

**BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MAY 28, 2013**  
**7:00 PM**

The May Council Special Meeting for the Borough of Clarks Summit was conducted on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 7:03pm. The meeting was held in Borough Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Patricia Lawler, David Jenkins, Dominic Scott, Virginia Kehoe. Mayor Harry Kelly and Roy Davis were absent.

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| 1. | <b>WORKSESSION:</b>   | <b>President Carey</b> |
| 2. | <b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b> | <b>President Carey</b> |

- **Presentation from Senior Center:** Abington Senior Center Sit Council Members presented a check on behalf of the Senior Center for \$1,500 to the Clarks Summit Borough. Virginia Kehoe took a picture of the presentation of the check.
- **CVS Request:** Virginia Kehoe stated that Sean McDermott is asking to put two bore holes on Old Lackawanna Trail Road. The information was forwarded to Borough Engineer Bob Naegele. Mr. Naegele wants some specific information to make sure that CVS meets PennDOT's specifications. Besides that, Mr. Naegele has no other concerns about the work. Council can vote on the request at June Council meeting. Patrick Williams asked what specifically are they drilling for. Virginia Kehoe stated that as they were prepping for the CVS project, they found that the soil contamination at the Valero is worse than expected; DEP is concerned that contamination might have migrated. So, the DEP requested that they have these boring holes on the other side of the railroad tracks to see if it's gotten that far or not. Herman Johnson asked did they choose a location on a map as to where the bore holes would be. Virginia Kehoe stated that they did and she could get a copy of the map for Council to view. Mr. Johnson also suggested that the EMA and the Borough Manager be made aware of these bore holes. Also, Mr. Johnson stated that he has concerns as a citizen with the letters that have come from the DEP because of the train traffic that comes through our Municipality. Mr. Johnson asked if the Borough has a plan through the EMA or the Fire Department, in case of a train derailment. Virginia Kehoe stated that she did send an email to the Fire Chief to consider a plan if there is a derailment and there is a concern and a request for a plan.
- **Assault Rifles:** Virginia Kehoe stated that Chief Laguzzi wanted to make Council aware that he received many phone calls with offers of donations for the assault rifles. Chief Laguzzi suggested that Council not take any action voting tonight, he wants to give it until the June meeting. Herman Johnson stated that if the Finance Committee can find the money for the rifles, there should be no problem. If the money isn't budgeted for it, department chiefs should be held responsible for their part of the budget. He wants to make sure the Borough is spending the right amount for the right equipment. Mr. Johnson stated that the safety of the officers is first but also make sure we are not going into a financial difficulty. The vote is tabled for now; wait to see what donations come in. The Police Chief is looking into the purchase of three rifles. There was a discussion as to the availability of grants for assault rifles. Pat Williams suggested talking with Congressman Tom Marino to see if he has information about grants for the rifles.
- **Police – air quality:** Police Officers are concerned about the air quality in the Police Station. Virginia Kehoe called The Clean Air Group to test the air quality. They took air samples; we haven't received the results yet. If there is an issue that involves repairs or remedies we would have to meet with the Finance Committee. Clean Air Group donated their time for the air testing.
- **ABPA Concert:** Virginia Kehoe was given a request from the Arts Committee of the ABPA. There is going to be a concert on June 15, 2013, with 10 different bands. It runs from 2:30pm-9pm

with a cost of \$5 per person, with proceeds going to a specific group with in the ABNPA. They would like to use the first floor of the Borough building. Also they are asking that Council would accept a payment made through a percentage system if the turnout is less than expected. They will discuss the staffing with Police Chief Joe Laguzzi, and see if he feels that there should be additional staffing and security. They feel that the concert may bring about 500 people, there should be no problem but if it is poorly attended we could be paid a percentage instead of a flat rate. Patty Lawler asked if we can discuss this in a closed session. This involves personnel and that is why it can be discussed in executive session. Pat Williams stated that we are not set up to handle a large amount of electrical wires etc.

- **Resolution 2013-11 ABPA Meter Suspension:** Sidewalk sales July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2013, APBA asked for meter suspension those days. Council can vote in June.

**3. REVIEW OF JUNE 5 , 2013 AGENDA**

July 2013 Council Meeting will be on July 3, 2013 and that is the date of the fireworks etc. Council discussed changing the Council meeting to Tuesday July 2, 2013. Patty Lawler asked that there be an additional heading for the Agenda labeled as “New Streams of Revenue”. Gerrie Carey stated that the Memorial Day Parade was successful. Patrick Williams stated that the town looked very nice and clean, lines painted, areas were trimmed etc.

**4. ADJOURN:**

**President Carey**

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm Council went into Executive Session.

These meetings minutes are respectfully submitted by Jennifer Schmidt