

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 2021**

The October 2021 Borough's regular meeting was conducted on Wednesday, October 6, 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. Harry Kelly (via telephone), Ms. Roni Lopez, Mayor Herman Johnson, Solicitor Kevin Hayes, Police Chief Chris Yarns and Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe. Mr. David Jenkins was absent

**MEDITATION:**

**Mayor Johnson**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**Mayor Johnson**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Roni Lopez made the first motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 6-0.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**President Carey**

- **August 4, 2021 Council Meeting:** Bob Sheils made the first motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Harry Kelly, Josh Mitchell stated that his name was misspelled in the minutes. Vote was 6-0.
- **August 25, 2021 Work Session:** Kathleen Simrell made the first motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0.
- **September 1, 2021 Council Meeting:** Josh Mitchell made the first motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Bob Sheils, vote was 6-0.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:**

**President Carey**

The Fall Festival was moved from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**4. POLICE REPORT:**

**Mayor Johnson**

Chief Chris Yarns informed Council that they need the Civil Service to meet. He was asking Council to authorize this. This will be on the agenda in November. Chris does recommend Thomas Kerrigan to fill the part time police officer position.

**5. BIDS & QUOTATIONS:**

**President Carey**

**6. BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**President Carey**

- **September 2021:** Kathleen Simrell made the first motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0.

**7. VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:**

**President Carey**

- **August 2021**
- **September 2021**

Josh Mitchell made the first motion to ratify the payments, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0.

**8. OLD BUSINESS:**

**President Carey**

- **Special Events forms:** Solicitor Hayes stated that he made some changes since the last meeting. He removed the Borough Manager's name, added phone numbers, the person signing the contract needs to be an adult. Ms. Kehoe would forward the applications to council. Council does not have to approve every application. This will go into effect November 1, 2021. Josh Mitchell made a motion to adopt the Special Events permit for all events beginning November 1, 2021, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0.
- **Block Party Form:** Mr. Mitchell made the first motion to accept the Block Party form for all events beginning November 1, 2021, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**President Carey**

- Sewer Report: Bob Sheils made the first motion to approve the sewer report, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 6-0.
- Hire of new part time officer: Bob Sheils made the first motion to hire Thomas Kerrigan as the new part time police officer, seconded by Harry Kelly; the vote was 6-0.

**10. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

**Solicitor Hayes**

Solicitor Hayes stated that the money need to pay to have remote meetings the American Rescue Act Fund could be allocated to reimburse the borough. The Scranton City Council Meeting, Scranton is going to start to reach out to the adjacent properties to see if there is an appetite for regional stormwater management authority. This is concerning the MS4 requirements that are being imposed and there will be fines. If there was a regional plan to pool money and resources and have one joint plan that might be in everybody's interest. This would be a collective deal, Its probably in the long run better for the results needed. The shares would be proportionate.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

**President Carey**

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

**ADJOURN:**

**President Carey**

Roni Lopez made the first motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 6-0.