

**BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL
MEETING APRIL 24, 2024
7:00 PM**

The April 2024 Borough's Special Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, April 24 2024 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held in Borough Council Chambers, 2nd 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. Steve Guza, Mr. Joshua Mitchell, Mayor Harry Kelly, Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe, and Solicitor Andrew Krowiak, Mr. Owen McVety. Ms. Kathleen Simrell, Mr. Robert Sheils, and Mr. Frank Besten, were absent.

1. WORKSESSION:

President Carey

Josh Mitchell stated that the AAJRB has been considering how they can provide more space to serve the senior programs. Community Development Block Grant Funding is available to the Clarks Summit Borough. This funding could be helpful for the Senior Center as their needs grow. The Senior Center is about 30 years old. Highland Associates presented a plan for the expansion of the Senior Center. Gerrie Carey commented that we would have to see the numbers on this. Josh Mitchell stated that the purpose was to share the concepts and support the initiatives. Specific components of this master plan that would be eligible for this money would have to be shown.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Carey

3. DISCUSSION:

President Carey

- Ransom Twp police services update: Gerrie Carey stated that Chief Yarns received a letter back from the Solicitor in Ransom. They decided not to make a contract with police protective services with Clarks Summit at that time. They will rely on state police protection for the balance of the current year. The supervisors intend to revisit the issue of police protection in the fall of 2024. Contracts can be discussed at that time. Josh Mitchell suspects one of the big issues is with the monthly penalty. He also believes they need more concrete numbers, and with the collective bargaining agreement. By fall we would have the accurate numbers. Mr. Mitchell also stated that they need to be clear when negotiations begin with one point person.
- Ordinance 2024-02 - Joint Appeal Board: This ordinance has been advertised. The vote can take place at the next meeting.
- June Burns resignation – Gary Rozman appointment: June retired, and Gary Rozman was appointed as an alternate and he would move into June's seat pm the AAJRB. This needs to be reappointed in January.
- Railroad sale of land: Virginia Kehoe stated that a piece of land is up for sale in the borough. Gerrie said if someone was interested in purchasing the land that would be a help to the Borough. Ms. Kehoe suggested Brett Millett be contacted to see if he is interested.
- Pave Cut Ordinance decisions: Decisions can be made next meeting

1. Our ordinance allows for a 10% markup on invoicing over and above the amount charged by IWDA. Do we want to take advantage of that?
2. Currently we bill \$300 for a pave cut permit. We still want to bill a flat rate, but \$300 seems excessive in addition to the costs from IWDA. By next week I will have examples of what other firms using IWDA are billing so we can make a decision and pass a resolution on the updated amount.
3. Lou will be sending over examples of pave cut permit applications. We need to decide if our current application is sufficient or do we want to change it. If so, how?
4. IWDA will offer us a reduced price if we would like them to do compaction testing on the companies that we contract with for paving. That is currently not being done. It would be an additional expense. Would we like to take advantage of this?
5. When a utility is making a capital improvement (e.g. PAWC is replacing their lines on an entire block or more), we can require that in advance they supply the Borough with their engineered specifications for our engineer to review. Again, this would be an additional expense, but have no controls in place currently.

4. REVIEW MAY 1, 2024 AGENDA

5. ADJOURN:

President Carey