

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

The September 1, 2021 Borough's Regular Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, September 1, 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, Mr. Harry Kelly, Ms. Roni Lopez, Mayor Herman Johnson, Solicitor Kevin Hayes, Police Chief Chris Yarns and Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe.

MEDITATION:

Mayor Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Johnson

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 7-0.0

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **President Carey**

- **August 4, 2021 Council Meeting:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:** **President Carey**
Artie Frank, EMA Coordinator updated Council: They did handouts at Gerrity's then a fundraiser for Griffin Pond. They need basic equipment and identification so the public knows who they are EMA. Ms. Kehoe suggested that Mr. Frank make up a list and bring that to the Finance Committee. When the new police cars come in there will be a vehicle for EMA and Code Enforcement to use.

4. **POLICE REPORT:** **Mayor Johnson**

5. **BIDS & QUOTATIONS:** **President Carey**

- **Emergency Repair – Sewer at Abington Shopping Center**

There is a length of sewer line that needs to be replaced. The one bid is from MHW construction. There is a storm line under Center Street, under private property and it dumps into the creek by Miles Auto. Ms. Kehoe stated that we have permission from the property owner to do the work. This is also considered an emergency. The decisions can be ratified at the worksession. David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the emergency repair at the Abington Shopping Center for \$136,500, seconded by Roni Lopez. Josh Mitchell asked where the money is coming from to pay for the repairs. The sewer fund is the answer. The vote was 7-0. David Jenkins made the first motion to do the sewer repair on Center Street, seconded by Roni Lopez. Josh Mitchell asked how much this repair work is supposed to cost. Ms. Kehoe did not have the specific details on how much it will cost. Mr. Mitchell asked if Council would be ok with putting a cap on the amount the borough will pay or the fix on Center. Mr. Jenkins amended his motion to cap the amount of the project at

\$125,000, seconded by Roni Lopez. The funding is from the sewer account. Vote was 7-0.

6. BOROUGH TREASURER’S REPORT: President Carey

- **August 2021:** Kathleen Simrell made the first motion to accept the Treasurer’s Repot, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.

7. VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED: President Carey
Table until next month

8. OLD BUSINESS: President Carey

- **No Parking on Claremont:** David Jenkins made a motion to mark the area. Post the one side of Claremont. Kathleen Simrell stated that she would like to have a handicapped spot by the Ames home. A second was not necessary. This will be advertised and can be voted on the end of the September meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS: President Carey

- Sewer Report David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the sewer report, seconded by Bob Sheils, vote was 7-0.
- Block Party/Event applications: Solicitor Hayes read off the new information needed for a block party and/or special event application. More conditions are spelled out with this.

10. SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Solicitor Hayes
David Jenkins made the first motion to approve 2 defibrillators with the support of the Finance Committee, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Maryellen Branner/Vince Lakatos – penalty tax:** Mr. Jenkins stated that he does not believe that the Borough is responsible for this. They should reach out to the bank. Solicitor Hayes stated that the responsibility does not go to the borough.
- **Donation for bench for Don Moyer:** Bob Sheils made a \$200 donation, seconded by Roni Lopez, motion passed 6-0-1 with David Jenkins abstaining.

Ms. Kehoe asked the Solicitor is a meeting with Zoom and still meet at Council Chambers is a possibility. David Jenkins voted to reinstitute the Zoom meetings along with the Council Chambers meetings, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: President Carey

- **Prior-** N/A

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

ADJOURN:

President Carey

David Jenkins made the motion to recess until the work session September 29, 2021.