

CLARK BOROUGH
February 5, 2018 - 6:00 P.M.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Municipal Primary 2019 – Offices to be filled

NEW BUSINESS
Henry Lutz Resignation
Penn Power bill for Building electricity

QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY MADDEN

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS
Application for Governor's Award for Safety Excellence
PA Community Rights Amendment
PSAB Nominations for 2nd Vice President
DCNR Grants applications

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

February 6, 2019

The meeting of Clark Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Jim Carucci, who led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag on Tuesday, January 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Maryjo Harakal, Clark Eberhart, Russell Shaffer, Doug Robbins, Barbara Dunlap, Cameron McConahy, Donna Lapikas, Henry Lutz, Patti LaRocca, Attorney William Madden and Monica Simko.

Visitors in attendance were Eric Jewell, Greg Lengyel, Dr. Joe Joseph, Jim Miller and John LaRocca.

Russ Shaffer asked if anyone had questions for Attorney Madden. No questions were presented. Attorney Madden was dismissed.

Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the December 2018 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Russell Shaffer and passed with all voting yes.

Maryjo Harakal announced that Greg Lengyel resigned his position as Road Foreman effective January 4, 2019. Greg Lengyel mentioned that he didn't get his January paycheck. Monica Simko advised that the 4 (four) days in January were prorated at the salary council approved him to receive starting on January 1, 2019 and is included in his payroll check issued January 8, 2019. He disputed and stated that he wanted it broken out. Monica Simko stated that she would have the breakdown when he returned for his pension check after council approves the amount.

Doug Robbins advised Greg Lengyel that his pension check would be prorated to March due to a 1/22/2018 start date plus 45 days probation. Greg Lengyel was combative with that result and mentioned going to the Union to resolve the issue. Doug Robbins advised that if he wanted to go to the Union, it is his right, and that he would vote to not issue any pension funds until it is resolved in arbitration through the Union. Greg Lengyel did not agree with that option and said he's fine with the proration, would sign anything we wanted and that he just wanted to be done and move on. Maryjo Harakal noted that she agreed with the 10 months pension proration. Cameron McConahy made a motion to pay Greg Lengyel 10/12ths of his pension amounting to \$3,333.33 without taxes withdrawn. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci with all present voting yes.

Jim Carucci read the Treasurer's Report for the Month of December 2018. Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. This motion was seconded by Russ Shaffer and passed with all present voting yes.

Clark Eberhart read the sewer bills for approval totaling \$1,917.45. Barb Dunlap advised that she hadn't received 4th quarter numbers yet. Clark Eberhart advised that Larry McKnight will be doing the Sewer work until the position is filled and will stay on to

train the new hire. Doug Robbins made a motion to pay the sewer bills as read; this motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed with all present voting yes.

Donna Lapikas read the Fire Report for the month of December 2018. The Clark Voluntary Fire Department responded to two (4) calls. Patti LaRocca made a motion to accept the fire report as read. Cameron McConahy seconded the motion and the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Mayor Maryjo Harakal Police Report for the month of November 2018. The Hermitage Police conducted 41.5 hours of patrol, responding to 9 calls for service in the Borough of Clark during the month. Jim Carucci made a motion to accept the police report. Russ Shaffer seconded the motion and the motion passed with all present voting yes.

Maryjo Harakal read two (2) thank you cards from Barb Dunlap and Lori McKnight for the Christmas gift cards.

Maryjo Harakal announced the Winter meeting for the Mercer County Boroughs Association in Wheatland and asked if anyone was interested in attending. Clark Eberhart, Doug Robbins, Donna Lapikas, Cameron McConahy, Russell Shaffer and Maryjo Harakal plan to attend.

Visitor Eric Jewell mentioned that he was happy to see the cameras installed. He asked who would be plowing until the road foreman position is filled; Russ advised that he will be getting the calls and that Clark Eberhart would also be available to help as well. Mr. Jewell also noted that he is able to look into the fraud charges on the FNB credit card. Council agreed that it would be a good idea.

