CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: President Williams called the meeting of the Clarks Green Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Secretary Culbertson conducted roll call. The following were present: Mr. Rinaldi, Mrs. Earley, Ms. D'Oro, Mr. Barrasse, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Williams, Mayor Thorburn and Solicitor Weinschenk. Mr. Barrasse asked Council for a moment of silence for the victims of Orlando shooting.

EXCUSED: Mr. Toms.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: President Williams entertained the motion to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2016 Council meeting. Mr. Hughes motioned, seconded by Mrs. Earley to accept the minutes. Mr. Barrasse, Ms. D'Oro, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Rinaldi, Mrs. Earley and Mr. Williams voted in favor.

VISITORS: Officer Jeff Spagna, South Abington Police Department.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Thorburn informed Council on a recent incident within the borough stating that resident David Koehler accidently shot himself in the hand. Officer Spagna had nothing specific to report. Mayor Thorburn reported that he talked with Johnny Braz regarding producing a video history of the Borough. Mr. Braz intends to submit a proposal to the Borough regarding the cost.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were received at this time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Weinschenk explained the conditional use application submitted to the Borough for the former CVS building. He stated the proposed use is an emergency veterinary clinic, called the Clarks Green Veterinarian. Solicitor Weinschenk informed Council that the planning commission has thirty (30) days to review the application and make any recommendations concerning that use to Borough Council. The deadline for the Planning Commission submission is June 24th and Council is required to hold a public hearing on the application within sixty (60) days of its receipt. The deadline is July 25, 2016. Once received, Council has forty-five (45) days to render a decision either approving, disapproving or approving with conditions of the application. Solicitor Weinschenk told Council that he had sent an email regarding unkempt properties Solicitor Weinschenk stated he was unsure Councilman Toms was aware of what the actual ordinance states. He suggested new members of Council should obtain and review the Borough's Code of Ordinances. He advised there is a specific procedure to follow in dealing with unkempt properties in order for the Borough to file a lien and recover the cost for the cleaning up the properties. Solicitor Weinschenk suggested that Mr. Toms should coordinate with Lori Harris, the Code Enforcement Officer who is the Borough Official required to send notices. Mr. Rinaldi questioned the time limits for the planning

commission to act and can that be by agreement of the applicant extended and if it can be extended does that extend the sixty (60) days. Solicitor Weinschenk stated it should include both the extension of the planning commission review and Council's action and public hearing. Mr. Hughes verified that the planning commission should meet and act on this by June 24th. President Williams informed Council that he had communications with Dr. Radtke and he stated that she will be kept informed through Lori Harris. Mr. Rinaldi asked how much notice is needed for the Planning Commission hearing. Solicitor Weinschenk stated 24 hours. Mayor Thorburn asked whether there is an ordinance that restricts someone from getting a permit if there was a lien on their property stating the Zoning Officer issued a permit for David Phillips even though he is delinquent in his sewer payments in the amount of $3270. Solicitor Weinschenk believes there may be an ordinance that involves unpaid fees and the borough can withhold approval although he was unsure of its enforceability.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL APPROVAL: Mr. Hughes reported on the checking account balances with comparisons to last month and last year. The Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Hughes and filed for audit. Current fund balances are as follows:

Capital Fund Money Market	$	39,367.99
General Fund Checking		303,344.23
General Fund Money Market		35,257.54
Sewer Fund Checking		266,960.96
Sewer Fund Money Market		84,957.26
State Funds Checking		46,318.92
Total Checking/Savings	$	776,206.90

