

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING (RECONVENE)
Wednesday October 9, 2013**

The regular October Meeting of Borough Council was conducted on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 7:00 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, Ms. Patricia Lawler, Mayor Harry Kelly, Mr. Roy Davis, Mr. Dominic Scott, Recording Secretary Virginia Kehoe, Chief Joe Laguzzi, Solicitor Rogan, Jr. Council Greg Johnson and Jr. Council Matt Remus. Mr. Pat Williams and Mr. David Jenkins were absent.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:

President Carey

David Banks, owner of the Jewelry Room, spoke to Council about the parking situation. By purchasing a meter in front of your business, you're pitting business against business. Mr. Banks suggested more police enforcement or adopting a meter where anyone can park there. At Sunrise Café there has been many people talking about the inconvenience. He feels it's more of a negative thing. Patty Lawler spoke about creating the Adopt-a-Meter program. She stated she did her level best to get the word of the program out there for people to understand. This Adopt a Meter program is focusing on Depot Street. She spoke to each business person on Depot Street, first before the program was started. They did think a 6 month trial would be helpful. Tom Hill, from State Street Grill, purchased 10 meters way down at the end of Depot Street. Ms. Lawler is asking for 6 month pilot program and she is monitoring it as well as the police. Mr. Banks just said that maybe with police monitoring the 2 hour meters that would be helpful. Patty Lawler asked for patience and she appreciates Mr. Banks input. Herman Johnson commented that Patty Lawler has done a commendable job putting the information out. Mr. Johnson stated that if you are going to do this for Depot Street you are going to have to do this for the whole town. You are going to put business people against business people in the long run. There are so only so many police officers and he doesn't see how it can be consistently enforced with the amount of police we have. Even though he voted against it he would like to see the 6 month trial of this. Gerrie Carey discussed the Silver Spoon and State Street Grill parking situation and the amount of employees that need to park on the street. Barry Kaplan commented on the parking situation as well. Mr. Kaplan has reservations about this program. Based upon what happens he would like to see what happens with the pilot program. It does have potential for pitfalls. He hopes that it works will and makes things easier for businesses and people in the area.

2. TRASH CONTRACT

Barry Kaplan made comments on the Trash Contract. Mr. Kaplan stated that he is aware of the Boroughs considering a new trash contractor. He shared his experience and give superb reference, with recycling being so important they researched the recycling available. Waste Management was the only one to offer single stream recycling. To this day Everything Natural is able to recycle a greater variety of recyclables. They are able to recycle a greater variety than the current recycling company. In the last two years Everything Natural held electronic recycling events with donated assistance from Waste Management. These events have 14 tons waste to the recycling report for the Borough. That is additional money for the Borough from state recycling grants. They participate in community events, donate container service and pickup. They have contributed 100,000 in grants to Abington Heights. Giving the reference for their reliability and they would benefit Clarks Summit to go with Waste Management. Al Degennaro, Deputy General Counsel for J.P. Mascaro and Sons addressed Council. Bids were submitted and the lowest responsible bidder is to be awarded the contract. Mr. Degenarro questions the legality of the lowest dollar bid, that their bid is defective. There would then be two options, Mascaro would be the lowest responsible bidder or to reject all bids. Mr. Degenarro doesn't think rejecting all bids if fair. These rules and regulations are for the bidders to follow. In order to submit a responsive bid you had to follow these instructions. In order to be compliant and responsible bidder consent assurity needed to be submitted or it shouldn't be considered. Waste Management and J.P. Mascaro are the only two responsible and responsive bidder. By rejecting all bids you are giving someone the chance to get it right when they didn't get it right the first time. Sam Augustine commented on the bid and how it met all the specifications. They have references and consent assurity. They have unbelievable resources for the community. Continued on discussing all the J.P Mascaro has to offer the community. Tony stated that he feels County Waste had the lowest responsible bid and they get the performance bond. Herman Johnson wanted to go into Executive Session. Roy Davis stated that some of the