Visitor Dr. Joseph attended meeting to discuss the pipe on Milton Street. He believes it'll be a safety issue with the winter weather coming causing possible freezing water on 258. Clark Eberhart stated that there should be a culvert put in off of 258 to eliminate the standing water after rains. Jim Carucci questioned if pictures were taken that could be taken to the State to have Penn dot cover the culvert cost since that is a State road. Dr. Joseph advised that he has pictures. He also mentioned the Mr. Jim Scott's downspouts are directed toward his property causing more standing water. Patti LaRocca and Jim Carucci stated that this needs to be looked into and taken care of. Dr. Joseph advised that he would sign off on allowing Mr. Jim Scott to go across his property to alleviate the water runoff from his downspouts. Jim Carucci asked Russell Shaffer to look into this with Penn Dot. Attorney Madden advised that the water issue is a private issue between the property owners and is not a Borough issue.

Visitor Jim Miller stated that he is still interested in the Road Foreman position that is open. He also stated that he is currently working part time at the City of Sharon Street department, he does not have benefits through Sharon City and doesn't require them if hired.

Visitor John LaRocca stated that he attended the meeting to drop off his resume for the open Road Foreman position.

Patti LaRocca advised that she will be attending the Boroughs Association and Council of Governments meeting, which is next week.

Doug Robbins advised that the security cameras and ac units are installed. There was an extra cost to add an additional camera in the hall. Doug Robbins also mentioned that he has a grant letter and would like to see if putting sidewalks on 258 connecting Milton Street to Charles Street and possibly Valley View would be applicable for grant money. He spoke with Mr. Stewart to get clarification. Mr. Stewart advised that 100% of construction would be covered by the grant, however the engineering, designs and easements would be the Boroughs responsibility to pay for. Doug Robbins asked if anyone would be interested in pursuing. Jim Carucci made a motion to pursue the grant and engineering. Clark Eberhart seconded the motion with all present voting yet.

Jim Carucci made a motion to approve the delinquent real estate and per capita taxes that need sent to Mercer. Russell Shaffer seconded the motion with all present voting yes.

Maryjo Harakal mentioned that Al Harakal has installed the GPS unit into the plow truck and is working as expected.

Monica Simko requested that \$2 000.00 be transferred to the Liquid Fuels checking account due to a consistent low balance after monthly bills are paid. Russ Shaffer made a motion to transfer \$2,000.00 to the Liquid Fuels Checking account from Savings. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy with all present voting yes.

Jim Carucci read the Payroll Distribution, General Fund Distribution and the State Liquid Fuels Distribution for the month of December 2018. Maryjo Harakal mentioned that the toilet still needs replaced in the men's restroom. Doug Robbins made a motion to pay the bills as amended. The motion was seconded by Patti LaRocca and passed with all voting yes.

Doug Robbins made a motion to continue the meeting to January 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. pending interviews for the Road Foreman position on January 9th with Jim Miller and John LaRocca. Cameron McConahy, Maryjo Harakal and Clark Eberhart will be attending the interviews. This motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed.

Jim Carucci made a motion to officially resume the January 8, 2019 Council meeting, this day, January 11, 2019. Those in attendance were Maryjo Harakal, Cameron McConahy, Doug Robbins, Clark Eberhart, Russell Shaffer, Donna Lapikas and Monica Simko.

Doug Robbins asked if we were replacing the locks. Clark Eberhart advised that the pump station locks were already changed. Jim Carucci made a motion to replace all locks to different keys and 2 pin pads for main office and garage. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy with all present voting yes.

Russell Shaffer advised that he gave Larry McKnight the key to the maintenance shed for sewer info/supplies. Larry agreed to do the water testing that is due. Doug Robbins made

a motion to re-employ Larry McKnight for training purposes at his ending rate divided by 2080 hours. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart with all present voting yes.

Cameron McConahy presented an updated job description for the Road Foreman position along with his breakdown of pros/cons of each candidate interviewed. Council reviewed the documents and discussed each candidate. All present agree that both candidates were capable of fulfilling this position.

Doug Robbins made a motion to hire Jim Miller at \$16.00 per hour (\$2,773.33 gross monthly income) pending all background and drug tests are passed. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart with a roll call vote of 5 to 2, as follows: Jim Carucci – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Maryjo Harakal – Yes, Russell Shaffer – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Donna Lapikas – No and Cameron McConahy – No. Motion carried to hire Jim Miller starting on February 4, 2019.

Doug Robbins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas with all present voting yes.



Monica M. Simko, Secretary/Treasurer

