

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 1, 2022**

The June Borough's regular meeting was conducted on Wednesday, June 1, 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 (virtual), Ms. Roni Lopez, Mr. Robert Sheils, Mr. David Jenkins, Ms. Kathleen Simrell, Jr. Councilperson Ron Thomas, Solicitor Hayes, Chief Chris Yarns, Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe, and Mayor Kelly. Josh Mitchell was absent.

MEDITATION: **President Carey**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: **President Carey**

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **President Carey**
Roni Lopez made the first motion to approve the agenda, seconded by David Jenkins, vote was 5-0.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **President Carey**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:** **President Carey**
4. **POLICE REPORT:** **Mayor Kelly**
Discussed school safety.
5. **BIDS & QUOTATIONS:** **President Carey**

2022 Paving – Pennsy Supply \$288,950.00: David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the 2022 paving, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 5-0.

1995 Lawn Tractor – James Waters \$650.00: David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the sale of the 1995 Lawn Tractor, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 5-0.

2002 Sterling – Kenneth Sellers \$20,100.00: David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the sale of the 2002 Sterling, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 5-0.

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

May 2022 **President Carey**
Robert Sheils made the first motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 5-0.

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

May 2022 **President Carey**
David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the payments to be ratified, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 5-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

President Carey

Sewer Report – May: Robert Sheils made the first motion to accept the sewer report seconded by David Jenkins, vote was 5-0.

Police Regionalization – Josh Mitchell

Ordinance 2022-01 Noise ordinance: David Jenkins made the first motion to have the ordinance advertised and put on the agenda for next month’s vote, seconded by Robert Sheils, vote was 5-0.

Resolution 2022-06 – Councilman: Robert Sheils made the first motion to appoint Steve Guza, seconded by David Jenkins. Roll Call: David Jenkins-yes, Robert Sheils-yes, Roni Lopez-no, Kathleen Simrell-no and Gerrie Carey-no. Vote was declined 2-3. David Jenkins made the first motion to nominate Jean Halinan, seconded by Robert Sheils. Roll Call: David Jenkins-yes, Robert Sheils-yes, Roni Lopez-no, Kathleen Simrell-no and Gerrie Carey-no. Vote was declined 2-3. Roni Lopez made the first motion to nominate Frank Besten, seconded by Kathleen Simrell. Roll Call: David Jenkins-no, Robert Sheils-yes, Roni Lopez-no, Kathleen Simrell-no and Gerrie Carey-no. Vote was approved 4-2.

Resolution 2022-03 – CDBG: David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Robert Sheils, vote was 5-0.

Burn Ordinance: Solicitor Hayes stated that she would work on an amendment concerning the burning in the borough. Council can look this over before voting. Discuss with the fire department.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

President Carey

Finance Committee – part time police officer Frank Ciannella: Robert Sheils made the first motion to approve the hiring of Frank Ciannella, seconded by David Jenkins, vote was 7-0.

No Parking Ordinance for Thurston: David Jenkins made the first motion to have the Solicitor to draft an ordinance, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 5-0.

Fireworks Ordinance: No decision, discuss again at the work session.

10. SOLICITORS REPORT

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

Tessa Bennish request: Ms. Kehoe will write a letter to the homeowner and update council at the next meeting.

Robert Sheils asked Ms. Kehoe to thank the applicants for the Councilperson position. Maybe they would like to participate in committees.

David Jenkins stated that on Memorial Day, the borough did not have a wreath to present at the VFW. Members wanted Mr. Jenkins to make remarks about this. David Jenkins stated that residents will not be overly happy with Frank Besten. When he ran for re-election, he had the least number of votes. Mr. Jenkins stated that this was pure politics. Ms. Carey stated that she was not able to be at the parade on Memorial Day, she had COVID. Ms. Carey stated that she talked to Mike McLain and the borough would donate a tree to the

VFW. David Jenkins stated that he had talked to Mr. McLain and he stated that he does not want a tree donation.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

President Carey

- **Prior-** **May 4, 2022 personnel**
- **During-** **N/A**
- **Subsequent-** **N/A**

ADJOURN:

President Carey

David Jenkins made the first motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Sheils, vote was 5-0.