

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
REORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008
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The Reorganization Meeting of Borough Council was conducted on Monday, January 7, 2007 at approximately 7:00 P.M. The Meeting was held in Borough Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 304 South State Street, Borough of Clarks Summit, County of Lackawanna, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

God Bless America was sung by kindergartener Lauren Carey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Harry Kelly.

The newly elected officials were sworn in by Lackawanna County Judge Vito Geroulo.

Mayor Harry Kelly took Roll Call. Council members in attendance were Mr. Bob Bennett, Mrs. Gerrie Carey, Mr. Roy Davis, Mrs. Kathy Drake, Mrs. Barbara Evans, Mr. Herman Johnson and Mr. Patrick Williams. Also attending were Mayor Harry Kelly, Borough Manager/Secretary, Virginia Kehoe, and Solicitor Ernest Preate.

Nomination and Election of Council President:

Mr. Roy Davis nominated Mrs. Gerrie Carey for President. Mr. Patrick Williams seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

Nomination and Election of Vice President:

Mr. Herman Johnson nominated Mr. Patrick Williams for Vice President. Mrs. Barbara Evans seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

Appointment of General Solicitor:

Mr. Herman Johnson made a motion to nominate Attorney Ernest Preate for Clarks Summit Borough Solicitor. Mr. Patrick Williams seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Nomination and Election of President Pro Tem:

Mr. Bob Bennett nominated Mr. Roy Davis. Mrs. Kathy Evans seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

Appointment of Vacancy Board Chair:

Mrs. Gerrie Carey nominated Mr. Tony O'Dell for the Vacancy Board Chair. Mr. Herman Johnson seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Appointment of Manager/Secretary:

Mrs. Gerrie Carey moved to maintain Virginia Kehoe as Borough Manager. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herman Johnson and carried 7-0.

Appointment of Police Chief:

Mr. Roy Davis made a motion to maintain Louis Vitale as Police Chief. Mrs. Gerrie Carey seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Appointment of DPW Foreman:

Mr. Herman Johnson made the motion to maintain Neil Bartholme as DPW Foreman. Mr. Bob Bennett seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

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Appointment of 2 seats on Abington Area Joint Recreation Board:

Mrs. Kathy Drake made a motion to maintain Al Urban and Patrick Williams as representatives for the AAJRB. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herman Johnson and carried 6-0.

Appointment of Seat on Civil Service Commission:

Mr. Herman Johnson nominated Mr. Dominick Scott. Mr. Patrick Williams seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Appointment of 2 Seats on Planning Commission:

Mr. Robert Bennett moved to reappoint Mr. John Durdan. Mr. Herman Johnson seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Mr. Herman Johnson nominated Chris O'Boyle to a seat on Planning Commission. Mr. Patrick Williams seconded the motion and it carried 6-1 with Mr. Bennett voting nay.

Appointment of Seat on Police Pension Board:

Mr. Roy Davis made a motion to appoint Mr. Herman Johnson to the seat on the Pension Board. Mrs. Barbara Evans seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Appointment of Seat on Zoning Hearing Board:

Mr. Patrick Williams made a motion to reappoint Mr. Philbin. Mr. Herman Johnson seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Replacement of Jim Ross' Seat on Joint Sewer Authority:

Mrs. Barbara Evans moved to nominate Mr. Joe Guzek. Mr. Patrick Williams seconded the motion and it carried 6-1 with Mr. Bennett voting nay.

Appointment of Part Time Assistant Secretaries:

Mr. Herman Johnson made a motion to maintain Katie Bower and Lori Harris as Assistant Secretaries. Mrs. Carey seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Appointment of Treasurer:

Mr. Herman Johnson made a motion to maintain Christine Tsaklas as treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patrick Williams and carried 7-0.

Appointment of Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer:

Mr. Herman Johnson made a motion to maintain Willard Ziesemer as CEO. Mr. Patrick Williams seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Appointment of Sewerage Enforcement Officer (S.E.O.):

Mrs. Barbara Evans made a motion to maintain Walter Riddell. Mr. Herman Johnson seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

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Appointment of Labor Solicitor:

Mr. Patrick Williams made a motion to maintain Attorney James Valetine. Mrs. Barbara Evans seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Appointment of Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor:

Mr. Herman Johnson made a motion to maintain Attorney Robert Shiels as ZHB Solicitor. Mr. Patrick Williams seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Appointment of Planning Commission Solicitor:

Mr. Herman Johnson made a motion to maintain Mr. Michael Cowley as Planning Commission Solicitor. Mrs. Barbara Evans seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Appointment of Borough Auditor:

Mr. Patrick Williams made a motion to maintain Snyder and Clemente as Borough Auditors. Mrs. Kathy Drake seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Appointment of Borough Engineer:

Mr. Roy Davis made a motion to maintain Acker Associates as Borough Engineers. Mr. Patrick Williams seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Appointment of Grandview Solicitor:

Mr. Robert Bennett made a motion to nominate the law office of Ernest Preate to be Grandview Solicitors. Mr. Herman Johnson seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Executive Sessions:

Prior – None

During - None

Subsequent – Immediately following Dixon Public Hearing

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mrs. Carey adjourned the reorganization meeting to begin a Special Hearing for Mr. Todd Dixon. Council will meet in Executive Session following the Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

**Katie M. Bower
Borough Secretary**

**Gerrie Carey
Council President**