With no questions from Council Mr. Hughes motioned, seconded by Mrs. Earley to accept the Treasurer's report and ratify the payment of the bills. Mrs. Earley, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Barrasse, Mr. Rinaldi, Ms. D'Oro and Mr. Williams voted in favor. Mr. Hughes then presented the Budget vs. Actual report comparing balances on the report to amounts of a year ago. There are increases in the Real Estate Taxes of $5,000, Local Service Taxes of $5,000 and transfers into our Capital fund is approximately $10,000 and our state allotment is $6,000 higher than what we received a year ago. The sewer collection fees are $17,000 higher than a year ago pointing out that there were no increases to the fees. Mr. Hughes told Council net income is running $39,000 higher than year ago. Mr. Hughes told Council all in all the report puts a smile on my face. Mr. Hughes reported on sewer delinquencies stating that First Quarter of 2016 we had collected $6299 and account #0436 by the end of June if no payment is made will recommend placing a municipal lien against the property. Mr. Hughes reviewed the properties that have liens stating account #0174 paid $700 but still has a balance and the lien has not been removed. Mr. Hughes notified Council that a second letter was sent to the eight (8) delinquent property owners with a June 30th deadline. Mr. Hughes recommended that the AAJRB bond not to be reduced and to keep it at $250,000. Mr. Hughes instructed Secretary Culbertson to email Bill Risse that the AAJRB bond will remain at $250,000 and that there were no draws on their grant. Mr. Hughes reviewed the donation requests which included the Abington Rotary, the Abington Little League and Countryside Conservatory $2500 request. The Finance Committee specifically discussed the Countryside Conservatory stating the Borough budget contains a deficient of $49,000.00. He stated the Finance Committee was in agreement to tender our regrets that we are unable to make

the requested contribution. The Budget Committee also recommended that no contributions be made to the Abington Rotary or the Abington Little League. Ms. D'Oro asked if any contributions will be given to other organizations. Mr. Hughes stated perhaps next year a contribution amount might be possible for the Country Conservatory. Mr. Hughes stated the Abington Heights Library was budgeted for $2000 and the Abington Senior Center was budgeted for $500. He explained that the library is quite active and is available to all residents as is the Abington Senior Center. Council agreed to review the request when preparing the 2017 Budget. Mrs. Earley mentioned in previous years the Abington Rotary reported making a sizable profit at its fireworks event. Mayor Thorburn stated he believes it is not in the public's benefit to give their money away since it may result in a tax increase. Mr. Rinaldi motioned to donate $1000 to the Abington Heights Community Library and $500 to the Abington Senior Center, seconded by Mrs. Earley. Mrs. Earley, Ms. D'Oro, Mr. Rinaldi, Mr. Barrasse, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Williams voted in favor. Mr. Hughes mentioned an April meeting in which Mr. Rinaldi and himself attended with officials from FNCB Bank in which they expressed their interest in soliciting the Borough's business relative to the Borough's General Funds account and sewer account. FNCB proposal was an interest rate of .40 (40) basis points. Currently NBT Bank is paying .02 (2) basis points. Mr. Hughes told Council that he contacted NBT to see if they can give us a better interest rate but-had not heard from NBT yet. Mr. Hughes recommended to Council to maintain the accounts with NBT Bank explaining he was satisfied with the service and that the Borough has a good relationship with NBT which is responsive to requests. Mr. Hughes stated under the FNCB proposal the Borough potentially could increase the interest on those accounts by approximately $1000 to $2000 provided the proposed rate would remain but that rate was not guaranteed. Mr. Barrasse informed Council about using internet banking and possibly getting one (1) percent on our funds and mentioned the idea of tiered CDs. Mr. Barrasse suggested tabling the motion for more research and that he would discuss it further at the next work session. Mr. Hughes reminded Mr. Barrasse that liquids funds need to be available for the various projects that can arise. Mr. Barrasse then introduced the idea of linking funds between various banks. Mayor Thorburn stated it would make more sense to save four (4) percent by paying the loan off. Mr. Hughes stated he was going to talk about the possibility of paying off the Borough's exiting loan. Mr. Rinaldi motioned to accept the FNCB Bank's proposal concerning the sewer account and associated money market account. Mrs. Earley seconded the motion. Ms. D'Oro, Mrs. Earley, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Barrasse and Mr. Williams voted no. Mr. Rinaldi voted yes. Mr. Hughes stated he will draft a letter to FNCB bank thanking them for their interest and will follow-up with NBT Bank on his recent request for increasing the rate. President Williams welcomed the future comparisons of rates to be provided by Mr. Barrasse.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Nothing to report in Mr. Toms absence.

