

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2022**

The April Borough's regular meeting was conducted on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 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. Joshua Mitchell, Mr. Harry Kelly (7:22pm), Ms. Roni Lopez, Mr. Robert Sheils, Mr. David Jenkins, Jr. Councilperson Ron Thomas, Solicitor Hayes, Police Chief Chris Yarns, and Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe. Herman Johnson was absent

MEDITATION: **President Carey**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **President Carey**

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **President Carey**
David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0.

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

February 2, 2022 Council Meeting

February 23, 2022 Work Session

March 2, 2022 Council Meeting

Josh Mitchell made the first motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 5-0-1, with David Jenkins abstaining.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT: **President Carey**
Mr. & Mrs. Walsh live on Clark Avenue and are requesting a Handicapped parking spot in front of their house. David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the handicapped parking spot. There was not a second to the motion. Ms. Kehoe will send a letter to the residents on Clark Avenue concerning the handicapped parking spot. David Jenkins rescinded his motion. This will be on the worksession to discuss further.

Janine Port reported about the Trolley Trail.

Artie Frank commented on the new electronic sign, he thinks it will look great and he said that Pat Williams started the whole thing.

4. POLICE REPORT: **Mayor Johnson**
Virginia Kehoe discussed the noise ordinance. There would be equipment needed for this ordinance and this would measure decibels. Josh Mitchell would like council to look into the noise ordinance that Solicitor Kevin Hayes drafted. Solicitor Mariclare Hayes would review the ordinance and present it at the worksession.

5. BIDS & QUOTATIONS: President Carey

Borough Building Roof Replacement

Virginia Kehoe opened the bids for the roof replacement at the council meeting. Bob Sheils made the first motion to approve Dunmore Roofing to replace the borough building roof, contingent upon approval, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 5-0.

6. BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:

February 2022

March 2022

President Carey

Josh Mitchell made the first motion to approve the Treasurer's reports, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 5-0.

7. VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:

March 2022

President Carey

Roni Lopez made the first motion to pay the bills, seconded by David Jenkins, vote was 5-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS: President Carey

Sewer Report – March: Bob Sheils made the first motion to approve the sewer report, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 5-0.

Police Regionalization – Josh Mitchell: Mr. Mitchell stated there was a kickoff meeting with DCED representatives and a peer consultant. The peer consultant anticipates he will have a report in about 6 weeks. He will present a power point presentation to review. Mr. Mitchell stated that the peer consultant did suggest that the power point not be make public because it needs the narrative with it. Also, all municipalities will be asked to sign the regionalization articles of agreement. David Jenkins made the first motion to give Gerrie Carey the authorization to sign the articles of agreement, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote is 5-0.

Regionalization Articles of Agreement: done

Valarie Clark request: David Jenkins made the first motion to take no action on this request, seconded by Roni Lopez **5-0**

Mr. & Mrs. Walsh request: done

Ordinance 2020-05 Noise ordinance: done

9. NEW BUSINESS: President Carey

CDBG Covid monies: Bob Sheils made the first motion to approve the CDBG Covid monies for community hotspots, seconded by David Jenkins, vote was 5-0.

Route 6 Alliance – draft letter: David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the draft letter be signed by Gerrie Carey, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 5-0.

Electronic bulletin board: The borough needs to get some ideas to put on the bulletin board. Community suggestions or comments.

Request from Linden Street residents: Chief Yarns has already put up the speed sensors, he wants to have that up for at least one week. The engineers suggest putting up speed signs and the public needs to be educated before any changes are made. David Jenkins asked about the width of Linden Street. What is paved as opposed to the right of way. Ms. Kehoe would give an update at the worksession.

Civil Service Commission update: Ms. Kehoe stated that the Civil Service Committee met. They stated the qualifications that must be met to take the test. We are ready to run the advertisement. Ms. Kehoe stated that council should be open to the possibility of the test as we are looking into regionalization. Proceed with the test because we don't know the outcome of the regionalization yet. The test is for full time officers. This will be advertised.

Finance Committee - personnel

10. SOLICITORS REPORT

Solicitor Mariclare Hayes has a resolution to accept Mayor Herman Johnson's resignation. Bob Sheils made the first motion to accept the resignation of Herman Johnson as the Mayor, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 5-0. Ms. Kehoe can advertise for the position. Application deadline is April 22, 2022. Applicants will be interviewed at the worksession.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

Council went into an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

President Carey

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

ADJOURN:

David Jenkins made the motion to adjourn.

President Carey