

CLARK BOROUGH
September 5, 2017 - 6:00 P.M.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Electric Rate Enrollment currently Premier Power Solutions
Electronic Equipment to Jefferson for Recycle
Mercer County Boroughs Association Fall Meeting

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

September 5, 2017

The meeting of Clark Borough Council was called to order by President James Carucci who led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Mary Jo Harakal, Douglas Robbins, Russell Shaffer, Donna Lapikas, Lee Loutzenhiser, Patti LaRocca, Attorney William Madden, Barbara Dunlap, Larry McKnight, Alvan Harakal, Ron Sanford and Scott Sigworth.

Douglas Robbins made a motion to accept the July 11, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas, and passed with all voting yes.

James Carucci read the Treasurer's Report, Russell Shaffer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. This motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed with all present voting yes.

James Carucci inquired about the reason and if presence for the number of Clark residence attending was due to one specific issue. The meeting was attended by 35 residences of Clark including school Superintendent Dr. Brad Ferko. Mayor Harakal asks for a show of hands and to state your name before speaking. Mr. Cameron McConahy, responded to Mr. James Carucci and presented a letter to the council concerning the Borough of Clark approaching Hickory School District and how this came to be and where does the process stand now. Patti LaRocca injected asking for a show of hands concerning school taxes and to send a message to Sharpsville School District. The inquiry concerning the number of students attending Sharpsville schools was a fact finding exercise and to pressure Sharpsville school district to have a dialog with us. James Carucci the inquiry was started by a concerned citizen and not the council. Mr. McConahy stated that those in attendance wanted their kids to attend Sharpsville School, with many stating that is the reason they moved to the Borough of Clark because of the area and the school system. . Attorney William Madden explained the process Hickory School System would first have to decide whether they would accept our students to attend Hickory. Second a signed petition of 51% of residence would have to want to attend Hickory, The last step would be the Secretary of Education in Harrisburg would have to approve of the change. Douglas Robbins stated that if a petition started and successful than council would organize a public meeting. Council President James Carucci tabled this matter noting the people who were here tonight were largely against the move to Hermitage School District.

James Carucci made a motion to post the minutes on the website. This motion was seconded by Patti LaRocca and passed with all present voting yes.

Other Unfinished business the recycling event scheduled with ECS&R to happen on August 19, 2017 has changed ESC&R reported we can only have an electronic event and the cost for the residences would increase. Russell Shaffer made a motion not to sign the new limited contract with ECS&R. This motion was seconded by Lee Loutzenhiser and passed with all present voting yes. Scott Sigworth is to inform ECS&R of the decision and post the collection event at Jefferson Township in the post office and office bulletin board.

Mayor Harakal presented three (3) police incident reports about basketball being after curfew. Each report stated that upon police arrival all males were warned and advised that if they were caught again after curfew they would be cited, all left without any trouble. Possible solution discussed were to remove the hoop if problem continue, remove the hoop each night and Mayor Harakal ask if an additional park rule can be posted, which been done.

Sewer Committee report update on the Air release values are to be installed next week weather permitting. In The absence of Clark Eberhart, Barbara Dunlap read the Sewer bills. James Carucci made a motion to pay the bills as read. Douglas Robbins seconded the motion and passed.

Douglas Robbins reported progress on the park DCNR Grant project, that all the benches are now installed.

Alvan Harakal, Zoning Officer reported no new permits.

Major Maryjo Harakal asked to set a work session for the 2018 Budget for Friday, October 6, 2017 the Borough Office.

Mayor Harakal read the fire report for both June and July. Mayor Harakal reported there were two calls for service in June and four calls in July.

Russell Shaffer asked about the railroad ties in the rear parking lot behind shelter 2. Change of lights form 3 poles to 2 Poles of LED Lights for the turkey shoot. Russell Shaffer continued this is not how projects are to be implemented; projects are to be brought up before council and approved. Ron Sanford responded that there was no time they had a chance to get the ties for free but had to remove them as soon as possible. Lee Loutzenhiser stated the point is permission is needed by Borough Council first. Russell Shaffer concern was the creosote in the ties near the playground equipment and park. James Carucci stated the ties are here now and he would help to move them if need be. Matter was tabled to the end of meeting. After meeting Council looked at the rail ties before making a final decision. Douglas the Robbins was concerned the walkway is going to be raised and not match the present walkway. James Carucci made a motion that plastic be installed under rai ties with dirt being added to the outside of the rail ties making the outside edge level with ground. Lee Loutzenhiser added the understanding that the fireman carries full responsibility for any mishaps or injury. This motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed with all present voting yes.

Ron Sanford asked to check the roof air-conditioner in the hall appears not to be functioning correctly. Larry McKnight not aware of any problems but will check. Gate in the fire station was not locked Scott Sigworth to remind Henry Lutz to please check gate before leaving. Ron Sanford also asked council to release money out of the fire account to pay bills. Russell Shaffer made a motion to release funds, motion seconded by Patti LaRocca and passed with all present voting yes. Ron Sanford asked permission to use the grass area to setup tables for the Craft Show October 28, 2017. James Carucci made a motion to allow crafts to be setup in the grass. This motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed with all present voting yes.

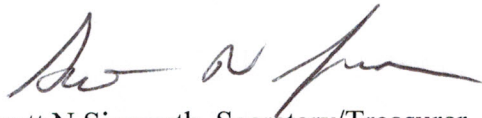
Russell Shaffer reported the sides of the roads are prepared in anticipation for the seal coat project in August. Douglas Robbins concerned with the loose slag left at intersection and driveway entrances.

Mayor Harakal reported that the Hermitage Police Department conducted 39.5 hours of patrol for the month of June, 2017. There were 19 calls for service in the Borough Douglas Robbins made a motion to accept the police report. The motion was seconded by Patricia LaRocca and passed with all present voting yes.

Lee Loutzenhiser reported that a new catch basin was installed 28 Milton Street.

James Carucci read the Payroll Distribution, General Fund Distribution, State Liquid Fuels Distribution and DCNR Distribution for the month of August 2017 Douglas Robbins made a motion to pay the bills as read. The motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed with all present voting yes.

Douglas Robbins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed.



Scott N Sigworth, Secretary/Treasurer

