

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2013**

The regular March Meeting of Borough Council was conducted on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 7:02 P.M. The Meeting was held in Borough Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 304 South State Street, Borough of Clark's Summit, County of Lackawanna and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Council members in attendance were President Gerrie Carey, Mr. Herman Johnson, Mr. Patrick Williams, Mr. Roy Davis, Ms. Patricia Lawler, Mayor Harry Kelly, Mr. David Jenkins, Mr. Dominic Scott, Recording Secretary Virginia Kehoe, Chief Joe Laguzzi, and Jr. Council Member Matt Remus, and Jr. Council Member Greg Johnson.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Carey

MEDITATION:

Mayor Kelly

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Kelly

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

President Carey

Herman Johnson made the first motion to approve the agenda, David Jenkins seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 7-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Carey

• **January 29, 2013**

David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the January minutes, Roy Davis seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 7-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:

President Carey

Connie Shiels congratulated Council on hiring Chief Joe Laguzzi as the new Chief of Police. She spoke about Chief Laguzzi and complimented his integrity etc.

Gerard Hepman – Lackawanna County Community Relations Department discussed activities happening in Lackawanna County.

4. BIDS & QUOTATIONS:

President Carey

5. BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT

President Carey

David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Patty Lawler seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 7-0. Herman Johnson discussed having the donations for Veteran's Park on the Treasurer's Report. Virginia Kehoe stated that they would add a line item for that.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

• **Building & Plant**

Pat Williams, Chair

Pat Williams asked if Dish Network was installed at the Senior Center. Virginia Kehoe stated that she informed Warren Watkins that Council did approve the installation but does not know if that was installed. Warren Watkins is scheduled to attend the work session at the end of this March. David Jenkins asked why they chose the Dish Network

over Comcast cable. Virginia Kehoe stated that it was Telespond that asked for Dish Network and it does not cost the Borough anything.

- **Finance Committee** Dominic Scott , Chair - Vehicle Advertising (Pat Williams)

Dominic Scott stated that the Borough is doing fine financially. Virginia Kehoe stated that the year to date for the first two months, income was better and expenses were lesser than budgeted. Pat Williams handed out information about advertising on police vehicles. Mr. Williams explained, under additional revenue streams, advertising on police and possibly DPW vehicles is a possible way of creating additional revenue income. The Borough Solicitor, D.A. Jarbola and Mayor Kelly all agreed that it would be ok if we do advertise tastefully. These would be advertising stickers that would be placed on the vehicles. The police force is out 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. The advertising will be located on the rear of the car on the back portion the lower quarter panel of the 3 vehicles available on both sides. This would be a one year contract with the business, \$1,000 per sticker for a year. David Jenkins suggested putting the advertisement on the back window and the Borough can charge more. Herman Johnson disagreed with putting the advertisement on the window and asked for Chief Laguzzi's input. Chief Laguzzi stated that the new commercial vehicle truck has a logo with the lettering, and that would be an issue, but not an issue on the other two vehicles. Pat Williams stated that he did consider the window but the area in the back quarter panel seems more appropriate. David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the police car advertising at rates to be discussed in the future, Patty Lawler seconded the motion, the motion was unanimous 7-0. Roy Davis wanted to make sure that the advertising is appropriate for the police vehicle. How will the rates be determined? Let the finance committee determine the rates.

Herman Johnson discussed Clarks Summit hiring a tow truck company that would tow Borough vehicles and vehicles that were grounded after weight and scales were measured. This could be very cost effective.

- **Grant Committee** Patty Lawler, Chair

Patty Lawler discussed the performance grant for recycling which was \$7,805; this is what the Borough recouped from 2010 and that goes into the general fund. We are now current. The Borough was accepted for a project grant for \$9,000; \$6,000 is for recycling containers on wheels for our senior citizens and \$3,000 has to do with making an informative video and updating our ordinance. Sarah Dawgert was interested in a Borough playground behind Lee's Denim Diner. Ms. Dawgert did send a letter to Mr. Denaples, but she had not heard back from him. Darrin Maria has land in the Borough, if he gifted the land to the Borough that might be a possible location for a playground. When the restructuring of Depot Street is done this may be a good time to put in the playground. Ms. Lawler stated that as she understands it the Maria's do not want their land to be used as a parking lot. David Jenkins stated that this land should be used for parking. Ms. Lawler also discussed the building on Spring and Depot Street is for sale, may be an idea to develop a high rise loft apartment, or there might be funding for a new police station. Our current police station is in the basement and so many towns have nice new police stations. Ms.

