

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2013**

The regular March Meeting of Borough Council was conducted on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 7:03 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, Chief Joe Laguzzi, Mr. David Jenkins, Mr. Dominic Scott, Recording Secretary Virginia Kehoe, Mayor Harry Kelly, 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

ACKNOWLEDGE CHRIS YARNS (CSPD) AND JAY MILLER (CSFD) Mayor Kelly

Mayor Harry Kelly acknowledged Chris Yarns and Assistant Fire Chief Jay Miller with a proclamation. They were both recognized for their dedication. On March 20, 2013, they responded to fire call at the Millet laundry-mat. They worked quickly to extinguish the fire.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

President Carey

Patty Lawler was the first to make a motion to approve the agenda, Herman Johnson seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 6-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Carey

- **February 6, 2013 Regular Council Meeting**
- **February 26, 2013 Council Work Session**

David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the February minutes, Patty Lawler seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 6-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:

President Carey

Gerard Hepman was unable to stay for the meeting but he left Virginia Kehoe the information and she read off the events that will be happening in Lackawanna County. Herman Johnson stated that the Abington Heights Principal gave permission for the Junior Council Members to leave school to attend the Legislative update April 19, 2013.

4. BIDS & QUOTATIONS:

President Carey

5. BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT

President Carey

Herman Johnson made the first motion to approve the Borough's Treasurer's Report, Dominic Scott seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous 6-0.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Building & Plant**

Pat Williams, Chair

Patrick Williams stated that the ACOG lost 2 members, two Municipalities dropped out. Mr. Williams thanked Solicitor Pat Rogan for his work on the Police Vehicle Advertising. Thanked Chief Laguzzi for organizing the clean-up that was done. Work release volunteers worked on the clean-up. Herman Johnson suggested the Borough send a thank-you note to Judge Barrasse work release program.

- **Finance Committee**

Dominic Scott , Chair

Dominic Scott commented that the Finance Committee met and went over where the Borough stands as far as budget and expenses for the first quarter. We are in line and everything looks good. Virginia Kehoe stated that the Earned Income Tax collection is higher than expected. Herman Johnson asked Dominic Scott to elaborate more on this report. Mr. Johnson asked how the Borough is doing with the Capital Funds; if there was an emergency Mr. Johnson would like to know where the Borough would get the money. Mr. Johnson asked where the Borough is with the blacktopping that was discussed months ago. Virginia Kehoe stated that the Capital Reserve is unchanged since the budget was approved. The Borough is somewhat ahead in the revenue and somewhat below with expenses. Herman Johnson discussed having a 5 year plan with benchmarks involved. Virginia Kehoe stated that we are moving forward with the paving project; the plan was to take out a loan, Engineer Bob Naegele is to report back by the end of the week or beginning of next week, the forecast for what the cost would be.

- **Grant Committee**

Patty Lawler, Chair

Patty Lawler stated that the Borough has recovered money from 2009; we received \$7,805 for the 904 Grant. This year for the 904 grant, the amount received is \$15,399. The Borough also applied for a Merit grant and received \$9,000 to be spent in project development, public education and for bigger containers with lids and wheels for our senior citizens.

- **Insurance Committee**

Roy Davis, Chair

- **Personnel Committee**

Gerrie Carey, Chair

- **Public Safety/Safety**

Pat Williams, Chair

Patrick Williams discussed the Bedford Street stormwater drains. Liquid fuels for the paving was also discussed.

- **Public Works**

Herman Johnson, Chair

Herman Johnson stated that he DPW did a commendable job with the snow removal and the ice storms that the Borough had. Mr. Johnson asked if the Borough is going to have the street sweeper available to clean up the cinders. Virginia Kehoe is looking into that, couldn't get that until at least May. Ms. Kehoe will discuss with the Finance Committee to see if the sweeper could be rented. Patrick Williams asked Virginia Kehoe about the Agility Program with the state.

- **Recreation** Dominic Scott, Chair

- **Recycling Committee** Patty Lawler, Chair – March Recycling Leader – Abington Family Dentistry / Earth Day update
 Patty Lawler stated that Earth Day posters are going to be made up. Thanked Council for all their support. Abington Family Dentistry won the Small Business Recycling award for the month of March.

- **Clarks Summit Emergency Management Coordinator** Herman Johnson

- **Junior Council Mentor** Herman Johnson
 Abington Heights Principal gave permission to attend the Legislative update. Greg Johnson thanked Patty Lawler and said he will try to get other students involved with the Earth Day Event.

- **Additional comments from Council**
 David Jenkins discussed the issue of residents putting garbage out way ahead of schedule in the Borough. Check the Borough Ordinance. Virginia Kehoe will discuss this with Code Enforcement Officer; she could send a letter to the owner. Send out a press release as a reminder to residents to put out garbage within 24 hours of pickup.

7. POLICE REPORT: **Mayor Kelly**
 Chief Joe Laguzzi discussed the Police Report. Virginia Kehoe stated that Chief Laguzzi suggested Comcast cable be used at the Borough instead of Frontier and that will save the Borough monthly payments. Borough Treasurer Melissa Jones noticed there were extra cell phones in the police department that were not being used. Chief Laguzzi checked this out and stated that at least one cell phone can be removed which will also save the Borough money.

8. VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED: **President Carey**
 David Jenkins made the first motion to ratify the Vendors, Patty Lawler seconded the motion, vote was unanimous 7-0.

9. OLD BUSINESS: **President Carey**

10. NEW BUSINESS: **President Carey**

11. BOROUGH SEWER OFFICE REPORT: **President Carey**
 Virginia Kehoe, Melissa Jones and Laurie Rosengrant are going to reformat the reports after May 2, 2013. They are too big and cumbersome to read in this format.

12. SOLICITOR’S REPORT: **Solicitor Rogan**

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

- **David Davidson – police vehicle advertising**
 Virginia Kehoe stated that David Davidson sent a letter to the Borough discussing the Police Car Advertising. Herman Johnson read the letter and he stated that there was

nothing that made good sense in the letter and he was just venting. Mr. Davidson is entitled to his opinion.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

President Carey

- **Prior-** none
- **During-**
- **Subsequent-**

15. ADJOURN:

President Carey

David Jenkins made the first motion to adjourn the meeting, Pat Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

These meetings minutes are submitted respectfully by Jennifer Schmidt