

**BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL
MEETING July 29, 2026
7:00 PM**

The July Borough Special Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, July 29, 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, Mr. Josh Mitchell, Mr. Robert Sheils, Ms. Susan Grady, Ms. Kathleen Simrell (7:05 pm), Solicitor Andrew Krowiak, Mayor Harry Kelly, Borough Manager Ms. Jenn Basalyga.

1. WORKSESSION: President Carey

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: President Carey

Maura Lance, 209 Electric Street, returning asking about the safety concerns she has as 205 Electric Street. Solicitor Krowiak stated the borough would be able to send out a letter to the property owner.

Scott Shimko updated council with the open container request and the request to close Depot Street and what council needs to vote on at the next meeting. Council would need to make two votes. The first vote would be to allow for the consumption of alcohol on borough property which would be Spring Street. The second vote would need to be on the suspension of the Open Container Ordinance that day.

Josh Mitchell stated that the borough does have a draft of a new Open Container Ordinance that he thinks would make it much better for the borough to facilitate this kind of event in the future. Mr. Mitchell would like to have this on the next agenda for a vote to advertise for the new ordinance.

Mike O'Neil would still need something in writing saying the borough voted on this at the next meeting.

Guy Fasciana discussed that the E-Bike situation has gotten better after citations were issued. He also asked if the borough had Flock cameras in the borough, they are solar powered cameras. He expressed his concern with the misuse of this kind of surveillance. He believes they intrude upon our privacy.

3. DISCUSSION: President Carey.

- Multi Modal Grant Resolution 2026-12: Jenn Basalyga stated Colwell Naegele submitted a grant, and a resolution is needed for the application.
- Chief Yetkowskas Email-Police Personnel: Josh Mitchell stated that Kevin and Jenn put numbers together to model out what it would look like to add another full-time police officer. The CBA is up at the end of 2027.
- Clarks Summit Goes Pink Request-Spring Street open container: Discussed

- Open Container Ordinance Review: Discussed
- Clarks Summit Goes Pink-Depot Street Closing: Discussed
- Depot Street Parking Meters Suspension: Friday overnight, the police department would cover the parking meters on Depot Street.
- Grant \$130,000: Case Loader - \$168,000 – Municibid - \$65,000: Council would need to vote on this. Luke Glidewell was at the meeting if there were any questions. He is the Case representative.
- Clarks Green Police Contract: Josh Mitchell reached out to Bill Egan at Clarks Green concerning the contract. The contract expires at the end of 2026.
- Clock Tower Update: Solicitor Krowiak stated that since the property has been transferred to Mr. Parasole, he is currently in the process of getting the permits. He has been in contact with Mr. Decker for the past month and a half. Jenn Basalyga stated she did receive the permit application. Bob Sheils asked about the 911 Memorial at the Pocket Park. We need to find a landscaper to work with.

4. REVIEW AUGUST 5, 2026 AGENDA

Bob Sheils announced Clarks Summit Day with the Railriders on August 23rd.
Gerrie Carey will be throwing out the first pitch.

5. ADJOURN:

Steve Guza made the motion to adjourn.

President Carey