

**BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
RECONVENE OF JULY 1, 2020  
JULY 29, 2020  
7:00 PM**

The July 1, 2020 regular meeting reconvened on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 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. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Council members Ms. Gerrie Carey, Mr. David Jenkins, Mr. Bob Sheils, Ms. Kathleen Simrell, Mr. Josh Mitchell, Borough Manager Ms. Virginia Kehoe, Harry Kelly, and Solicitor Kevin Hayes logged into Zoom to participate in the meeting. Council member Mr. Vincent Cruciani and Mayor Herman Johnson attended by telephone.

- 1. Resolution 2020-12 – Sheridan Ave:** David Jenkins approved Resolution 2020-12, seconded by Bob Sheils, vote was 7-0.

Vince Cruciani stated that as of tomorrow he will need to vacate his council seat because he will no longer be living in the Clarks Summit Borough. He thanked Gerrie Carey for her leadership, deep care that she has for the Borough, opinions to be heard on all sides. He also thanked Councilman Jenkins demonstrated fiscal responsibility and common sense. He thanked Virginia Kehoe and her team for their leadership running everyday administrative functions of the borough. He thanked Kevin Hayes and Pat Rogan for their excellent service. He thanked David Thorne and the DPW for their excellent work keeping the borough in top shape. He thanked Chief Yarns and the police department for protecting our community and working with council. He thanked the Fire Department for keeping the community safe. Over the last 6 ½ years, the borough paid off the Grandview debt a year and a half early saving ¼ million dollars. They divested properties that weren't being used and put them to more sufficient use. They obtained properties that were put into conservation land to keep green space. He has tried to reduce the role of government in people's lives where he felt it could be reduced. The greatest challenges that he sees the borough facing is unfunded mandates from state and federal governments imposed on the local governments. He believes that in the future the consolidation of services and of bodies at the municipal level, this should increase accountability of the elected officials to the citizens. He admires council as they work through Covid 19. For those interested in filling his seat, the primary concern is of running a municipality, not of grandstanding about politics on a national level or issues that aren't pertinent. Working with 6 other people and finding ways to tackle the challenges of Clarks Summit. He thanked the residents for trust in him to serve for 6 1/2 years; it meant the world to him. He offered his blessings to all. Gerrie Carey stated that on behalf of Council he wants to wish him all the luck in the world in his new residence. Always keep in touch. He was a real asset to this Council.

- 2. Adjourn:** Harry Kelly made the first motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 6-0.

**BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**JULY 29, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**

The July 29, 2020 regular meeting was held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 7:15 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. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Council members Ms. Gerrie Carey, Mr. David Jenkins, Mr. Bob Sheils, Ms. Kathleen Simrell, Mr. Josh Mitchell, Borough Manager Ms. Virginia Kehoe, Harry Kelly, and Solicitor Kevin Hayes logged into Zoom to participate in the meeting. Mayor Herman Johnson attended by telephone.

**1. WORKSESSION: President Carey**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **SAPA Update:** Shannon Brown is the Borough's representative with SAPA. Mr. Brown is with the Borough Planning Commission and he is very involved in the SAPA's steering committee.
- **Bid Opening – Manhole Replacement Projects 1 and 2:** We received 4 bids for each. Ms. Kehoe read off the bids. The bids will be reviewed and a recommendation for the council meeting in August.

Due to the fact that Vince Cruciani will no longer be living in the Borough of Clarks Summit and therefore cannot participate as a council member, Solicitor Hayes recommends that his council seat be filled by August 29<sup>th</sup>. Council can use the August worksession as a special meeting for the appointment. There should be advertisement of the vacancy on council to get the broadest group of individuals to apply, then interview candidates. Candidates who were interviewed recently for a council position would need to be interviewed again. Vines' term would be until January of 2022.

David Jenkins stated that he sees the paving moving along. Josh Mitchell stated that there is a sign at Ackerly Park that says Dave Parker Memorial Field. It was a nice gesture. Solicitor Hayes asked about the scoreboard. It is technically the Borough's. Maybe Ackerly Park could use it. Josh Mitchell will look into this.

The next public meeting will be on Zoom. The August meeting will be a special meeting and the interview will be set up for that meeting.

**3. REVIEW OF AUGUST 5, 2020 AGENDA**

**4. ADJOURN: President Carey**