

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 5, 2023**

The April 5, 2023 Borough Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting is usually 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, Mr. Frank Besten, Ms. Roni Lopez, Mr. Robert Sheils, Mr. David Jenkins, Ms. Kathleen Simrell, Mr. Joshua Mitchell, Mayor Harry Kelly, Solicitor Hayes, and Borough Manager Ms. Virginia Kehoe.

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 Kathleen Simrell, vote was 7-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: President Carey

February 1, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

February 22, 2023 Work Session

March 1, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Frank Besten made the first motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT: President Carey

Artie Frank asked about 316 Carnation Avenue, he was asking about the issue with junk around the outside. He also asked about why a Lackawanna County vehicle was there. Chris Yarns stated that Mr. Frank was out of line. Mr. Frank stopped asking immediately.

4. POLICE REPORT: Mayor Kelly

Vote to continue suspension of police officer: David Jenkins made the first motion to continue the suspension of Nelson Morales until May 3, 2023 or until the suspension is lifted by the mayor, Kathleen Simrell seconded the motion. Vote was 7-0.

5. BIDS & QUOTATIONS: President Carey

6. BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:

March 2023

President Carey

Roni Lopez made the first motion to approve the treasurers report, seconded by Josh Mitchell, the vote was 7-0.

7. VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:

March 2023

President Carey

Josh Mitchell made the first motion to pay the bills, seconded by Frank Besten, the vote was 7-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

President Carey

Sewer Report – March: Jenn Basalyga gave the sewer report to Council.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

President Carey

- **Resolution 2023-04 – ReInvest Grant Application:** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve this resolution, seconded by Frank Besten. Josh Mitchell stated that he believes this is a supurflous expense. Frank Besten stated that it is hard to hear quiet Council members. Josh Mitchell asked if the borough would be obligated to move forward and he stated that this monty is not in the budget.

10. SOLICITORS REPORT

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

Abington Library Touch a Truck: Frank Besten made the first motion to approve the above action, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 6-0-1 with Bob Sheils abstaining due to is affiliation with the library.

Kathleen Connolly: Bob Sheils made the first motion to approve the address change for Kathleen Connolly, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 7-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

President Carey

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| • Prior- | March 1, 2023 | Contracts |
| • During- | April 5, 2023 | Personnel |
| • Subsequent- | N/A | |

ADJOURN:

President Carey

Roni Lopez made the first motion to adjourn, seconded by Frank Besten.