

**BOROUGH OF CLARKS SUMMIT
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

The November 2021 Borough's regular meeting was conducted on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held in Council Chambers, 304 South State Street, Clarks Summit, in the County of Lackawanna and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Council members in attendance were Ms. Gerrie Carey, Mrs. Kathleen Simrell, Mr. Robert Sheils, Mr. Joshua Mitchell, Mr. Harry Kelly, Roni Lopez, Mayor Herman Johnson, Solicitor Kevin Hayes, Police Chief Chris Yarns and Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe. Mr. David Jenkins was absent

MEDITATION:

Mayor Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Johnson

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Roni Lopez made the first motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Kathleen Simrell vote was 6-0.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Carey

- **September 29, 2021 Work Session:** Harry Kelly made the first motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 6-0.
- **October 6, 2021 Council Meeting:** Roni Lopez made the first motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 6-0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT & INPUT:

President Carey

4. POLICE REPORT:

Discussion about activating the Civil Service.

Mayor Johnson

5. BIDS & QUOTATIONS:

President Carey

6. BOROUGH TREASURER'S REPORT:

President Carey

- **October 2021:** Bob Sheils made the first motion to approve the report, seconded by Josh Mitchell, vote was 6-0. Roni Lopez made the first motion to approve the Benecon \$72,420 to be put in Capital Reserves fund, seconded by Harry Kelly, vote was 6-0.

7. VENDOR PAYMENTS TO BE RATIFIED:

President Carey

- **October 2021:** Roni Lopez made the first motion to approve the vendor payments to be ratified, seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 6-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

President Carey

- **Civil Service List:** Already discussed
- **Resolution 2021-17 - Police Regionalization – add Josh Mitchell to committee:** Josh Mitchell stated that he has had conversations with other communities about Police Regionalization. He will report back at our Council meetings as to any updates. The purpose of this Resolution is to gather information and work with

DCED, once he has approached Waverly and South Abington. Bob Sheils made a motion to approve this resolution, seconded by Harry Kelly, vote was 6-0.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

President Carey

- Sewer Report: Bob Sheils made the first motion to approve the sewer report, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0.
- Special Events Report: No new applications.
- 2022 draft budgets:
- Ordinances 2021-05 – 2021-08 – TAN, Millage, Sewer, Fire Fund: This is a vote to advertise. Kathleen Simrell made the first motion to approve the advertising, seconded by Roni Lopez, vote was 6-0.
- Personnel Contracts: Yarns, Basalyga, Lodwick and Carros: Chris Yarns contract was approved by Bob Sheils and seconded by Harry Kelly, vote was 6-0. Jennifer Basalyga contract was approved by Roni Lopez and seconded by Kathleen Simrell, vote was 6-0. Sara Lodwick’s contract was approved by Kathleen Simrell and seconded by Roni Lopez. George Carros’ contract was approved by Bob Sheils and seconded by Harry Kelly, vote was 6-0.
- Resolution 2021-15 – Parking Meter Suspension: The suspensions are on November 3rd, 19th, and 20th.
- November Work Session: No worksession.
- E Greenwood Resident Response: Letters were sent to residents on East Greenwood Avenue. Ms. Kehoe only received 1 reply from a resident who was not in favor of changing the name of the street.

10. SOLICITOR’S REPORT:

Solicitor Hayes

Kevin Hayes stated that they need rules and regulations in place to activate Civil Service. Mr. Genova, 212 Ridge Street, still needs to be investigated if this is a borough road. The Gateway sign is able to move forward.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

President Carey

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| • Prior- | October Worksession, personnel and contract negotiations. |
| • During- | N/A |
| • Subsequent- | N/A |

Kathleen Simrell asked if there was any additional information concerning the Santa Mailbox. Ms. Kehoe hasn’t heard from the post master.

ADJOURN:

President Carey

Roni Lopez made the motion to adjourn.