Lawler stated that she is just brainstorming the idea and is open for suggestions from others. Herman Johnson stated that he thinks the police should come out of the basement also. Mr. Johnson also stated that the Maria property should be a parking lot. If you put a park there, that is a high traffic area to begin with. Have the Marias here so they can tell us what their thoughts are for that land. Virginia Kehoe stated that they have stopped responding to her as she reached out many times to them.

- **Insurance Committee** Roy Davis, Chair
Virginia Kehoe stated that the Borough has been self-insuring for the vision care and it has been costing \$7,500 a year. Ms. Kehoe can get a better rate; negotiate with the unions on this, because that would be a change in the contract. The vision coverage may be better but they may have a co-pay and certain restrictions. We will look into it further.
- **Personnel Committee** Gerrie Carey, Chair
- **Public Safety/Safety** Pat Williams, Chair
- **Public Works** Herman Johnson, Chair
- **Recreation** Dominic Scott, Chair
- **Recycling Committee** Patty Lawler, Chair – February
Recycling leader / Earth Day
Earth Day is April 20, 2013. The Boroughs’ recycling has really increased due to Single Stream Recycling. Council encourages residents to keep recycling; it is a big boost for the Borough.
- **Clarks Summit Emergency Management Coordinator**
- **Junior Council Mentor** Herman Johnson
Herman Johnson suggested that Council approve of Jr. Council going to the County Commissioners breakfast.
- **Additional comments from Council**

7. **POLICE REPORT:** Mayor Kelly
Chief Laguzzi read over the police report.

8. **VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:** President Carey
David Jenkins made the first motion to accept the vendor payments, Dominic Scott seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 7-0.

9. **OLD BUSINESS:** President Carey

- **Resolution 2013-05 CVS Sewerage Planning**
Virginia Kehoe stated that this is for a slight modification to the CVS’s sewer module. David Jenkins made the first motion to approve Resolution 2013-05, Herman Johnson seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 7-0.

- **Vote for SEO**
Virginia Kehoe stated that the Borough needs to appoint new Sewage Enforcement Officer, Council tabled this last month. David Jenkins made the first motion to appoint Walter Redel, Pat Williams seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 7-0.

- **Vote – VFW EDU’s**
David Jenkins made a motion to keep the VFW’s EDU’s at 4, Dominic Scott seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 4-3. Patty Lawler, Herman Johnson and Pat

Williams voted Nay. Herman Johnson stated that he has taken Borough Engineer Bob Naegele's opinion that the VFW can be reduced to 2 EDU's. Pat Williams suggested reducing it to 3 EDU's. Roy Davis discussed the situation also. Many different opinions were offered on this subject.

10. NEW BUSINESS: President Carey

A. Lackawanna County Mutual Aid Agreement

David Jenkins made the first motion to accept the Lackawanna County Mutual Aid Agreement, Herman Johnson seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 7-0.

B. Atami Sushi Liquor License application

Virginia Kehoe stated that the Borough received an application from Attorney John Brazil to transfer a liquor license from Newton Township to Atami Sushi Restaurant. The Borough is obligated to post the property, post a public hearing and then vote on whether or not Council wants to accept the additional liquor license since it is not already in our community. It will be posted and advertised for a public hearing, Council can discuss at the work session on 3/26/13. Council will be voting at the worksession. This is for a restaurant license. They will only serve alcohol in the restaurant, no take outs.

11. BOROUGH SEWER OFFICE REPORT: President Carey

12. SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Rogan

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

- **DEP – re: O’Hora Eye Care**
- **South Abington Twp – Worker’s Compensation Bill**

Virginia Kehoe recommended that going forward, Clarks Summit Borough remove South Abington from the Worker's Compensation equation. The Clarks Summit Borough and South Abington Township are equal responders. This way the Clarks Summit Borough can pro rate the Workers Compensation bill between only those communities that the Borough is actually primary on. David Jenkins made the first motion to accept the change in the Workers Compensation Bill, Roy Davis seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 6-1. Herman Johnson voted Nay.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: President Carey

- **Prior- February 26, 2013 Personnel**
- **During-**
- **Subsequent-**

15. ADJOURN: President Carey

David Jenkins made the first motion to adjourn the meeting, Patty Lawler seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 7-0.

These meetings minutes are respectfully submitted by Jennifer Schmidt.