PUBLIC WORKS: Mrs. Earley reported that she had received the contracts from PennDot for the Green Light Go Grant which has an August 10th deadline and that the awarded grant was divided between two (2) separate agreements. One (1) grant is in the amount of $7,043.45 for the controller cabinet and the second grant is for $7,645.44 and it is for the controller replacement, traffic loop sensor and the pedestrian activation buttons. Together, the contracts total $14,688.89. Mrs. Earley suggested to Council that Solicitor Weinschenk should review the contract grant agreements and then advise Council on any resolutions required prior to President Williams executing those agreements. Mrs. Earley informed Council the DPW is preparing

Highland Avenue for the paving project including raising the catch basins to the new pavement level. She stated DPW Supervisor Dave Kohinsky estimated the cost will be less than $10,000. Mrs. Earley motioned to authorize getting quotes for the inlet, which was seconded by Mr. Barrasse. Mr. Hughes, Mr. Rinaldi, Mrs. Earley, Ms. D'Oro, Mr. Barrasse and Mr. Williams voted in favor. Mr. Earley stated that Dave Kohinsky would like to purchase tools that will allow the DPW crew to cut the borough's brush along the roads. She explained the culvert work is necessary to meet the Borough's MS4 requirements. Mrs. Earley made a motion to authorize the purchase of the brush clearing equipment up to $1000 noting it is included in the roads budget. Mr. Rinaldi verified that this would be an attachment to the skidsteer. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. Mr. Hughes, Mr. Rinaldi, Mrs. Earley, Ms. D'Oro, Mr. Barrasse and Mr. Williams voted in favor. Mrs. Earley displayed a pamphlet called The Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater stating it was authored by Lancaster County in conjunction with many sponsors including the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation Natural Resources, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and the Alliance of the Chesapeake Bay. Mrs. Earley asked Council to consider purchasing the pamphlet with the quantity of 1250 for the cost of $1500. She explained that this pamphlet will be replacing the When It Rains, It Drains publication that has been distributed by the Borough for several years. The pamphlet will be delivered with the Borough's leaf bag distributions for the next two (2) years. Mrs. Earley motioned to purchase 1250 copies of The Homeowner's Guide at the cost of $1500, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi. Mr. Barrasse, Mrs. Earley, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Rinaldi, Ms. D'Oro and Mr. Williams voted in favor.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Mr. Barrasse announced a special event that will be held on Clark Street, July 31st from noon to 5 P.M. He stated it was approved by Chief Gerrity of the South Abington Township Police Department allowing the closure of the street from Hall Avenue to Venard Road. He asked Solicitor Weinschenk if a motion is needed by Council. Solicitor Weinschenk answered in the affirmative. Mr. Barrasse made a motion to authorize the street closing from Hall Avenue to Venard on July 31st, seconded by Mrs. Earley. Mr. Hughes, Mr. Rinaldi, Mrs. Earley, Ms. D'Oro, Mr. Barrasse and Mr. Williams voted in favor. Mr. Barrasse informed Council he had several conversations concerning the traffic light with Northeast Traffic Signal. Mr. Rinaldi stated he had previously requested PennDot's assistance but had yet to receive an answer. Mr. Barrasse reported that he had met briefly with the two (2) local fire chiefs today, Chief Sean Connolly of the South Abington Township Fire Company and Ryan Miller of the Clarks Summit Fire Company regarding dual dispatching. After some research Mr. Barrasse reported he believed dual dispatching significantly reduced response times. He then told Council that South Abington Township Fire Company's Ambulance has a paid staff on Saturday and Sunday 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. He believes the two (2) fire departments are not adverse to it. Mr. Barrasse told Council the next step will be checking with Dave Hahn from the Lackawanna County Communications Center. He believes this arrangement would be a great improvement in the safety of our Borough. Mr. Barrasse also talked about the Opticon System stating this is in operation at Grove and State Streets. President Williams asked Mr. Barrasse to arrange a meeting with Chief Miller and Chief Connolly possibly at a work session to answer some questions.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Rinaldi told Council the Personnel Committee decided to advertise again for the DPW Maintenance worker without the CDL requirement after talking with Dave Kohinsky about the needs of the DPW. The advertisements have been submitted for publication. The Committee will be conducting interviews after the end of June to conduct interviews with a recommendation to Council at its July meeting. Mayor Thorburn asked if someone was hired, will they be required to get a CDL license within a certain number of months. Mr. Rinaldi stated they would not be required but if the person wanted to obtain that license, the Borough Employee Handbook states the Borough would pay the costs. Mayor Thorburn expressed his concerns for future winter months. Mr. Rinaldi stated that we only have one (1) vehicle which is the big dump truck that requires a CDL license and it is not used for plowing. Mr. Rinaldi brought to Council attention, since Mr. Toms is not present at the meeting, the Borough had recently received a proposal from Computer Visionaries Inc. to provide Information Technology services at a cost of $85 per hour and with approximately a third of that amount as a one-way travel fee to the client. Currently, Northeast Computer Solutions cost is $100 per hour with a $20 travel fee. President Williams stated since Northeast Computer Solutions originally had setup the computer system for the Borough and there is a low volume of computer service calls he feels more comfortable in keeping with the current vendor. Mr. Rinaldi reminded Council the computers at the Borough will need to be upgraded to Windows 10 before the free upgrade is over and stated both vendors will be able to handle the upgrades. Mr. Rinaldi motioned to accept the proposal of Computer Visionaries Inc., seconded by Mrs. Earley. Mr. Barrasse, Ms. D'Oro, Mrs. Earley, Mr. Rinaldi, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Williams voted no. Mr. Rinaldi told Council he will send a letter stating thank you for their proposal and that it was decided not to accept their proposal.

