

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 4, 2021**

The August 2021 Borough's Regular Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, August 4, 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(7:16pm), Mr. Robert Sheils, Mr. Joshua Mitchell, Mr. David Jenkins, Mr. Harry Kelly, Ms. Roni Lopez, Mayor Herman Johnson (by phone during the police report), Solicitor Kevin Hayes, and Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe. Chief Chris Yarns was absent.

**MEDITATION:** **Mayor Johnson**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** **Mayor Johnson**

**PROCLAMATION – Ron Thomas** **President Carey**  
Gerrie Carey read the proclamation at the beginning of the meeting.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
Roni Lopez made the first motion, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 6-0.
  
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **President Carey**
  - **July 7, 2021 Council Meeting:** Harry Kelly made the first motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0.
  - **July 28, 2021 Work Session** Josh Mitchell made the first motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Harry Kelly, vote was 6-0.
  
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:** **President Carey**  
Artie Frank addressed council concerning the rain garden on Carnation Drive. He wanted to see if it could be cleaned up. Ms. Kehoe stated that she would have the DPW look at it.
  
4. **POLICE REPORT:** **Mayor Johnson**  
Herman Johnson was on the phone and asked if there were any questions, there were not.
  
5. **BIDS & QUOTATIONS:** **President Carey**
  
6. **BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:** **President Carey**
  - **July 2021:** Roni Lopez made the first motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by seconded by Bob Sheils, vote was 6-0.

**7. VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:** **President Carey**  
Harry Kelly made the first motion to ratify the vendor payments, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0.

**8. OLD BUSINESS:** **President Carey**

- **Revisit No Parking on Claremont:** Ms. Kehoe stated that there are two different issues. The recommendation from the engineer and the DPW, and herself, is to flip flop the ordinance so that there will be no parking on the odd side of the street. The second issue is to put storm water drains at the end of the 200 block. This way there will be less water going down the street. Bob Sheils recommended that everybody is on the same page this time so this can be taken care of. Josh Mitchell said he agrees, this situation needs to be advertised so people can have the input needed. Letters will be sent out to the residents on the street.
- **Repository Sale for property on Winola Rd.:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the offer that was made by Mr. Serafini for the repository sale subject to the lease agreement being executed, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0-1 with Bob Sheils recusing himself.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:** **President Carey**

- Sewer Report: Bob Sheils made the first motion to approve the sewer report, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 7-0.
- Motion to open checking account for ARPA funds: David Jenkins made the first motion to approve opening the account, seconded by Harry Kelly, vote was 7-0.
- Motion to move funds reflecting lost revenue from 2020: David Jenkins made the first motion to transfer funds from our ARPA account to offset losses from experiencing 2020 in compliance with federal regulations, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 7-0.
- Resolution 2021-12 - Suspend meter parking for ABPA Art Festival: David Jenkins made the first motion to approve Resolution 2021-12, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.
- Christmas Decorating Committee: Committee members will be Gerrie Carey, Roni Lopez, and Kathleen Simrell.

**10. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** **Solicitor Hayes**

David Jenkins asked about the jake brakes on Winola Road. Spoke with the chief at 401 Haven Lane there are many vehicles there. He believes it is disgusting and deplorable. Council spoke to Code Officer Jenn Basalyga and suggested this be looked into. See if any ordinances are broken. Also Officer Eric Williams would need to check the vehicles to make sure they are registered.

David Jenkins asked about the permit for the band. Ms. Kehoe stated that the permit wasn't for bands; it was to close Zimmerman Street. Mr. Jenkins stated that it sounds

like we would have an overflow of people. Ms. Kehoe stated that the application was from a single man for the road closure. Mr. Jenkins thinks that something like this should have come before Council. Ms. Kehoe stated that we could change the policy. This should come before the police concerning the information he needs for safety issues.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- N/A

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

**President Carey**

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

**ADJOURN:**

**President Carey**

David Jenkins voted to recess until the worksession where they can vote on the IT situation and other issues related to IT, Seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.