

CLARK BOROUGH
July 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)
 Tree Removal – Lee
 Teamsters Contract for Larry McKnight

NEW BUSINESS

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

July 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, July 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Donna Lapikas, Lee Loutzenhiser, Clark Eberhart, Doug Robbins, Maryjo Harakal, William Madden, Barbara Dunlap, Larry McKnight, Eric Jewell, Chief of the Hermitage Police Department and Patricia Haggerty.

Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the June 6, 2016 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by James Carucci and passed with all voting yes.

James Carucci read the Treasurer's Report for the Month of June 2016. James Carucci made a motion to accept the June 2016 Treasurer's Report. This motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

James Carucci recognized visitor Eric Jewell, the new Chief of the Hermitage Police Department. Chief Jewell came to introduce himself to Council and to make sure everyone knew he was available to answer any questions Council might have. He said he had been in the Army Police for 7 years, Patrol Desk Sargent, CID Special Agent for 5 years and Deputy Police Chief for Hermitage. He had been commander of SWATT for 3 years and held numerous other police positions over the years. He lives in Hermitage with his wife and three girls and is very committed to providing comprehensive service to the community of Clark. He looks forward to working with the Mayor and Council to keep the community safe and secure. The Hermitage Police Department has service 24/7 and will respond with professionalism to any issue that may arise. Chief Jewell stated that the department is currently down three officers; however they are in the process of hiring and training.

Mayor Harakal asked Chief Jewell what is the required distance between speed limit signs for the limit to be enforced. Chief Jewell stated they must be ½ mile apart and in accordance with Penn Dot requirements as well as Borough Ordinance in order to successfully enforce speed limits.

James Carucci asked what progress had been made in issuing the Road Haulers Permit to Ed Fair. Lawrence McKnight reported that the issue has been resolved as Mr. Fair will not be hauling any material over roads belonging to the Borough of Clark. Doug Robbins made a motion to rescind the June motion to grant the Road Haulers Permit based upon this recent development. Clark Eberhart seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken Donna Lapikas – yes, Lee Loutzenhiser – yes, Clark Eberhart – yes, Doug Robbins – yes, James Carucci, yes.

Lee Loutzenhiser reported that pipe has been installed along Winner Road where the Borough plans to remove some potentially dangerous trees. Lee will coordinate the cutting of the trees with the police to close the road and notify emergency vehicles of the closing of the road to cut the trees. Lee will coordinate the cutting with anyone who is available to cut and help remove the wood and debris.

Doug Robbins reported that the Teamsters Contract for Lawrence McKnight will most probably just be extended with the same terms and conditions as the existing contract, which is due to expire on December 31, 2016.

Clark Eberhart read the Sewer Bills for July 2016 for Council approval. Clark Eberhart made a motion to pay the sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Doug Robbins and passed.

Clark Eberhart reported there may be a need to increase insurance coverage at the pump station due to the installation of a crane and disposal basket to prevent large items from clogging up the system. Winslow & Associates should evaluate the value of the station and make a recommendation if additional coverage is necessary to fully replace the system in the case of a disaster.

Alvin Harakal, Zoning Office was unable to attend this meeting; however Mayor Harakal reported the issuance of a zoning permit to construct a garage on Nora Street.

There was no Fire Report submitted for this meeting. The June report will be read together with the July report and the next Council meeting in August.

Lawrence McKnight asked for Council input to install new stop signs in accordance with the reflectivity guidelines imposed by Penn Dot. He stated the Borough will need to purchase 26 Stop Signs, Posts and approximately 750 to 900 aluminum fasteners. The signs Larry reported on will have a 15 year life warranty. Larry proposed placing an order with Walsh Equipment for the materials which will cost approximately \$2,000.00. Doug Robbins made a motion to purchase the signs. The motion was seconded by James Carucci and a roll call vote was taken, Donna Lapikas – yes, Lee Loutzenhiser – yes, Clark Eberhart – yes, Doug Robbins – yes, James Carucci, yes.

Doug Robbins passed out some suggested Rules for Henderson Park and asked for input from Council for additional suggestions. He asked everyone to think about this and finalize the Rules at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Harakal read the Police Reports for June 2016. The Hermitage Police conducted 45 hours of patrol and responding to 10 calls for service in the Borough of Clark during the month of June 2016.

Lee Loutzenhiser reported some excessive storm water on woodland and Winner during the recent storm. He also stated there was more flooding at the Clark House. A letter was sent to the Tara from Winslow Associates advising them of the problem as well as requesting immediate resolution.

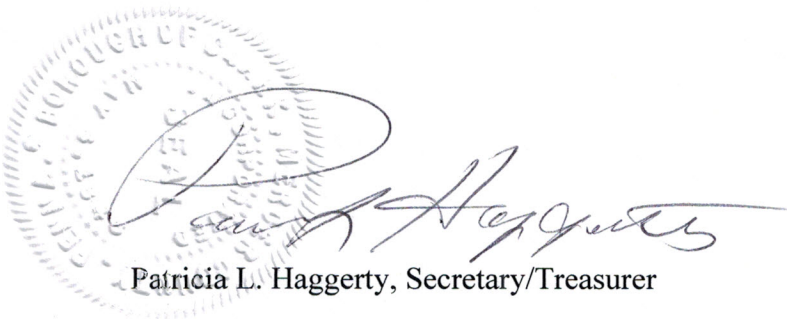
James Carucci read a request from the Cub Scouts to camp in Henderson Park on July 22 and 23, 2016. The scouts will range in age from 1st grade to 5th grade with adult supervision. The Borough will provide a community project for the scouts to perform while camping. James Carucci made a motion to allow the scouts to camp. The motion was seconded by Doug Robbins and passed.

James Carucci read a request from Bill Jones of JOAD to practice in the park. James Carucci made a motion to allow JOAD to practice in the park. The motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed.

Mayor Harakal reported to Council that Pat Haggerty has requested June 22 and June 24, 2016 off as vacation. She asked Council if they would approve Phyliss Parshall filling in for Pat during her absence. James Carucci made a motion to bring Phyliss in during her absence. Russell Shaffer seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken, James Carucci – yes, Doug Robbins – yes, Clark Eberhart – yes, Lee Loutzenhiser – yes, Donna Lapikas – yes, Russell Shaffer – yes.

James Carucci read the Payroll Distribution, General Fund Distribution and the State Liquid Fuels Distribution for the months of May and June, 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.

James Carucci made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Doug Robbins and passed.



Patricia L. Haggerty, Secretary/Treasurer