

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2020**

The August 5, 2020 Borough's Regular Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held via Zoom, in the County of Lackawanna and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Council members in attendance via zoom were Ms. Gerrie Carey, Mrs. Kathleen Simrell, Mr. Robert Sheils, Mr. Joshua Mitchell, Mr. David Jenkins, Harry Kelly (joined in at 7:05), Mayor Herman Johnson, Solicitor Kevin Hayes, and Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe.

MEDITATION:

Mayor Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Johnson

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Josh Mitchell made the first motion to approve the agenda, seconded by David Jenkins, vote was 5-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Carey

- **June 24, 2020 Worksession**
- **July 1, 2020 Regular Meeting**
- **July 29, 2020 Worksession**

David Jenkins made the first motion to approve all three sets of minutes, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 5-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:

President Carey

- **Gerard Mrykalo:** Ms. Kehoe read the letter aloud to Council, concerning the flooding issue on Vosburg Lane. Also, Claude Welcome wrote a letter with the same complaints about the flooding on Vosburg Lane. Ms. Kehoe will check with the DPW and assess the situation.
- **Shirley Skinner:** Dave Jenkins made the first motion for the Borough to pay the \$250 increase in the cost of the tax computer program, seconded by Harry Kelly, vote was 6-0.
- **Karl Vauter:** Ms. Kehoe received a letter from the Vauter family concerning his disappointment with the placement of the Hometown Hero Banner. They need to name a committee.
- **Horror Movie on Depot Street:** David Jenkins made the first motion to give the movie production permission to close Depot Street on the day and time needed for 4 hours, with proper notification to the Chief of Police, making sure it is within his parameters. Chief Yarns was concerned closing the street. Give them a list of names and addresses of the residents and businesses on Depot Street. Mayor Johnson stated that it is up to the borough to send the letters also. This was seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 6-0.

4. **POLICE REPORT:** **Mayor Johnson**
David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the emergency purchase 4 body cameras from Watch Guard for borough police department, the cost is \$8705. The motion also included 4 extra batteries and any associated costs, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 6-0. This will be given to the finance committee. They will make the final determination.

5. **BIDS & QUOTATIONS:** **President Carey**
 - **2020 Manhole Project 1**
 - **2020 Manhole Project 2**

David Jenkins made the first motion to rebid the projects, seconded by Harry Kelly, vote was 6-0.

6. **BOROUGH TREASURER’S REPORT** **President Carey**
Bob Sheils made the first motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 6-0.

7. **SEWER REPORT** **Jenn Basalyga**
David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the sewer report, seconded by Harry Kelly, vote was 6-0.

8. **VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:** **President Carey**
Kathleen Simrell made the first motion to pay the bills, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 6-0.

9. **OLD BUSINESS:** **President Carey**
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10. **NEW BUSINESS:** **President Carey**
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11. **SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** **Solicitor Hayes**
 - Solicitor Hayes stated that the sale of the Sheridan Avenue property is final. The total was \$180,346.60. Councilman Mitchell reached out to the little league and will supply the score board to Ackerly Field. Interviews for applicants in August it will be a Special Meeting where Council can vote. We have 5 applicants; Solicitor Sheils will develop 5 questions for each applicant to answer during the interviews.

12. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - **Debra Domenick – Lackawanna Land Bank:** Ms. Carey would like the borough to get involved in this.

David Jenkins discussed the issue of regulation of hazardous materials going through town and the railroad. He is very concerned with this issue, if there

was an accident it town it would be catastrophic. David Jenkins would reach out to other communities with this information.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

President Carey

- **Prior-** N/A
- **During-** N/A
- **Subsequent-** N/A

ADJOURN:

President Carey

Bob Sheils made the first motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 6-0.