

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS
SUMMIT BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING JUNE 2, 2021**

The June 2021 Borough's Regular Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held in Council Chambers, 304 South State Street, Clarks Summit, in the County of Lackawanna and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Council members in attendance were Ms. Gerrie Carey, Mrs. Kathleen Simrell, Mr. Robert Sheils, Mr. Joshua Mitchell, Mr. David Jenkins, Harry Kelly, Ms. Roni Lopez, Mayor Herman Johnson (7:15pm), Chief Chris Yarns (7:15pm), Solicitor Kevin Hayes, and Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe.

MEDITATION:

Mayor Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Johnson

INTERVIEW JOHN PULLO AND DAVE JENKINS FOR ARWA SEAT:

Both John Pullo and David Jenkins spoke to Council as both are interested in the ARWA seat.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Carey

President

May 5, 2021 Regular Council Meeting: Kathleen Simrell made the first motion to approve the council minutes, seconded by David Jenkins, vote was 7-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:
Carey

President

4. POLICE REPORT:
Johnson

Mayor

✓ **Authorize additional \$7,367.14 for police vehicles:** Roni Lopez made the first motion to authorize the payment, seconded by Harry Kelly, vote was 7-0.

5. BIDS & QUOTATIONS:
Carey

President

✓ **2021 Paving Contract – award bid to New Enterprise for \$396,590.00:** Josh Mitchell made the first motion to approve the 2021 paving account, seconded by Harry Kelly, vote was 7-0.

- ✓ **IT Bids:** Solicitor Hayes suggested that council not take action yet. They need to receive the proposals, and discuss with the finance committee and come back with the reconvene on June 17, 2021. David Jenkins made that a motion, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.

6. BOROUGH TREASURER’S REPORT: President Carey

- ✓ **May 2021:** Roni Lopez made the first motion to approve the Borough’s Treasurer report, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 7-0.

7. VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED: President Carey

Josh Mitchell made the first motion to ratify vendor payments, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS: President Carey

- ✓ **Resolution 2021-07 County Hazard Mitigation Plan:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve Resolution 2021-07, seconded by Bob Sheils, vote was 7-0.

- ✓ **ARP program suggestions:** Ms. Kehoe stated that they need more research.

9. NEW BUSINESS: President Carey

- ✓ **Sewer Report:** Bob Sheils made the first motion to approve the sewer report, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was unanimous 7-0.

- ✓ **Benecon surplus – use for \$72,399.98:** Roni Lopez made the first motion to put this money in the Capital Reserve, seconded by David Jenkins. On the question is that they money has to be used for a capital purchase. Vote was 7-0.

- ✓ **Resolution 2021-08 – Resignation of Harry Jenkins on ARWA:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve Resolution 2021-08, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.

- ✓ **Replacement for ARWA – Dave Jenkins, John Pullo:** Harry Kelly nominated Councilman Jenkins. Roll for votes: Bob Sheils voted no, David Jenkins needed to abstain, Harry Kelly voted yes, Gerry Carey voted no, Kathleen Simrell voted no, Josh Mitchell voted yes, and Roni Lopez noted no. The motion did not pass. Bob Sheils nominated John Pullo. Roll Call votes: Bob Sheils voted yes, David Jenkins abstained, Harry Kelly noted no, Gerrie Carrie voted yes, Kathleen Simrell voted yes, Josh Mitchell voted yes and Roni Lopez voted yes. The motion passed to appoint John Pullo.

- ✓ **Chief Yarns resignation and participation in DROP program:** David Jenkins made the first motion to accept Chief Yarns’ resignation and participation in the DROP program, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 7-0. Chief Yarns asked for VASCAR to be installed in the new cars. David Jenkins made that motion, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 7-0.

- ✓ **Emiliani request to vacate “Grove St” – public hearing 6/30:** Ms. Kehoe needs to write the advertisement.

✓ **No parking on Claremont:** Ms. Kehoe sent letters to every homeowner that is on the first block of Claremont. She has not received any feedback. David Jenkins made the first motion to move forward and draft an ordinance for the no parking on Claremont, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 7-0. This will also need to be advertised for a public hearing.

✓ **Resolution 2021- 09 - Signal Timing change request State & Grove:** Solicitor Hayes wants to look through the information before council votes.

✓ **Police – Hire new full time officer:** Executive Session

✓ **Resolution 2021-10 – Apply extra Debt Service Funds to TAN:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve Resolution 2021-10, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was unanimous, 7-0.

✓ **Repository Sale for property on Winola Rd.-:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the repository sale with Solicitor Kevin Hayes securing a release due to the water issues in that area. Seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-1 with Bob Sheils abstaining.

10. SOLICITOR’S REPORT: **Solicitor Hayes**
Solicitor Hayes stated that the liquor transfer was the same one that council approved last July. Working with Chris Yarns on policy changes.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

✓ **Carol Rubel:** Ms. Kehoe stated that Ms. Rubel is concerned about safety with school pickup. Council decided not to take any action at this time.

RECESS (To reconvene later in the month)

President Carey

Council had an executive session May 26th for personnel issues.

The reconvene will be June 17th

David Jenkins the first motion to recess, seconded by Roni Lopes, vote was unanimous.