

BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 26, 2023
7:00 PM

The April 2023 Borough's Special Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, April 26, 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, Ms. Roni Lopez, Ms. Kathleen Simrell, Mr. David Jenkins, Mr. Robert Sheils, and Solicitor Mariclare Hayes, and Virginia Kehoe. Mr. Joshua Mitchell and Mr. Frank Besten were absent.

1. WORKSESSION:

President Carey

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Carey

Beth, from the Rotary Club, was there to talk about the planters. She stated that AZEK Building Company is designing this, and they are donating them. These will be plastic, not wood so they will last longer. David Jenkins stated that composite decking is flammable. Council would be responsible for the actual garbage cans; they are \$70 apiece. They were asking to get rid of the planters now. They are getting complaints because the garbage containers are not being emptied. They do fill quickly. People are dumping household garbage there. She gave an example of the planters they are aiming to use.

3. DISCUSSION:

President Carey

- Beth Caucci – Rotary re: planters: above
- Dani Farrell: 333 Summit Avenue, is requesting a stop sign. She is looking to stop the traffic on Hallstead. Ms. Kehoe stated that we would need an engineering study to justify the stop sign. Also, an ordinance would have to be adopted. First the police can put a speed sentry there and we can find out what the numbers area.
- Impervious surface vs. long term “mobile” coverage: Ms. Kehoe stated that we have issues with a homeowner who has a dozen cars parked on their property at any time. It is not illegal because all the cars are legal with their registration and insurance. This defeats the purpose of the impervious surface ordinance. The borough is trying to decrease impervious surface for storm control. There are also people storing materials under tarps. This is completely different for people having cars or other objects on their property temporarily. Ms. Kehoe asked to work with Solicitor Hayes. SAPA ordinance has not been passed yet.

David Jenkins asked if everyone has a copy of the op-ed in the times. LMG is looking for a permit to the commission. He would like to send another letter to Fetterman, Casey and Cartwright along with the Governor asking them to vote against it. LMG transports highly flammable material. The fire companies in the area would not be able to control the situation if it ever happened. Ms. Kehoe has written a

letter representing council. Naming each individual council member in the letter. Bob Sheils stated that there is DEP, Environmental protection, all these agencies protecting everyone in the community and regulating this industry. He asked if this letter would be more of a symbolic thing, but he would be opposed to sending a letter. Ms. Kehoe stated that council can vote next week and if the majority votes for it than if anyone wants to sign the letter can sign it.

Council will go into executive session.

4. REVIEW OF MAY 3, 2023 AGENDA

5. ADJOURN:
Roni voted to adjourn.

President Carey