

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021  
RECONVENE SEPTEMBER 29, 2021**

The September 2021 Council Meeting was reconvened from September 1, 2021 on Wednesday, September 29, 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, Ms. Roni Lopez, Mr. Joshua Mitchell, Mr. David Jenkins, Solicitor Kevin Hayes, and Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe, Mr. Harry Kelly was absent.

- **Vote to Ratify Emergency bid on Center St repairs – award MHW Construction \$13,650.00:** David Jenkins made the first motion to ratify emergency bid on Center Street repair, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0.
- **Vote on MMO:** David Jenkins made the first motion to authorize use on the MMO, seconded by Robert Sheils, vote was 6-0.
- **Vote on Resolution 2021-13 – 2021 CDBG monies:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve Resolution 2021-13, seconded by Joshua Mitchell, vote was 6-0.
- **Vote on Ordinance 2021-04 – Claremont Parking:** Roni Lopez made the first motion to approve Ordinance 2021-14, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0.
- **Vote on Resolution 2021-14 re: PennDOT and State and Grove:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve Resolution 2021-14, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 6-0.

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**1. WORKSESSION:**

**President Carey**

Richard Genova, lives at 212 Ridge Street. Mr. Genova said that the DPW does not get their street plowed, or leaves vacuumed consistently. Is Ridge Street part of the Borough? He was asking for legal interpretation as to why Ridge Street is not a part of the Clarks Summit Borough. Gerrie Carey stated that they would look into this. Ms. Kehoe said the issue is they don't believe this road is owned by the borough. Attorney Hayes asked if the road has ever been paved by the Clarks Summit Borough. He did not answer directly. Solicitor Hayes will

research this. They need to determine if this street is designated as a Borough Road. Artie Frank stated that he went to look at EMA vests. They were \$18 and monogram is free. It was agreed that Mr. Frank has \$500 to use, council has already approved it. He asked about Josh Arp's opinion on the Rain Garden. The only concern is that there is one weed that the DPW will remove.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **Nicholas Booth – Fall festival on Depot St:** Mr. Booth, Junior Class President is interested in a Fall Festival on Depot Street. He spoke with many business owners on Depot Street and they were in favor of this. Ms. Kehoe stated that the borough can provide barricades. He should contact the chief and the police will bag the meters. He should talk to the Sunrise Café and the Silver Spoon owners about this also. He should talk to ABPA also. He would need signatures of all the affected parties along the route that will be closed. He reached out to food trucks and other vendors.
- **Block Party Permit forms:** Solicitor Hayes provided copies of the block party permit. David Jenkins suggested putting a phone number on the form, and removing Ms. Kehoe's name and just having Borough Manager. They can vote at the next council meeting.
- **Part Time Police Officer:** Gerrie Carey and Mayor Johnson and Chief Yarns interviewed an applicant for the part time officer. They can vote at the council meeting.

Ms. Kehoe stated that she drafted a letter concerning the traffic at the elementary school. It would be the school's responsibility. We can work with them with developing ideas. This will be sent out. Kathleen Simrell stated that she spoke people at the district. They are trying to fix the situation, people line up early to pick up the kids and covid is also causing issues.

Also council needs to look into setting up emails through the new IT company.

**3. ADJOURN:**

**President Carey**