REFUSE & RECYCLING: Ms. D'Oro told Council about the upcoming recycling event being held at the Clarks Green Borough building June 25th from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. and stated since the Borough has a lot of senior citizens she would try to help them by having our DPW crew schedule a pickup at their residence if they call ahead to schedule with her. Ms. D'Oro stated she will call the Abington Journal and give them the pertinent information for the advertisement and she will make a sign for the event. Secretary Culbertson will place the event information with Clipboard a free advertisement in the Time-Tribune paper. Ms. D'Oro questioned should we ask Clarks Summit if they would like to participate and Council had no objections. Ms. D'Oro told Council she will contact Clarks Summit and make the necessary arrangements if they agreed to participate.

ARWA: Mr. Rinaldi informed Council the Authority is still resolving the problem with their grid pump determining there is computer fault making it turn off after forty-eight (48) hours. Another employee has become certified operator. The Director attended the Penntec Technical Conference June 5th to 8th. The punch list for Quandel is still not completed and it deals with the exit from the plant west from Route 6 no estimate was given until the plan was approved. The electrical and plumbing punch list have been finished. The engineers, Gannet Fleming are to meet with Quandel and the Finance Committee to plan a global settlement on Friday. There are certain items the Finance Committee believes should be credited to the Sewer Authority. Mr. Rinaldi talked about an awkward moment at the meeting when the Director was reprimanded by the Finance Chair for going forward in getting a cost proposal from two (2) vendors for flow meters but later he was reminded that it was required. Apparently, when the budget was

