

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT  
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> 2003  
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The regular meeting of the Clarks Summit Borough Council was held on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2003 at 7:00 P.M. The Meeting was conducted in Borough Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 304 South State Street, Borough of Clarks Summit, County of Lackawanna, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Council members in attendance were, Council President Edward M. Bush, Sr., Council Vice President Donald H. Moyer, III, Councilman Robert Bennett, Councilperson Gerry Carey (arriving late), and Councilman Patrick Williams. Councilman Thomas Bradley and Councilperson Linda Jenkins were absent (both away on vacation). Also attending were Mayor Robert Kester, Solicitor Ernest D. Preate, Jr., and Police Chief Joseph English. The Borough Manager/Secretary James G. Vones, Sr. was absent.

The there being a quorum present the Meeting was called to order by Council President Bush, followed by a moment of self-directed meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The Agenda had been prior by Council President Bush.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

No Minutes were prepared of prior Council Meetings.

**BIDS & QUOTATIONS:**

None

**BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Borough Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2003, as prepared by Borough Treasurer Dee Ann Stephens was before Council. Motion by Mr. Moyer to accept the Report as presented. Second by Mr. Williams. Discussion – None. Motion carried 4-0.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Mayor Kester gave the Police Report for the month of March 2003.

Mr. Williams questioned the miles reported on the 1997 Ford, and if that was the un-marked police car? Mayor Kester reported it was. He and the Chief of Police were working on securing prices for a new police car, and portable radios for the Department.

Chief English reported on an assist to the South Abington Police Department, which had resulted in the Clarks Summit Police Department making a drug arrest (March 26th 2003). Officer Williams and the Chief executed a search warrant and Officer Williams made the drug arrest.

Bush thanked the Chief and the Department for the good work in stopping drugs in the community and the school system.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:**

Motion by Mr. Bennett to current obligations, \$ 2,028.66 from the Payroll Account, and approve the payments made between March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup> 2003, \$ 134,564.92 from the General Fund, \$ 32,017.50

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from the Payroll Account, and \$ 7,599.54 from the Sewer Fund. Second by Mr. Moyer. Discussion – None. Motion carried 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 2003-05 (FFY 2003 CDBG FUNDS):**

Mrs. Carey asked about the bidding process for the proposed emergency generator at the Senior Center. President Bush advised that the plans and specs and bidding would be done by Lackawanna County and that is why they charged an administrative fee. The bidding would not be done by the Borough, rather the municipality is just a receiver of the federal funding and this project would benefit the Center to providing emergency power, as required. Mrs. Carey asked would there be any funds left over (after this project) for other things, like a dishwasher for the Center's kitchen? President Bush advised we would have to wait and see how this project progresses. Motion by Mr. Williams to adopt the Resolution. Second by Mr. Bennett. Discussion – None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Fire Protection Contract for 2003:**

The contract with the Clarks Summit Fire Company No. 1, Inc. was before Council for 2003. This year's contract will be for ¾ Mil. Motion to approve the Agreement made by Mr. Bennett. Second by Mr. Moyer. Discussion – None. Motion carried 5-0.

**BOROUGH SEWER OFFICE REPORT:**

The March 2003 Sewer Office Report, as prepared by Dee Ann Stephens was before Council. Motion by Mr. Moyer to accept the Report as presented. Second by Mrs. Carey. Discussion – None. Motion carried 5-0.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Ernest Preate reported on a meeting with the Borough's Insurance attorney about pending litigation dealing with the Police Pension.

Preate also reported on his legal actions relating to a collection of a past due sewer connection fee from a local business.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:**

President Bush reported that no Council Executive Session had been held prior to this Meeting and none were scheduled.

**PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:**

Mr. Wes Dunn asked why copies of the Treasurer's Report and the Sewer Office were not available here tonight for the public? President Bush responded these are available and can be viewed before the

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Meetings. Mr. Dunn asked, "If I want copies, contact Jim Vones?" President Bush responded yes, they are public records.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before Borough Council the Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**JAMES G. VONES, SR.  
Borough Manager/Secretary**

**EDWARD M. BUSH, SR.  
Council President**