

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2021**

The January Borough's Regular Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 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, Mr. Harry Kelly, Ms. Roni Lopez, Mayor Herman Johnson, Solicitor Kevin Hayes, Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe, and Chief Christopher Yarns. Junior Council Member Ron Thomas was absent.

MEDITATION:

Mayor Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Johnson

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

First motion to approve the agenda was made by Joshua Mitchell, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Carey

- **December 2, 2020 Council Regular Meeting:** Kathleen Simrell made the first motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Joshua Mitchell, vote was 7-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:

President Carey

4. POLICE REPORT:

Mayor Johnson

Police Chief Chris Yarns stated that he thinks Sunset Street should be only for local truck traffic only. If GPS is set for a different mode, it can take them to Sunset Street on their way to Met Life. Signs would need to be put up indicating local deliveries only. Solicitor Hayes stated that if the borough wants to restrict truck traffic on borough roads and install signage indicating that. Solicitor Hayes stated that this should be assigned to a committee to identify the streets that they want these restrictions put into place. Then he can draft an ordinance then bring it to Council for their review.

5. BIDS & QUOTATIONS:

President Carey

- **2009 Freightliner – accept bid from (bids due by 3pm 1/6):** David Jenkins made the first motion to accept Mr. Gerhart's bid, to be deposited in the Capital Reserve fund, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0. The DPW did a great job having the truck in such good shape for the sale. Virginia Kehoe will be putting another vehicle from the DPW on Municibid.

6. BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:

President Carey

- **N/A**
Virginia Kehoe stated that the former Treasurer has been out sick and Ms. Kehoe was looking for the approval of Sarah Lodwick as Treasurer. David Jenkins made

the first motion to appoint Sarah Lodwick to the Treasurer's position and to get her bonded effective immediately, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 7-0.

- 7. VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:** **President Carey**
Josh Mitchell was the first to approve the vendor payments, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.

- 8. OLD BUSINESS:** **President Carey**
• N/A

- 9. NEW BUSINESS:** **President Carey**
- **Resolution 2021-01 Meter Suspension:** Bob Sheils made the first motion to approve Resolution 2021-01, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 7-0.
 - **Resolution 2021-02 Commonwealth Health Emergency Medical Services:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve Resolution 2021-02, seconded by Bob Sheils, vote was 7-0.
 - **Sewer Report:** Roni Lopez made the first motion to approve the sewer report, seconded by Bob Sheils, vote was 7-0.
 - **Treasurer – Sarah Lodwick:** Already voted.

- 10. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** **Solicitor Hayes**
Solicitor Hayes stated that he circulated a memo to council to review. There is an item that cannot be discussed at this time because it involves potential litigation involving a billboard that is located along 6 & 11. Solicitor Hayes stated that he has been working with Shannon Brown on the noise ordinance. He thinks it will be on what is plainly audible standard as opposed to decibel levels. The borough will be closing soon on the tan. The "Welcome to Clarks Summit" sign is still being worked on.

The borough building will continue to be in lockdown through the end of January. It is to be left up to Virginia Kehoe's discretion.

Ms. Kehoe also stated that they are having difficulty with Cleverfish and the email. She will look into alternatives.

- 11. CORRESPONDENCE:**
- **Jim Colman:** Already discussed

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: **President Carey**

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

ADJOURN: **President Carey**
Roni Lopez made the motion to adjourn.