

CLARK BOROUGH
APRIL 5, 2016 - 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
READING OF MINUTES
TREASURER'S REPORT
VISITORS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
CVFC Relief Audit (Updated Letter of Compliance)

NEW BUSINESS
DCNR Update - Doug
Borough's Assn Dinner – Mayor
Yard Sale Parking - Russ
2015 Audit – Mayor
Agreement for Tree Removal - Lee

QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY MADDEN
CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS
OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

Sewer Committee
Boroughs Association and Council of Governments
Building, Park & Recreation – DCNR Grant
Code Enforcement/ Zoning Officer
Collector of Taxes
Council of Governments
Finance, Insurance, Pension, Personnel
Fire
Highways
Mercer County Joint Sewer Agency
Police
Planning (Local and Regional)
Recycling
Storm Water
Zoning (Local and Regional)
Mayor
President of Council

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ADJOURNMENT

April 5, 2016

The meeting of Clark Borough Council was called to order by President, James Carucci who led in the pledge to the flag on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Russell Shaffer, Patricia LaRocca, Donna Lapikas, Lee Loutzenhiser, Clark Eberhart, Doug Robbins, William Madden, Barbara Dunlap, Larry McKnight and Patricia Haggerty.

James Carucci made a motion to accept the March 1, 2016 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Douglas Robbins and passed with all voting yes.

James Carucci read the Treasurer's Report for the Month of May 2016. Patricia LaRocca made a motion to accept the March 2016 Treasurer's Report. This motion was seconded by Lee Loutzenhiser and passed with all present voting yes.

Doug Robbins reported an inspection of the park revealed the Swing Set (without swings), the Geo Dome and the Sliding Board do not meet current safety standards so they will have to be removed before the DCNR project can get started. Doug further stated Council should be getting in touch with some of the volunteer organizations on our in kind presentation to DCNR to line up sufficient volunteer assistance for this project. Mayor Harakal suggested contacting the Guidance Counselor at the Sharpsville High School to see if any students need to complete their community service requirement.

Doug Robbins also reported a 60% saving in the electric bill for street lighting due to the changeover to LED lighting. We still have a couple of lights that need to be changed but this is a significant savings to the Borough.

Mayor Harakal asked if a study could be done to see how much it would cost to change over the lighting in the Borough building and Social Hall to LED bulbs. Suggestions were made to contact Penn Power. Larry McKnight reported that a study had been done in the past the revealed little savings to the Borough since the lights are not used a high percentage of the time.

Mayor Harakal reminded Council of the Boroughs Association Dinner on April 28, 2016. All council members and the Mayor committed to attending this dinner. Lee Loutzenhiser and Mayor Harakal brought in donations for door prizes for the dinner. Mayor Harakal asked other Council Members to try to get some donations for the dinner.

Russell Shaffer addressed the issue of parking during the annual community yard sale in August. There was concern raised by the CVFC regarding inaccessibility of an emergency vehicle during this day as cars often park on both sides of the road making it impossible to get an emergency vehicle through. Russ suggested we solicit help from the community to "police" their streets to enforce parking on one side of the street.

Mayor Harakal read a brief statement from Black, Bashor & Porsch stating the audit was performed in accordance with general accounting procedures with no significant findings or issues. All Council members received a copy of the 2015 audit and reviewed the same. Russell Shaffer made a motion to accept and publish the audit. James Carucci seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken, James Carucci – yes, Douglas Robbins – yes, Leland Loutzenhiser – yes, Donna Lapikas – yes, Patricia LaRocca – yes, Russell Shaffer – yes.

Lee Loutzenhiser reported he was able to get in touch with Catherine Lamont regarding the trees that are overhanging Winner Road and she has agreed to allow the Borough of Clark to cut down and remove the trees. Attorney Madden drafted an agreement between Catherin Lamont and the Borough of Clark. Lee will have the agreement signed and filed in the Borough Office.

In the absence of Clark Eberhart, Barbara Dunlap read the Sewer Bills for Council Approval. Lee Loutzenhiser made a motion to pay the sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Russell Shaffer and passed.

In the absence of Al Harakal, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Mayor Harakal reported that zoning officer was in touch with Mrs. Bracken regarding the recent installation of a fence. Mrs. Bracken has since filled out the proper paperwork for the Zoning Permit and paid the fee.

Patricia LaRocca made a motion for the Borough to advertise for Summer Help. The motion was seconded by Russell Shaffer and passed.

Russell Shaffer advised the Borough would not be participating in the joint seal coating project in 2016. Russ and Larry had inquired if there would be a joint bid for paving but this is not being pursued at this time. Russ stated he would get the Road Committee together soon to review and evaluate the roads in the Borough and set a schedule of projects to be completed.

Russell Shaffer reported the salt spreader was taken to the Jefferson Township auction, but there was no interest in the spreader so we have it back. Jefferson did not charge us the fee for putting it in the auction.


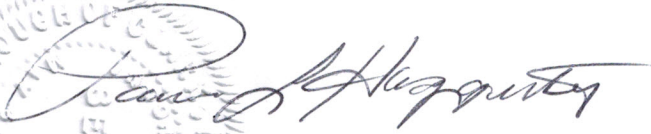
Doug Robbins reported there was no fire report submitted for March, 2016. The March and April reports will be read in May.

Mayor Harakal read the Police Report reporting the Hermitage Police Department conducted 40.5 hours of patrol in the Borough of Clark in the month of February and responded to 11 calls for service.

Lee Loutzenhiser reported no storm water issues at this time.

James Carucci read the Payroll Distribution, General Fund Distribution and the State Liquid Fuels Distribution for the month of March 2016... Russell Shaffer made a motion to pay the bills as read. The motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed with all voting yes.

Russell Shaffer made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Doug Robbins and passed.



Patricia L. Haggerty, Secretary/Treasurer