

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 7, 2021**

The April Borough's Regular Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, April 7, 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, Ms. Roni Lopez, Mr. Harry Kelly, Solicitor Kevin Hayes, Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe, Mayor Herman Johnson and Chief Christopher Yarns and Junior Council Member Ron Thomas.

MEDITATION: **Mayor Johnson**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **Mayor Johnson**

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2021-01 AND 2021-02: No public comment.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Carey

- **February 24, 2021 Work Session**
- **March 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 7-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:

President Carey

4. POLICE REPORT:

Mayor Johnson

Chief of Police Chris Yarns discussed the body cameras. David Jenkins made the motion to purchase the server and a total of 08 cameras at the cost of \$9,000. The motion was not seconded. Josh Mitchell made a motion to purchase the server and the 4 cameras, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 6-1 with David Jenkins voting no. Chris Yarns will get more information and inform the Finance Committee. Roni Lopez made the first motion to approve the hiring of Alex Keiser as a part time police officer, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 7-0. Josh Mitchell made the first motion to hire William Morgan as a part time police officer, seconded by David Jenkins, vote was 7-0.

5. BIDS & QUOTATIONS:

President Carey

- **Linden Stormwater Repair – Recommend vote to accept bid from Bob Miller Const. for \$59,728.00:** Harry Kelly made the first motion to accept the bid from Bob Miller, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 7-0.

6. **BOROUGH TREASURER’S REPORT:** **President Carey**
- **March 2021:** Kathleen Simrell made the first motion to accept the Borough Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.
7. **VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:** **President Carey**
- Kathleen Simrell made the first motion to ratify the vendor payments, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.
8. **OLD BUSINESS:** **President Carey**
- **Ordinance 2021-01 Truck Traffic Amendment:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve this ordinance, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.
 - **Ordinance 2021-02 Police Pension Amendment:** Roni Lopez made the first motion to accept this ordinance, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 7-0.
 - **Body Cam Grant:** Already voted on.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:** **President Carey**
- **Sewer Report:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the Sewer Report, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 7-0.
 - **Resolution 2021-04 CDBG & Agreement:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve this resolution and agreement, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.
 - **American Rescue Plan Grant proceeds:** The Borough is looking for more direction on this.
 - **CDBG Needs assessment:** There will be a public hearing at the worksession with Peggy Picatti and we have to have a needs assessment by June 25th. Ms. Kehoe suggested getting a committee together to come up with suggestions. Josh Mitchell volunteered as well as Gerrie Carey.
 - **Resolution 2021-05 Sewer Project:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve this resolution, seconded by Harry Kelly, vote was 7-0.
10. **SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** **Solicitor Hayes**
- Still working on policies and procedures with the police department.
11. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
- **513 Powell LLC:** There are no changes to the sewer billing.
 - **TCC – Local Tax Filing deadline delay?:** David Jenkins made the first motion to extend the tax filing deadline from 4/15/2021 to 5/17/2021, seconded by Harry Kelly, vote was 7-0.

David Jenkins discussed meeting with Josh Mitchell where they met with neighbors about the concerns over dying and dead trees in the paper alleys in the borough. Ms. Kehoe stated that the borough has a shade tree law that states any trees located in a

right of way become the legal responsibility of the abutting property owners. As far as tree maintenance goes the borough should be covered. Solicitor Hayes will look into the paper alleys, identify who lawfully possess them.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

President Carey

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

Roni Lopez made the first motion to put the worker's comp rebate which is over \$32,000 into the Capital Reserve Acct., seconded by David Jenkins, vote was 7-0.

ADJOURN:

President Carey

Roni Lopez made the motion to adjourn.