

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 2019**

The January 2019 Borough Council Meeting was conducted on January 2, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. The Meeting was held in Borough Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Frank Besten, Mr. Dominic Scott, Mr. Vincent Cruciani, Mr. Patrick Williams, Mr. David Jenkins, Mr. Bob Bennett, Police Chief Yarns, Mayor Johnson, Solicitor Kevin Hayes, and Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**President Carey**

**MEDITATION:**

**Mayor Johnson**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**Mayor Johnson**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Vince Cruciani made the first motion to approve the agenda, seconded by David Jenkins, vote was 7-0.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**President Carey**

- **November 28, 2019 Council Work Session**
- **December 12, 2019 Council Regular Meeting:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve both sets of meeting minutes, seconded by Bob Bennett, vote was 7-0.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:**

**President Carey**

Gerard Hetman with the Lackawanna County Community Relations department informed Council of upcoming events.

**4. POLICE REPORT:**

**Mayor Johnson**

**5. BIDS & QUOTATIONS:**

**President Carey**

- **Borough Building Bids:** We did not receive any bids.

**6. BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT**

**President Carey**

Vince Cruciani made the first motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by David Jenkins, vote was 7-0.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Building & Plant** Pat Williams, Chair
- **Finance Committee** Dominic Scott, Chair –  
recommendation re: Jenn B: This will be discussed at the January 2019  
Worksession, and be voted on in February 2019

- **Grant Committee** Dave Jenkins, Chair - received \$5,353.91 rebate from the LED conversion spring 2018
- **Recycling Committee** Bob Bennett, Chair  
Bob Bennett stated that the Shred Fest is set for April 27, 2019; they have a commitment from J.P. Mascaro to supply the vehicle and the operator. The total expense on the Borough's behalf will be less than \$50.
- **Insurance Committee** Vince Cruciani, Chair
- **Personnel Committee** Gerrie Carey, Chair
- **Public Safety/Safety** Pat Williams, Chair

Under Public Safety, Frank Besten stated that he, the Mayor and Pat Williams and George Carros met to discuss handicapped parking. There is one handicapped spot on Zimmerman Street, but it is on a hill and it is lateral parking. Came up with some spots Everything Natural on South State Street, Northeast Title and Tag parking lot, and Depot Street by the Tattoo Shop is. They discussed the handicapped spot at PNC bank; they talked about moving that down a couple spots. Ms. Kehoe stated that the business owners should be notified if this happens as a courtesy. The Borough owns the parking lot at PNC bank. Ms. Kehoe stated that the handicapped parking spot at PNC bank is very helpful due to the mailboxes in front of it. Vince Cruciani suggested taking a map and putting on the existing handicapped spots and color code the ones being eliminated and added. David Jenkins stated that he would like to keep the handicapped spot at PNC. Painting lines for each meter, keep people from overlapping. Mayor Johnson stated that painting the lines is a good idea for safety reasons. Hire a company to do that, it probably wouldn't have to be bid out. David Jenkins suggested the DPW does the work. Pat Williams stated that the work was done very professionally by the company that was hired. Pat Williams stated that he would like to have Lackawanna Trail striped. Vince Cruciani stated that he thought you couldn't stripe a township road. They need to check with PennDOT on this. Pat Williams stated that he would like certain sections of Center Street striped.

- **Recreation** Dominic Scott, Chair
- **Sewer Billing** Dominic Scott, Chair

Jenn Basalyga stated that the next delinquent bills after January 20<sup>th</sup>. There is one person who has the water shut off but they still are living in the home. They have been turning their water back on illegally. The water cannot be shut off at 502 Waverly Avenue, we were told this by the water company. We will continue to put liens in the property. Ms. Basalyga would provide information concerning the yearly balances to Council. The aging report is around \$12,000. Solicitor Hayes will look into the company Scranton Downtown, they own 502 Waverly Avenue.

- **ACOG Representative** Frank Besten/Gerrie Carey/Dom Scott
- **Building plans committee** Gerrie Carey/Frank Besten/Pat Williams
- **LCAB** Patrick Williams
- **SAPA** Dave Jenkins

• **Additional comments from Council:**

Bob Bennett asked Solicitor Hayes about the upcoming court dates. Pretrial conference moved to January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Frank Besten mentioned an issue with public safety, executive session needed.

Pat Williams discussed the groups associated with the borough stating that we have a policy that we would like an update from the groups. Council would like updates.

- 8. VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED: President Carey**  
Vince Cruciani made the first motion to ratify the vendor payments, seconded by Bob Bennett, vote was 7-0.

- 9. OLD BUSINESS: President Carey**
- **Sheridan Ave bid:** Solicitor Hayes stated that they will discuss this in Executive Session.

- 10. NEW BUSINESS: President Carey**
- **Vote – Appointments**  
APPOINTMENT OF ONE 1 SEAT ON THE ABINGTON AREA JOINT RECREATION BOARD Gregg Kozar – incumbent

APPOINTMENT OF ONE 1 SEAT ON ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY Wayne Miller - incumbent

APPOINTMENT OF ONE 1 SEAT ON PLANNING COMMISSION Ed Yasinskas - Incumbent

APPOINTMENT OF TWO 2 SEATS ON THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION Mark Taffera - Incumbent and Molly Philbin – Incumbent

David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the appointments named above, seconded by Pat Williams, vote was 7-0.

- **Resolution 2019-01 Police Pension Withholding:** David Jenkins made the first motion to accept Resolution 2019-01, seconded by Vince Cruciani, vote was 7-0.
- **Municibid 10 yr old salt spreader:** Ms. Kehoe will put the salt spreader on Municibid.

- 11. SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Solicitor Hayes**  
Discussion will be in Executive Session.

- 12. CORRESPONDENCE:**
- **Richard Yarmey:** The residents at Woodridge Circle are asking for the borough to light up the sign at the end of their development. It is Borough owned property. The detention basin is ours. Vince Cruciani suggested giving them an easement rights with indemnity and anything else needed.

- 13. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: President Carey**
- **Prior-** None
  - **During-** None
  - **Subsequent-** None

- 14. ADJOURN: President Carey**  
Council went into Executive Session. Recessed

Council Reconvened at 8:30pm

Solicitor Hayes raised the issue if Council wanted to make a motion in support of a resolution which would allow for the bidding of a property known as Summit Park, which is comprised of approximately 1.7 acres and is designated as lots 122 and 222 in a plot of land known as Summit Park, for the purposes of opening a bidding process with a minimum bid of \$172,000 and to have an unrestricted use of the property (with no designation of a park). Vince Cruciani suggested leaving a space for a bench and a plaque for the Dave Parker Memorial. He suggested a 10x10 spot, 100 square feet. That would be a Borough owned 10x10 spot. Pat Williams thinks that is too small of an area. David Jenkins made this a motion, seconded by Frank Besten. Pat Williams thinks it too small and we need more green space, this would help with the MS4 program. Mr. Cruciani suggested there be 2 benches and a plaque for Dave Parker should come off of the money we get. Vote was 7-0.

David Jenkins made the first motion to move post haste on what they are going to do out in the reception area, the three doors and the bulletproof glass with the well underneath it, seconded by Frank Besten, vote was 7-0.

David Jenkins made the first motion to adjourn, seconded by Frank Besten, vote was 7-0.