

**BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 26, 2013
7:00 PM**

The March Council Special Meeting for the Borough of Clarks Summit was conducted on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 7:03pm. 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 Gerrie Carey, Herman Johnson, Patrick Williams, Roy Davis, Patricia Lawler, David Jenkins, Dominic Scott, Virginia Kehoe, Jr. Council Remus and Jr. Council Mr. Johnson. Mayor Harry Kelly was absent.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING – Atami Sushi Liquor License application
– and Vote Resolution 2013-06**

Virginia Kehoe stated that the Borough advertised for public comment, there was no one at the meeting to offer public comment pertaining to the Atami Sushi Liquor License. David Jenkins made the first motion to approve Resolution 2013-06, Herman Johnson seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 6-0.

2. WORKSESSION: President Carey

3. PUBLIC COMMENT President Carey

• **Shade Tree Commission 2013 update**

Donna Zagrapin and Molly Philbin spoke to Council. Ms. Zagrapan showed what the roots of a tree look like. The roots go out three times the size of the tree and the main feeder roots are only 6 inches. Don't want to park near a tree or put heavy equipment or do heavy construction around a tree. Herman Johnson asked about a tree where the roots go down deeper. Ms. Zagrapan said an oak tree; they have a long tap root. Evergreen trees have a shallow root system. There are no evergreens in the right a way. Virginia Kehoe stated that we live in a very rocky terrain with a shallow water table. Ms. Zagrapan stated that the number one goal is to increase the tree canopy. Ms. Zagrapan provided a list for Council of the many different programs that the Shade Tree Commission is interested in at this point. The Shade Tree is looking for support from Council as they provide an Annual Arbor Day Celebration; need support a Landscape Ordinance; continue to work with Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the Shade Tree Ordinance; continue to achieve Tree City USA status; use Grant, Borough and Property Owner funds to remove and prune hazard trees. Virginia Kehoe stated that she would set up a meeting with Sproul about land that could use trees in the Borough. Ms. Zagrapan spoke about the issue with Abington Heights with planting more trees. Need to plant 89 more trees and the school property there is room to plant. Donna Zagrapan wants to meet again with the school. Need to get the word out to the public that the Borough is strongly encouraging residents to plant trees wherever possible. Clarks Summit United Methodist Church is a very open space that Ms. Zagrapan would like to see if trees could be planted there. She discussed different shopping centers in the Borough and the possibility of trees being planted there. Fundraising was discussed. The Shade Tree Commission is offering to plant a tree "in remembrance of" or "in dedication to" someone. This would be a \$150 donation and they would plant a tree for that person. There is an Arbor Day Celebration at the fire house 4/28/13 from 2-5pm. Schools are doing a poster contest on "why should plant a tree." This is for the Clarks Summit Borough, Clarks Green Borough and South Abington Township. Free seedlings, live music, smoke y the bear and grand prize will all be there. The grand prize is a grow box for the school with instruction etc. Whichever classroom has the biggest percentage of kids participating will win the grow box.

• **Replacement of Herman Johnson**

Virginia Kehoe stated that as of April 1, 2013, Herman Johnson no longer is heading up EMA. Herman Johnson cautioned the Borough officials that they find a replacement who is qualified under Title 35, Act 35 of the Health and Safety Act. It was suggested that possibly George Yarns would be available to help during this interim time. David Jenkins made a motion to appoint George Yarns as the temporary EMA Coordinator for the Clarks Summit Borough, Roy Davis seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 6-0

with Herman Johnson abstaining. Herman Johnson stated that to become certified, there are certain qualifications you need to have in your first year. Mr. Johnson suggested that the EMA office stay in the Borough building, near the police department, the DPW, the Mayor, and the Borough Manager.

• **Resolution 2013-07 Meter Suspension – Earth Day**

David Jenkins made the first motion to accept Resolution 2013-07, Herman Johnson seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 7-0. Patty Lawler stated that for Earth Day, Spring Street would need to be closed. Ms. Lawler also stated that the Borough was granted \$500 from Arts and Cultural. Ms. Lawler was looking for clearance to use the \$500 for the Children's Recyclable Workshop Tent which will be set up for Earth Day. The tent for the Children's Workshop is sponsored by the Lackawanna County Arts and Culture and JP Mascaro is going to be a new recycling truck and they are sponsoring a tent. All Council people were in agreement to use the \$500 for the kid friendly environment. Patty Lawler is looking for volunteers to set up tables and help vendors and help with raffle baskets etc. Flea marketers are to begin unloading at 7:30 am and come back around 3:30pm. Herman Johnson suggested writing thank you letters where possible and necessary.

4. REVIEW OF APRIL 3, 2013 AGENDA

Suggestion from Dave Jenkins to recognize Jay Miller and Chris Yarns for their help with a fire at Millet's Laundry-Mat. They both can come to the meeting on April 3, 2013 to be recognized for their outstanding work putting out the fire. Herman Johnson stated that both should get an accommodation. Mr. Johnson stated that has suggested many times in the past that Council should recognize Borough employees that do commendable work. Dominic Scott suggested that Council goes on a case by case basis. Mr. Johnson agrees and stated that Department heads should be the ones to bring this to Council, when someone does an excellent job. David Jenkins also suggested that it is not too late to recognize Ed Orzalek for his work with the burglary ring recently.

5. ADJOURN:

President Carey

Roy Davis was the first to make a motion to adjourn the meeting, Herman Johnson seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 7-0.