prepared by the Finance Committee the flow meters were not included. Mr. Rinaldi questioned why it was not budgeted and why was it part of the upgrade of the plant and did not get answers to his questions. Mr. Rinaldi informed Council that he has the ARWA Director's, engineer, and the May meeting minutes in the Borough office for review. Mr. Rinaldi talked about an earlier meeting back in April, stating Authority Member Gloria Lance had expressed a desire to expand the educational aspect of the Sewer Authority's role. Mr. Rinaldi stated he offered his help in putting a plan together for Sewer Authority. He then proceeded to tell Council he had been asked to present the plan to the Authority to fund the educational aspect by the committee. Unfortunately, Mrs. Lance decided not to have the presentation but neglected to tell Mr. Rinaldi. Mr. Rinaldi stated he was reprimanded by Chairman Don Snyder, because he had joined the committee without being approved by him. Chairman Snyder then proceeded to pronounce he likes to have all committees represented by each municipality. Mr. Rinaldi pointed out to Chairman Snyder that he is the only representative from Clarks Green. Mr. Rinaldi questioned Chairman Snyder asking if he had been appointed a member of all the committees. Mr. Rinaldi also related he was reprimanded a second time for asking a question to the Solicitor regarding the acceptance of donations for funding of the education aspect of the Authority's role. The Finance Chair told Mr. Rinaldi Authority Members cannot ask any questions to the Solicitor unless the majority of the Board approves the questions since it cost money. Mr. Rinaldi explained that twenty (20) minutes appeared on the Solicitor's invoice showing research had been done on his question. Mr. Rinaldi expressed his concerns to Council stating that even if Clarks Green's Representative on the Authority brings something to the floor since he is the only representative from Clarks Green the issue might never receive a second. He stated he wanted Council to understand the dynamics of only having one (1) vote out of nine (9). Solicitor Weinschenk stated the Borough requested to be a part of the Joint Authority and that the Borough did the only thing it could do since the Borough agreed to representation by population size. Mr. Rinaldi told Council that Harold Jenkins was newly appointed by Clark Summit Borough and appointed to take part in the negotiations of the global settlement for the outstanding disputes with the contractors working on the Plant renovations. Mr. Hughes suggested to Mr. Rinaldi to mention to the Authority Board to check out People's Security Bank for better rates.

OLD BUSINESS: President Williams briefly reviewed Ordinance No. 1 of 2016. He stated the ordinance amends the existing ordinance reducing the Borough's Planning Commission from seven (7) members to five (5) members and currently existing on the Planning Commission are three (3) members, terms expiring on December 31, 2016, December 31, 2017, and December 31, 2018. This ordinance proposes the appointment of two (2) members with terms expiring December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020. Upon expiration of the terms of current and newly appointed members of the Borough Planning Commission, a member of the Planning Commission shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. Mr. Hughes motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2016, seconded by Mrs. Earley. Mrs. Earley, Mr. Hughes, Ms. D'Oro, Mr. Barrasse, Mr. Rinaldi and Mr. Williams voted in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2016
BOROUGH OF CLARKS GREEN
LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE REDUCING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION FROM SEVEN (7) TO FIVE (5), PROVIDING FOR TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH PLANNING COMMISSION AND AMENDING SECTIONS 1-221 AND 1-222 OF SUBPART C, PART 2, CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE BOROUGH OF CLARKS GREEN.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Clarks Green desires to reduce the Borough Planning Commission from seven (7) members to five (5) members; and

WHEREAS, there are currently three (3) members on the Borough Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the three (3) current members expire December 31, 2016, December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2018.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Clarks Green, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania as follows:

1. Section 1-221 of Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Clarks Green is hereby amended and restated as follows:

"§ 1-221 Creation; Membership.

The Borough Planning Commission previously created by the Borough Council of the Borough of Clarks Green shall hereafter consist of five (5) members appointed by Borough Council effective upon enactment of this Ordinance and such Planning Commission shall be the executive body authorized and directed to carry out the duties prescribed by this Part."

2. Section 1-222 of Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Clarks Green is hereby amended and restated as follows:

" § 1-222 Terms; Vacancies.

At the time of enactment of this Section, the current members terms expire December 31, 2016, December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2018 and the Borough Council shall appoint two (2) additional members to the Borough Planning Commission with the term of one such member to expire December 31, 2019 and the term of the second member to expire December 31, 2020. Upon expiration of the terms of current and newly appointed members of the Borough Planning Commission and thereafter upon expiration of successive terms, a member of the Planning Commission shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. In the event that any vacancy occurs, other than by expiration of a member's term, any appointment made to fill such vacancy shall be for the remainder of the unexpired portion of the term. A member shall not continue to serve upon expiration of the term of such member."

HIS ORDINANCE is effective upon enactment.

ENACTED AS AN ORDINANCE of the Borough of Clarks Green this 15th day of June, 2016.

ATTEST:

/s/Joanne Culbertson
Joanne Culbertson, Secretary

BOROUGH OF CLARKS GREEN

By: /s/Keith Williams
Keith Williams, President
Clarks Green Borough Council

(SEAL)

Approved this 15th day of June, 2016.

