

**BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 26, 2021**

The May 2021 Borough's Special Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting is usually held in Borough Council Chambers, 2nd 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, Ms. Kathleen Simrell, Ms. Roni Lopez, Mr. Josh Mitchell, Mr. Harry Kelly, Mr. Bob Sheils, Mr. David Jenkins, Borough Manager Ms. Virginia Kehoe, Mayor Herman Johnson, Solicitor Kevin Hayes, and Jr. Council Person Ron Thomas.

1. WORKSESSION: President Carey

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- ✓ **Chief Yarns - personnel**
- ✓ **Chief Yarns – DROP:** Council will have to vote to officially accept Chief Yarns resignation with the DROP program at the next Council meeting.
- ✓ **Open Bids – 2021 Paving:** Ms. Kehoe stated that they have the paving bids in. The engineers will need to review the bids to make sure everything is correct. Council can vote at the Council meeting.
- ✓ **Resolution 2021-07 – County Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Ms. Kehoe stated that Council needs to vote on this at the next meeting. Lackawanna County has worked up a cooperative plan for the county hazard mitigation plan. Solicitor Hayes questioned where the plan is. The county has the plan. He said that this needs to be posted on the website. Ms. Kehoe will also distribute the plan to council.
- ✓ **Public Meeting Policy:** Solicitor Hayes stated that on May 31st, the state will lift all restrictions in regards to social gatherings, in regards to the limitations in certain areas. This does not lift the mask mandate. Speakers can remove their masks while speaking. The fire code determines the occupancy load.
- ✓ **Benecon surplus \$72,399.98:** This is unbudgeted money. David Jenkins suggested that the money go to the Capital Reserve account.
- ✓ **Replacement for Harry Jenkins on ARWA – Dave Jenkins, John Pullo:** Council can vote on the replacement. Josh Mitchell asked what the process is. Council needs to accept the resignation of Harry Jenkins then fill the seat with Mr. Pullo or Mr. Jenkins. They will be at the Council meeting to speak to members.
- ✓ **Request to vacate “Grove St”:** Solicitor Hayes stated that they received correspondence from the Emiliani's. There is portion of Grove Street, a paper alley, that the Emiliani's believe is a borough road. The name of the paper alley is Grove Street but it is not the street where the CSE is on. The paper alley runs between Crestwood and Columbia. We would have to have a hearing on the petition. We have to give 15 days' notice to the petitioner and the public. The burden is on the petitioner to prove that there is just ground for the vacation of the paper alley. Solicitor Hayes stated that they have to be careful about setting

a precedent that the borough is not making a legal determination that they are in fact our roadways. The area in question is not accessible to traffic. Once the petition is made then council can ask questions about the property. This will be at the next worksession.

· **No parking on Claremont:** 107 Claremont is having an issue with stormwater. There is one spot on the road, where the water follows the car parked with the wheels turned and the water jumps the curb and floods 107 Claremont. The suggestion is to put a no parking sign in that one specific site. The homeowner above them may be impacted. David Jenkins suggested this be discussed at the council meeting. We would need an ordinance to change this. Ms. Kehoe will send letters to those impacted.

· **City Market – PLCB license transfer:** They are just giving the borough notification of the license transfer.

**3. REVIEW OF JUNE 2, 2021
AGENDA**

4. ADJOURN:

President Carey