Cruciani asked Ms. Kehoe to set a date in September 2019 with the letter from Don Williamson attached. Vince Cruciani made the first motion to approve the MMO, seconded by David Jenkins, vote was 6-0.

Adjourned from this meeting.

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1. WORKSESSION:

President Carey

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Knapp Road bridge bids:** Virginia Kehoe opened the bids, they will be sent to the Borough Engineer for review. Council can vote at the meeting in October.
- **PPL property – access to Carol Dr:** Last meeting got an estimate if we were to take ownership and bring it up to code. There is no HOP. There are

no rights to turn on to the road. Vince Cruciani asked about the bus stop at that intersection. Ms. Kehoe stated that the school bus does not use that road. Mr. Cruciani stated that you don't have to pave the road if it isn't served by more than 3 houses. Why can't the borough leave it at a dirt road? The Borough would have to apply for the HOP. Mr. Cruciani asked if we apply for the HOP is there anything inherently holding it up. The engineer said if we submit for a HOP he can get us a price. The state will tell us the terms and conditions to get the permit for the HOP. Mr. Cruciani said leave the road and leave it as is and put a Do Not Enter on both sides. People can use the road; emergency vehicles can also use it. The DPW would plow the road and fill in potholes. They will vote next week. Bob Bennett stated that he is against this and he thinks PPL should keep the road. He is worried about future liability. Pat Williams stated that he doesn't want to take away conveniences away from the neighbors because of liability. If the Borough owns the road, homeowners in the area will likely ask for the road to be paved etc. Solicitor Hayes stated that there is the option to put up gates.

Gerrie Carey asked Diane Calabro from the ABPA if they would donate to the Christmas Lights. Costs are estimated at \$2,000 and a weeks' worth of labor for our crew.

Pat Williams asked about the lights at Veteran's Park and Preate Park. The lights don't work and they are hanging all over the place. The lights are there from years ago. We haven't hung anything recently. Trees can be affected negatively with the lights. Mr. Williams would like to have the lights removed. Put this in the budget to extend the scissor lift.

- **EMA agreement with Clarks Green:** David Jenkins stated that he would like this to move forward next week to a vote and he would like to vote it down due to lack of participation on Clarks Green's part. Gerrie Carey stated that the last meeting their Solicitor was not there. But they are ready to move forward on this. We don't want to jeopardize our police contract. David Jenkins stated that they are not inter twined. This has nothing to do with the police contract. Frank Besten stated that they approached us and we had the courtesy to reply to everything they asked for. They have not fed us any information. They wanted it addressed in June and they waited until August to reply. Either they want it or they don't. David Jenkins stated that we are paying our Solicitor to do the work on this. Solicitor Hayes stated that we agree with everything but this EMA contract should expire when the police contract expires. Bob Bennett stated that this has been going on since June; he suggests that we stay with our original request and table it until they come back to us. Ms. Carey agreed to table it. Mayor Johnson stated that we want our attorney fees and advertisement fees. David Jenkins stated that he disagrees, for them drag this on; it's not right, put it on for a vote at the next meeting. Solicitor Hayes suggested that we keep in the contract that we are reimbursed for Attorney's fees and advertising fees. David Jenkins is not happy that we are tabling this for the next meeting. Can vote at the next worksession if they recess at the Council meeting.

- **Trash contract:** Ms. Kehoe stated that we have a 5 year agreement with J.P. Mascaro with the option to renew for another 2 years. We are ending the 5th year as of February 28, 2019. We need to decide what to do. If we are going to start the bid process we need to start that now. Ms. Kehoe will put this on the agenda next week.
- **Port – EMA:** David Jenkins recommended that this be disregarded.
- **Norfolk Southern request:** Solicitor Hayes recommended Council go into an Executive session for this.
- **Police schedule:** Solicitor Hayes recommended Council go into an Executive session for this.

Solicitor Hayes stated that he had correspondence with the Brennan Construction Group regarding Carnation Park. The correspondence said that if they do not complete the work by September 26, 2018 worksession, we should have an officer present at our meeting the first week of October with an explanation as to what the status is. Ms. Kehoe stated that she doesn't know if there is a punch list that has not been completed. Josh Arp is doing the planting. Ms. Kehoe stated that as far as she knows Brennan has completed their work but she was not sure about the punch list. Ms. Kehoe would discuss this with the engineer. She will get a confirmation if it has been completed.

Frank Besten stated that if there is money for updating the crosswalk signals with orange flashing lights, and you can't miss them. He would like to look into this. They would not go on the state road. Ms. Kehoe will look into it.

3. **REVIEW OF OCTOBER 3, 2018 AGENDA**

4. **ADJOURN:**

David Jenkins made the first motion to adjourn.

President Carey