

**BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2019
7:00 PM**

The October 2019 Borough Council Special Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 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. Vincent Cruciani, Mr. Frank Besten, Mr. David Jenkins, Mr. Bob Bennett, Mr. Robert Sheils, Mayor Herman Johnson, Solicitor Kevin Hayes, and Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe. Mr. Pat Williams was absent.

1. **WORKSESSION:** **President Carey**
ABPA updated Council on what if happening with the Abington Community Library.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - **Clarks Summit Fire Company – Mike Lukus:** There is an issue with funding. There is a substantial cost with equipment and gear, etc. Volunteerism is down. All the local fire companies work well together. They do fundraising. They are looking to increase their contract rate from 1 to 1.5 mills. There are about a dozen House Bills and Senate Bills that could help. The ladies auxiliary does fund raisers. They need to get information out to the public. Steve Tolerico owns a marketing company in the borough had told Council members that he would be willing to help. Jamie Kresge stated that they are looking for a reliable income stream as opposed to just fund raisers.
 - **Open Sanitary Sewer Repair bids:** Virginia Kehoe opened the bids. MHW was the low bidder.
 - **Trash bid specs:** Ms. Kehoe stated that the deadline for the trash contract is February 28, 2020. For the sake of the budget we need the numbers sooner than later. Ms. Kehoe requested that Council allow her to place an advertisement in the paper tomorrow, we need the bids in by November so Council can vote on the trash contract at the end of November, and so they can get this into the budget and vote on the budget in December. Council agreed to the advertisement.
 - **Resolution 2019-19 – CDBG:** Solicitor Hayes stated that this is a Resolution was proposed by the county. They will be controlling the \$85,000, which is fine but we don't want to have to go into our budget for overtures. The Borough should have control over that. Solicitor Hayes will be submitting changes to the Resolution.
 - **CDBG Agreement**
 - **Review loan payoff options:** Ms. Kehoe presented Council with a list of what can be paid off by the end of 2019. The idea is to pay off as much as possible before 2020.
 - **Changing Halloween:** Council was not going to make any decisions on this. Vince Cruciani stated that the Government doesn't control Halloween.

- **Parking on Park Ave:** First Council discussed Linden Street. David Jenkins suggested no parking on either side and to tow the cars. Vince Cruciani suggested putting cones with chains 30 foot length from the corner. This is 5 or 6 times a year during the football season. Discussed an amendment to tow cars in certain situations.
- **Senior Center Lease:** Solicitor Hayes has a Resolution for Council to pass which would permit the borough to enter the termination agreement with the Recreation Board. Solicitor Hayes stated that the Clarks Summit Borough could be the first ones to enact it. The other municipalities should fall in line as well. Solicitor Hayes stated that we would enter a quick claim deed for the real property and a bill of sale for personal property because it is a land lease and the building will go with the land lease. As long as this is as is with no ties. The lease is up at the end of the year. So this will happen by the end of the year.

Solicitor Hayes stated that the sign agreement is done and he did add the bond language.

- **Resolution 2019—20 – Senior Center**

3. **REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 6, 2019 AGENDA**

4. **ADJOURN:**
Adjourned at 8:09pm

President Carey