

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2024 RECONVENE  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**

The Clarks Summit Borough reconvened from the September 4, 2024 Borough Meeting, 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. Joshua Mitchell, Mr. Steve Guza, Mr. Bob Sheils, Ms. Kathleen Simrell, Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe, Solicitor Andrew Krowiak, Mayor Harry Kelly, Junior Council people Mr. McVety and Ms. Siddiqui. Mr. Frank Besten and Chief Yarns were absent.

**RECONVENE:**

**President Carey**

**1. OLD BUSINESS:**

**President Carey**

**Police Union Collective Bargaining Agreement – Appoint Joe O’Brien arbitration solicitor:** Mr. Mitchell stated that the Police Union filed for arbitration, so we have to appoint the borough’s representative. Mr. Michell made the first motion to appoint Attorney Joe O’Brien as the borough’s representative in the arbitration proceedings, seconded by Steve Guza, vote was 6-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

**President Carey**

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| • <b>Prior-</b>      | N/A                        |
| • <b>During-</b>     | 9/4/24 Personnel Contracts |
| • <b>Subsequent-</b> | N/A                        |

**ADJOURN:**

**President Carey**

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

**BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL  
MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2024  
7:00 PM**

The September 2024 Borough Meeting was on Wednesday, September 25, 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. Joshua Mitchell, Mr. Frank Besten, Ms. Kathleen Simrell, Mr. Bob Sheils (7:13), Mr. Steve Guza, Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe, Solicitor Andrew Krowiak, Mayor Harry Kelly, Junior Council people Mr. McVety and Ms. Siddiqui. Mr. Frank Besten and Chief Yarns were absent.

1. **WORKSESSION:** **President Carey**
2. **Visit from Bridget Kosierowski - House Bill 1738**

Virginia Kehoe stated that she read that the House was presented with a bill in 2023, which allows for a 3 mill increase for the police department. She believed that the bill was moved to a committee called the “local ordinance” and there it sits since last October. Ms. Kehoe stated that we are asking Rep. Kosierowski if there is anything she can do to get this thing kicked into gear again. There is nothing they can do for this year. Ms. Kosierowski would look into this. They discussed different budgeting options. The borough applied for the LSA grant for a police car. Bob Sheils asked about any financial help from the flooding last year. There has not been any funding since the flooding. Discussion about the budget and ways to help with funding.
- 3 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** **President Carey**
4. **DISCUSSION:** **President Carey**
  - Resolution 2024-09 Berkheimer: Ms. Kehoe stated that this resolution is for Kevin Baumes who is our new treasurer. This authorizes him to get the information from Berkheimer.
  - Trash cans on State St: Ms. Kehoe stated that the Rotary Club called. They do not know when they are going to get in the new trash cans that will match the new planters. The current trash cans are a mess and they wondered if the borough would want to remove them in the meantime. Roni Lopez and Kathleen Simrell stated that wasn’t a good idea because the garbage cans are used often. Josh Mitchell asked about the time frame. They have no idea. Council’s thought was to keep the trash cans there until they are replaced is the best idea.
5. **REVIEW OCTOBER 2, 2024 AGENDA**
6. **ADJOURN:** **President Carey**

Roni Lopez made the motion to adjourn.