

**BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL  
MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2024  
7:00 PM**

The February 2024 Borough's Special Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held in Borough Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 304 South State Street, Borough of Clarks Summit, County of Lackawanna and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Council members in attendance were Ms. Gerrie Carey, Ms. Roni Lopez, Mr. Robert Sheils, Mr. Joshua Mitchell, Mr. Frank Besten, Ms. Kathleen Simrell, Mayor Harry Kelly, Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe, and Solicitor Andrew Krowiak. Mr. Steve Guza was absent.

- 1. WORKSESSION:** **President Carey**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** **President Carey**
- 3. DISCUSSION:** **President Carey**
  - Ransom Twp police services: Ms. Kehoe stated that there has not been any additional information. Josh Mitchell stated that he is getting uncomfortable with what Ransom is asking for stating that this needs to be zero risk to us. Frank Besten is concerned about a three-year contract. Ms. Kehoe will email Solicitor O'Brien for an update by the next meeting. Ransome needs their suggested edits to the contract by the end of the week.
  - Newton Twp police services: Ms. Kehoe stated that there has not been any further communication with them also.
  - Resolution 2024-01 – CDBG: Ms. This is the standard holding place for the monies. Beneficiaries need to quality for funds. Josh Mitchell stated that the AAJRB has been working with Highland Associates to expand the facilities at the Senior Center. There will be a proposal of the concept. A large amount of our CDBG money would be eligible for this project.
  - Ordinance 2024-01 – Pave Cuts: There is a draft ordinance, vote to advertise would be appreciated next week Any suggestions for improvements would be needed from Council.
  - Hibble request: Ms. Kehoe stated that at the intersection of Highland Avenue, Winola Road and State Street, there are drainage systems that were installed by PennDOT years ago. The water eventually ends up down by the railroad tracks. When the state installed the system, they put it underground and it comes out behind the buildings on North State Street. The water is now causing problems for the businesses and houses in that area. The underground system has an outlet behind Hibble's property and runs to Dettore's property, which is farmland, except for the cell tower. The state says when dump water onto private property and at the time they got easements. Solicitor Krowiak is looking into this.

- Bid for manhole replacement – Hemlock St - \$19,350.00 – Stafursky Paving: The replacement of the manhole is urgent. The work can be done because it is below the mandatory threshold which is \$23,000. We solicited 3 bids. This is the lowest. This can be voted on next week.

**4. REVIEW OF MARCH 6, 2024 AGENDA**

- 5. ADJOURN:**  
Roni made the motion to adjourn.

**President Carey**