

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
July 1, 2026**

The July Borough Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, 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, Mr. Gene Hallinan, Mr. Steve Guza, Ms. Kathleen Simrell, Mr. Josh Mitchell, Ms. Susan Grady, Chief Kevin Yetkowskas, Solicitor Andrew Krowiak, Mayor Harry Kelly, and Borough Manager Ms. Jenn Basalyga. Bob Sheils was absent.

MEDITATION:

President Carey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

President Carey

Proclamation for Chris Yarns: Mayor Harry Kelly read the proclamation for Chris Yarns.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

President Carey.

Steve Guza made the first motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Josh Mitchell, the vote was 6-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Carey

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Josh Mitchell made the first motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Gene Hallinan, vote was 6-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:

President Carey

David Rinaldi, 404 Fairview Road, Clarks Green was there to praise the retiring of Chief Chris Yarns. He discussed the Clarks Green police contract.

Mark Cordelli from Lackawanna County brought information on events happening around town. Mike O'Neil spoke to council about a Special Event he would like to have in town. He stated he is working on the emergency medical plan and traffic plan but did not re-submit an updated application. They want to block Depot Street. Josh Mitchell discussed the Open Container Law. Solicitor Krowiak stated there is a law in place from 30 years ago. Mr. Mitchell stated we have to enforce the ordinances in place. Open containers are not permitted on the streets. Solicitor Krowiak stated he was concerned with the lack of a safety plan in the application. Jenn Basalyga stated that she has not received a complete application to review with Chief Kevin Yetkowskas or a completed road closure application. She could not approve this event as the paperwork has not been submitted. Josh Mitchell stated they would need an approval from council contingent on Ms. Basalyga receiving a completed application. Josh Mitchell made the first motion to make an exception for the 60 day window which is within the Special Event Permit and a 30 day window within the road closure block party. Josh Mitchell made a motion to authorize the borough to make an exception to approve the event application contingent upon it having all

required components for the Manager and Chief of Police to approve, seconded by Kathleen Simrell. Borough Manager Jenn Basalyga asked to solidify a date that the completed application needs to be received. Mr. O'Neil said he would have the application in by that Friday. The vote was 6-0 to approve.

4. POLICE REPORT:

Mayor Kelly

Chief Yetkowskas stated the police have warned both the kids and the parents concerning the E-Bike situation. The incidents have been on the decline. Josh Mitchell asked if the new full-time officer had all of the testing done. Jenn Basalyga stated the testing is in the process of taking place. The Personnel Committee did choose a full-time officer. Mr. Mitchell asked if Chief Yetkowskas is good from a staffing standpoint. Chief Yetkowskas stated they are in good shape after the hire, officer Wilkie will be a good fit. Gerrie stated the committee did the interviews and they all agreed on the full time officer.

5. BIDS & QUOTATIONS:

President Carey

6. BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:

President Carey

- **June 2026: N/A**

7. VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:

- **June 2026: N/A**

8. OLD BUSINESS:

President Carey

- **CDBG Resolution & Agreement for \$220,000 Senior Center:** Josh Mitchell stated that the bids did come back very high relative to the budget we set aside, there are details that need to be worked out at this point.
- **Chris Yarns' firearm-Glock 47:** Kathleen Simrell made the first motion to approve the sale, seconded by Steve Guza, vote was 6-0.
- **State Street HOP PennDOT letter from P.C.:** Josh Mitchell made the first motion to send the letter with the recommendation articulated by our Planning Commission, seconded by Steve Guza, vote was 6-0.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

President Carey

- **Multi Modal Grant vote at Worksession:** Council needs to vote on this

10. SOLICITORS REPORT:

Solicitor Krowiak stated he spoke with Ron Parasole last week relative to the clock tower. Mr. Parasole is reaching out to Mr. Decker to set up a time to walk the

property so the removal can begin within 30 days. Mr. Decker inquired about removing the pine tree in that area. He would need to speak to Mr. Parasole as the tree was already on the property before the agreement was made with the borough. Walsh Electric will be contacted as well within the same time period.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Artie Frank Parking Carnation Drive Park:** The park closes at dusk, and he was asking for parking enforcement after dusk. Solicitor Krowiak stated if the park is borough property and there are signs saying open from dawn to dusk, it would technically would be trespassing if they are there after hours.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

President Carey

- **Prior-**
- **During-**
- **Subsequent-**

ADJOURN:

President Carey

Steve Guza made the first motion to recess, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 6-0.