By: /s/William Thorburn
William Thorburn, Mayor

President Williams asked for a motion to elect two (2) Council members to the Planning Commission. Mrs. Earley motioned to appoint Bill Toms to the Planning Commission with the term expiring December 31, 2019 and appoint Keith Williams to the Planning Commission with the term expiring December 31, 2020. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. Mr. Barrasse, Mrs. Earley, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Rinaldi, Ms. D'Oro, and Mr. Williams voted in favor. President Williams asked Mr. Rinaldi to give a report on the meeting that he had with the Abington Heights School District. Mr. Rinaldi told Council he and Mr. Barrasse had met with the Superintendent of the Abington Heights School District, Mr. Mahon and the Director of Transportation, Susan Wallace to talk about school bus stop safety. Mr. Rinaldi stated they clarified what criteria determines the school bus stops. District Transportation has specific criteria other than the best interest of the students. Mr. Rinaldi expressed Council's concern about the intersection of Grove Street and Abington Road where the school bus was stopping each afternoon approximately 3:10 P.M. Council believes the location of this stop is neither safe nor convenient for residents citing a recent three (3) car accident. Dr. Mahon and Ms. Wallace agreed that the bus stop starting this fall will be at the corner of Cook Street eliminating tying up five (5) main Borough roads. Mr. Rinaldi discussed an accident that occurred on Fairview Road in which a school bus was stopped picking up students. The accident involved two (2) cars when one (1) car did not stop colliding with the other car. Mr. Barrasse suggested that the bus should enter road of Rabbit Run for pickup and around and up to Squirrel Street indicating they would be on the side street rather on Fairview where the cars come up and down. Dr. Mahon and Ms. Wallace stated they would review the suggestion. Mr. Barrasse wanted to point out to Council that Ms. Wallace indicated that she was given misinformation concerning the pickup at Clarks Green Borough building stating the Abington Kids Learning Center had access to their facility and that was not true but they were going through the borough building's property. In regard to the safety of our intersection, Mr. Rinaldi pointed out the

fact the Abington Kids Learning Center is expanding making a requirement for more parking spaces at the facility and he called Permit Enforcement Officer Joe Supulski for information. Mr. Supulski stated he is only the code enforcer for electrical and construction and only does his inspections if there is a zoning permit. Mr. Rinaldi told Council he contacted Lori Harris to provide him with the zoning permit and whether the issue on parking spaces were in compliance. Mr. Rinaldi informed Council that no zoning permit was issued for expansion but the back of the file folder indicated no zoning issues present. Mr. Rinaldi stated only things we know is that there will be more kids, more traffic and apparently not enough parking spaces as a result of the permit issuance. Mayor Thorburn asked where is the expansion taking place and Mr. Rinaldi stated they are expanding another 1800 square feet on the main floor of the building. Mr. Rinaldi asked Solicitor Weinschenk whether there is a timeline in appealing a permit since the permit for the Abington Kid Center was issued on May 26th and told Council the zoning ordinances need to be enforced. Mr. Rinaldi expressed his concern the Borough resolved the school bus situation to make it safer but now, there will be more traffic with expansion and a need for more parking spaces. Mr. Rinaldi cannot understand how the parking space requirements of the zoning ordinance were not considered as an issue with the expansion. President Williams asked Mr. Rinaldi to email Lori Harris to do research on the Mantis property to find out the square feet usage being used for offices and the daycare. President Williams discussed 400 Clark Street's unkempt property and Solicitor Weinschenk told Council that there is a procedure in the Borough ordinance for those situations. Solicitor Weinschenk stated an email was sent to Council regarding the proper procedures and recommended that Mr. Toms coordinate with Lori Harris as to the enforcement so that the Borough can recover the funds expended. Mayor Thorburn and Council agreed that Lori Harris will need to send a letter to the property owners to deal with the unkempt property issues. Mr. Hughes talked about the reluctance of the Abington Heights Joint Recreation Boards to have a 2015 audit. He cannot understand how anyone who is a board member or an officer in an organization who is using public funds would not want to be transparent with their financials. Mr. Hughes stated that if they refuse to have an audit he feels the Borough should withhold our future contributions until the Authority conducts an audit. Solicitor Weinschenk stated he had talked with Mr. Risse the Authority wants to have their new treasurer Mr. Saunders, a CPA, to do preliminary financial compilations and statements at the cost of $7,000. The Authority stated if a certified audit was performed it would cost $13,000. Mr. Hughes commented that statement is not accurate comparing the Borough's audit at $6,800 is not reviewed by another firm. Mr. Hughes stated a couple of years ago Mr. Risse had sent financial statements claiming them to be certified and that several CPA firms told him that is all that is required. Mr. Hughes then sent an email to Mr. Risse telling him that certified financial statements are reviewed by and completed by an auditor who then expresses an opinion. Mr. Hughes questions his veracity of what Mr. Risse had told Council in the past and now. Mr. Hughes offered to go to other municipalities to express the audit concerns. President Williams to contact the other member municipalities requesting the Council members be placed on their agendas to discuss this issue. Mr. Rinaldi feels this is necessary since the Borough has been sending correspondence without any replies.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Rinaldi informed Council that he had called Rick Williams, the Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission concerning the Emerald Ash Borer explaining this beetle is invading the ash trees in northeast Pennsylvania. He suggested Council should decide if spraying would be beneficial since the Borough is trying to get a thirty (30) percent canopy for the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program. Mr. Williams reported Rick William's opinion was that it was too late and that there was nothing that can be done about it. Mr. Rinaldi welcomed Council's suggestions or comments on this situation. Mrs. Earley stated that the trees are already dying. Mr. Rinaldi reminded Council there is a state spraying program however municipalities have to apply in advance with the County. Mrs. Earley told Council she will research this situation. Mr. Barrasse informed Council that in Tioga County they are in the process of timbering the infected ash trees to

