

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, June 6, 2007
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The regular June Meeting of Borough Council was conducted on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 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 and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Council members in attendance were Council President Donald H. Moyer, III, Council Vice President Margaret Jackson, Councilperson Gerri Carey, Councilman James Colman, Councilman Roy Davis and Councilman Raymond Taylor. Councilman Patrick Williams arrived at 7:28 p.m. Also attending were Mayor Harold P. Kelly., Police Chief Louis Vitale, and Borough Manager/Secretary, Virginia Kehoe. There being a quorum present the Meeting was called to order by Council President, followed by a brief period of self-directed meditation and then the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Kelly.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Agenda was approved as presented with a motion by Mr. Taylor which was seconded by Mrs. Jackson and carried 6-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

A presentation was given by Mayor Kelly to Clarks Summit Eagle Scouts Pat Fricchione, Matt Kontz and Jim Burke in appreciation of their hard work and dedication and the improvements they have made to Clarks Summit with their service.

A presentation was given to Angie Kochis in appreciation of her efforts as Abington Senior Center Site Councilperson.

President Moyer announced that former Borough Manager Bob Thorne passed away.

President Moyer also wanted to say thank you to everyone involved in the Memorial Day Parade and commented on the excellent turnout.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and was carried 6-0.

BIDS & QUOTATIONS:

The 2007 Paving Project quotes were received from Slusser Brothers for \$144,457.60 and the other was received from Locust Ridge for \$151,252.00. Contingent upon the engineer's approval a motion was made by Mrs. Jackson to accept the bids. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and was carried 6-0.

BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT

The Borough Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2007 was before Council. The motion was made by Mrs. Jackson to approve the Report as presented and seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried 6-0.

A recommendation was made by Alice Kohn to close low activity accounts in an effort to save time and energy expended in book keeping and other banking expenses. Mr. Taylor made a motion to close the said accounts. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jackson and was carried 6-0.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Shade Tree Commission – Annual Report given by Jack Adcroft. There was discussion of funding issues as well as discussion of the success of tree-planting projects. Bids will be put out to remove dead trees with the small amount of money available for the project. Congressman Christopher Carney has been contacted to provide assistance in ascertaining additional State funding and is working to do so. The Shade Tree Commission Secretary reviewed the work that the Commission has completed the past year and outlined current and future projects and the approximate costs that correlate with said projects.

There was also discussion of a Shade Tree Ordinance which would regulate the proper removal and maintenance of trees with the issuance of permits.

SAPA Update – Len Wesilowski was the SAPA representative along with Tim Rowland. Council was presented with a program schedule of SAPA's activities. Public input was encouraged on all of SAPA's plans for land use and a website was provided for referencing all projects, meeting dates, etc: www.SAPAPLAN.com.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jackson to nominate Fred Major to Senior Center Council until the year 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Jackson to name Kurt Grabfelder as an alternate for the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Taylor and was carried 7-0.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Vitale gave the May 2007 Police Report, and summary of police related activities. A personnel issue was raised by a citizen as to a disabled officer and it was explained that personnel issues are handled in executive sessions.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

A Motion was made by Mr. Taylor to pay the bills as presented. Mrs. Jackson seconded the motion and it was carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 2007-15 regarding our Sister City in Wales. Warren Watkins is going to be visiting Wales from July 20, 2007 to represent Clarks Summit and acknowledge our Sister City Relationship in writing. Mrs. Jackson made the motion to acknowledge this with a second by Mr. Williams. The motion was carried 7-0.

Resolution 2007-16 regarding a \$10 fee for researching tax certifications for Real Estate Closings. Motion was made to approve by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Jackson and carried 7-0.

A motion was passed to schedule July's regular meeting for July 5, 2007 in lieu of meeting on the Holiday, July 4, 2007. Motion was made by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Davis and carried 7-0.

Property & Liability Insurance Renewal quote was received and was only \$105.00 higher for 2008. Motion to accept quote was made by Mrs. Jackson and was seconded by Mr. Taylor. The motion was carried 7-0.

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Virginia Kehoe stated that it has come to her attention that the Borough has not gone through a Recodification Process since 1994 and is something that should be done on a regular basis and updated every year. Recodification entails collecting all of the ordinances together and placing them into one bound book. As ordinances are amended they are replaced in the book. The Borough's book has not been updated in twelve years. Virginia obtained two quotes to provide the service by companies who are under State contract so there is no requirement to bid. One company quoted \$6300.00 and the other quoted almost \$12,000.00. The maintenance fees were comparable between both companies. We budgeted \$8,000.00 for this service last year and therefore have the money in the budget.

Virginia requested a motion to proceed. Mr. Williams made the motion which was seconded by Mrs. Jackson and was carried 7-0.

BOROUGH SEWER OFFICE REPORT:

The May 2007 Report by Virginia Kehoe was before Council. Motion made by Mr. Davis to approve the Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jackson. Discussion – None. Motion carried 7 – 0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Rotary Club requested a \$1,000.00 donation for the fireworks. Motion was made to approve the \$1,000.00 donation by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Jackson and carried 7-0.

A request from Pat Wosniski to place a rock bed on the back of her mother's property at 718 Hosfeld Street.

A thank you from the VFW for all of the help Clarks Summit Borough, the Police and DPW gave for the Memorial Day festivities.

A thank you was received from Michael Brunetti for the opportunity to work on Carol Drive Park for his Eagle Scout Project.

A thank you was received from Diane Alberigi for the DPW's wonderful service in picking up cinders at her property in a timely manner.

A request was made by Clarks Green Borough to borrow our Radar Sentry as they cannot afford to purchase one at the time and are desirous of collecting data to remedy a speeding problem in their Borough. In exchange they would share grant money with the Shade Tree Commission, etc. President Moyer referred the request to Mayor Kelly and Chief Vitale for review.

PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:

Lisa Bonn, owner of Geneva, discussed parking issues for her employees. Permit parking and longer term (10 hour) meter parking was discussed. Chief Vitale will look into the meter issues.

Harry Steier, a business owner on Depot Street, has developed an Ad campaign on WNEP 16, along with 9 other local merchants and shared the basic premise with Council. It will begin at the end of June and will run for approximately 4 months. He also expressed his concern that Depot Street is the "forgotten street" in Clarks Summit and is in need of some maintenance and attention.

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Ken Magnotta inquired about a Zoning Violation with regard to his neighbor. President Moyer explained that the Solicitor has been consulted and the issue was going to be discussed in Executive Session after the meeting.

Dot Vokes asked that State Street be considered in the Signs Ordinance. Virginia Kehoe explained that it would be addressed at the Planning Commission meeting on June 20th and that it would be advisable to attend that meeting.

Ray Davis addressed is there will be an insurance Hearing with regard to Officer Orzalek. Chief Vitale responded as did Virginia Kehoe. A question was also raised as to the absence of Work Session meetings. President Moyer responded.

A question was raised as to who updates the website and a request was made to have a "Last Updated" date inserted onto each page.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

President Moyer reported that they would enter into Executive Sessions to address personnel and litigation issues subsequent to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Jackson motioned to adjourn with a second by Mr. Taylor. The motion was carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Katie M. Bower
Borough Secretary**

**Donald H. Moyer, III
Council President**