

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2023**

The October 2023 Borough Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 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. Robert Sheils, Ms. Kathleen Simrell, Mr. David Jenkins, Mr. Joshua Mitchell, Mayor Harry Kelly, Solicitor Hayes, and Borough Manager Ms. Virginia Kehoe. Mr. Frank Besten and Chief Yarns were absent.

MEDITATION:

President Carey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Carey

Murli Rajan ARWA: Bob Sheils made the first motion to Murli Rajan as the borough ARWA representative, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

President Carey

Roni Lopez made the first motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 6-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Carey

3. PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:

President Carey

4. POLICE REPORT:

Mayor Kelly

5. BIDS & QUOTATIONS:

President Carey

6. BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:

SEPTEMBER 2023

President Carey

Kathleen Simrell made the first motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0.

Virginia Kehoe stated that the borough received a check today in the amount of \$17,000 from worker's comp. Council can consider where to allocate that money. David Jenkins made a motion to put that money into Capital Funds. Bob Sheils and Gerrie Carey disagreed. Josh Mitchell agreed that this should wait until the increased operating expenses from the storm. The motion wasn't seconded. This will be discussed again in November. .

7. VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:

SEPTEMBER 2023

Josh Mitchell made the first motion to pay the bills, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

President Carey

Sewer Report – SEPTEMBER:

Update on Trash conversion: Ms. Kehoe stated that for the Trash Ordinance, we need two items. First, the amount due for the quarter was discussed as \$48 a quarter and any property above 3 units requires a dumpster. Anything one, two and three units will be billed for trash. Next week the ordinance will be put up for advertising with a vote.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

President Carey

- **Civil Service Exam:** There will have to be a new Civil Service exam. There is one person currently on the list. Would he need to test again. Tabled
- **\$45,000 COVID grant (Senior Center/Hour Place)** David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the grant for the daycare center, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 6-0.
- **Replace Paul Murphy on AWRA**

10. SOLICITORS REPORT

Stormwater Regionalization – MOU: Drafted by Solicitor Hayes.

Update on Lansdowne Ordinance: David Jenkins made the first motion to advertise for this ordinance, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 6-0.

Quality of Life: Solicitor Hayes stated that the draft will be ready to vote in November.

Impervious surface: Ms. Kehoe stated that she is working with Solicitor Hayes on this.

Pa 1 Call ordinance: This ordinance is being drafted.

Bob Sheils asked about Woodridge Circle's piece of land. The HOA there is looking to see if the borough would take care of the trees on the piece of land that the borough owns. Josh Mitchell asked if there is a liability on the borough; Is this for purely aesthetic reasons.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

President Carey

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| • Prior- | N/A |
| • During- | N/A |
| • Subsequent- | N/A |

ADJOURN:

President Carey

Roni Lopez made the first motion to adjourn.