prevent the spread of the problem. Mrs. Earley made copies of an article that was in the Times-Tribune regarding brownfields. She stated she has been in contact with Gerard Hetman and is asking Council's permission to fill out the necessary survey form to place the local abandoned gas station on the inventory list. This will start with the assessment of what's in the ground and what it's going to take to clean it up and possibly receive funds to actually do the cleanup of this brownfield site creating an asset instead of a liability. Mrs. Earley made a motion to complete the survey with Lackawanna County, seconded by Mr. Barrasse. Mr. Barrasse, Mr. Rinaldi, Mr. Hughes, Ms. D'Oro, Mrs. Earley and Mr. Williams voted in favor. Mrs. Earley told Council she will be working on the County Arts grant due by October 15th which may be used for a History of Clarks Green production Mr. Hughes informed Council an interview with one of our Borough residents, Sal Cognetti in the Happenings Magazine.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Rinaldi motioned, seconded by Mr. Hughes to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. All in attendance voted in favor.

Joanne Culbertson, Secretary/Treasurer

CLARKS GREEN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 15, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ROLL CALL
3. MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES
4. MAYOR'S AND POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
   Visitors are asked to approach the podium and kindly state their name and address. Comments are limited to 5 minutes.
6. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Weinschenk
7. TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL APPROVAL – Mr. Hughes
8. FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Hughes
   Sewer Delinquencies
   AAJRB Bond Invoice
9. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Mrs. Earley
10. HEALTH & SAFETY – Mr. Barrasse
    Traffic Light Signal
11. PERSONNEL – Mr. Rinaldi
    DPW Position
12. REFUSE & RECYCLING – Ms. D'Oro
    Electronics Recycling Event
13. ARWA REPORT – Mr. Rinaldi
14. OLD BUSINESS
    Ordinance 1 of 2016
    Appointment of Council Representatives to Planning Commission
    Meeting with Abington Heights School District
    Letter to U.S. Bank Regarding 400 Clark Street
15. NEW BUSINESS
    Brownfield Application
    Arts Application
16. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE TO VISITORS: Please sign the attendance sheet and indicate if you wish to observe the meeting or to address Council, stating the agenda topic on which you would like to comment. Thank you.