

**BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 28, 2018
7:00 PM**

The March 2018 Borough Council Special Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, March 28, 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, Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe, Mayor Johnson, Solicitor Kevin Hayes and Junior Council Members Will Carey and Nacole Leonhart (arrived at 7:07pm). Absent from the meeting was Mr. Bob Bennett and Mr. David Jenkins.

1. WORKSESSION:

President Carey

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **EMA – Clarks Green:** David Rinaldi, Clarks Green Council Member and the Health and Safety Chair. Mr. Rinaldi discussed at the Clarks Green Council meeting, whether they were in favor of approaching Clarks Summit Borough to make a joint emergency medical plan for Clarks Summit and Clarks Green. He was asking if Clarks Summit Borough Council would entertain an inter-governmental cooperation agreement which would be necessary to have a joint EMA plan. If Clarks Summit Borough Council agrees then Mr. Rinaldi will go back to the Clarks Green Council Solicitor, have an agreement prepared and have it submitted to Clarks Summit Council for approval. Since the Boroughs share on fire department and police department former Clarks Green Mayor wanted to explore having a joint EMA plan. Clarks Green does not have a big enough facility to transport over 300 students from OLP in case of an emergency. Chief Yarns took it upon himself and he discovered that there is a need at OLP and he approached the Abington Heights School District and arranged to have the parking lot at Clarks Summit Elementary as the evacuation point. He wrote a letter thanking Chris Yarns and what a terrific job Chief Yarns has done. He is self-motivated when he sees a need. Clarks Green can offer their resources and equipment to the EMA plan. Mayor Herman Johnson stated that our plan has a memorandum of understanding with the Abington School District to use their busses. Ms. Kehoe stated that our EMA Director was unable to make it to the meeting but Assistant EMA Director Tanisha Jagoe was there. Ms. Jagoe stated that this is something that can be done. If Council agrees, there are provisions that need to be made and paperwork that would need to be sent to the county EMA office and they will need to communicate that to PEMA. She did speak with the county's EMA Coordinator and this has been done before. Mayor of Clarks Green, Patty Lawler commented that Chief Yarns has done an excellent job. She thanked the Chief and the Mayor.

Bob Bass, follow up from 5 months ago, State's Act 172-2016 which represented volunteer first responders who get 20% on property taxes. They have 172 members in our fire department that live outside the Borough. They have 72 that live in the

Borough. Mr. Bass updated Council on various activities going on with the fire company.

- **Ordinance 2018-02 Clark Ave parking:** Solicitor Kevin Hayes stated that Council needs to discuss the fine for parking in a “no parking” zone is \$15. Should this amount be raised throughout the borough? The Mayor wants to keep it at \$15. Frank Besten agreed. Vince Cruciani stated that you don’t want somebody driving home that has had too many drinks because they are worried about a high ticket. Discussed towing cars. Solicitor Hayes stated that is in the Borough Parking Ordinance and he will look into that. The Mayor suggested trying \$15 and see how that works.
- **Ordinance 2018-01 Property Maintenance violation fees:** Council needs to vote on the violation fees for the Magistrate’s office if a resident is cited. It is a penalty schedule for the Magistrate to reference.
- **TCC – SAPA committee member:** Shannon Brown has expressed interest in being out SAPA Representative. Vince Cruciani asked how binding is SAPA? Ms. Kehoe stated that all the individual communities are on board but the final adoption has been completed yet. Need more information about this. Mr. Cruciani is concerned with Mr. Brown and the level of infringement on property rights that he had expressed in his draft ordinance. For that reason Mr. Cruciani would like a better idea of the full scope of the position we would be putting Mr. Brown in. Solicitor Hayes agreed with Mr. Cruciani about the proposals that were submitted by Shannon Brown, stating that it was off the chart. Ms. Kehoe stated that we do not have a TCC Representative.
- **Sheridan Ave little league property:** Mr. Cruciani stated that we will probably need an appraisal. There are different options with this situation. They can move forward with taking bids on appraisals. That would be the first step. This park is a memorial to Dave Parker, who died in Vietnam. He thinks residents will not be happy if there is not some kind of park there. Ms. Kehoe stated that this area is also an extra place for MS4 and for Molly Philbin to plant trees.

Gerry Zuber is having his place appraised. Discussed the options of selling the Borough Building. Vince Cruciani is concerned because of the Gathering Place and because of a lack of parking for tenants. Whoever buys the Borough Building has the Gathering Place for another 20 years.

Council went into executive session.

3. **REVIEW OF APRIL 4, 2018 AGENDA**

4. **ADJOURN:**
Adjourned at 8:25pm

President Carey