

CLARK BOROUGH  
April 7, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Internet access for Garage – PA OneCall new requirements

**NEW BUSINESS**

Emergency Declaration to be signed  
Final Audit needs approved

**QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY MADDEN**

**CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

**OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES**

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ADJOURNMENT

March 3, 2020

The meeting of Clark Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Maryjo Harakal who led in the pledge to the flag on Tuesday March 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were James Carucci, Clark Eberhart, Cameron McConahy, Patti LaRocca, Michael Yeatts, Monica Simko, Jim Miller, Attorney William Madden, Al Ruth and Ron Sanford.

Visitors in attendance were Chief Eric Jewell and Henry Frei.

Cameron McConahy made a motion to accept the February minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci and passed with all voting yes.

Jim Carucci read the Treasurer's Report for the Month of February. Cameron McConahy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. This motion was seconded by Patti LaRocca and passed with all present voting yes.

Clark Eberhart read the sewer bills for the month of March. Clark Borough is to pay \$1,393.43 with \$406.86 paid from South Pymatuning Township. Clark Eberhart made a motion to pay the sewer bills as read; this motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with all present voting yes.

Cameron McConahy read the Fire Report for the month of February. The Clark Volunteer Fire Department responded to one call. Cameron McConahy made a motion to accept the Fire report as read. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

Maryjo Harakal read the Police Report for the month of January. The Hermitage Police Department conducted 43.5 hours of patrol and answered 7 calls for service in the Borough of Clark. Cameron McConahy made a motion to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci and passed with all present voting yes.

**VISITORS:**

Chief Eric Jewell is present just to attend and observe.

Doug Smith, Owner of North Star Marina presented a flyer on new plans for the Marina Expansion. Doug is requesting that the access road currently leased from the Army Corp be released to allow that easement to be part of the new lease to Bright Star. If granted, the agreement would state that the road system would be maintained by North Star Marina Staff and the Borough of Clark would retain access to the current sewer pump house and grounds. By allowing this request the Borough would be allowing the Marina to expand operations into the approved campground area without having to build new roads. Attorney Madden advised to have our Engineer, Ed Winslow, review the request to see what was appropriate. An appointment has been scheduled for March 23, 2020 to walk the grounds and discuss further.



Henry Frei is present to discuss the garbage contract. He asked who signed it without posting it for the residents to view. Maryjo Harakal stated that Council of Governments put the contract together and out for bid by advertising it in the Sharon Herald. Henry asked why Clark was the only Borough that signed up for the recycling option, why couldn't the residents have a choice, why wasn't it bid out to private contractors, like Sere-day's. Maryjo Harakal stated to Henry that it was advertised to the public and that once the Borough was presented with the bids from Council of Governments, The council voted on the contract and the lowest bid was to Tri-County. The vote for recycling was a tie, 2 for yes, 2 for no and she (Maryjo) was the tie-breaker vote of yes to accept the recycling option due to the amount of residents that were upset that the recycling dumpster was removed and wanted it back. Maryjo also stated to Henry that he has the option to not use the tote service and use the bag service to save money. Attorney Bill Madden stated that the Borough is not required to notify the residents, that it is Council's disgression to do so. Patti LaRocca advised Henry to call Tri-County to seek a better price. Jim Carucci stated to Henry that there is an open council seat that needs filled if he wanted to have a say in decisions. Henry expressed his interest in taking the open seat and was then sworn in as a new council member.

Maryjo Harakal stated that Henry Frei has expressed interest in the open council seat. Cameron McConahy asked Henry if he is a registered voter to which Henry responded, yes. Michael Yeatts made a motion to appoint Henry Frei to council as Russ Shaffer's replacement. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes; Clark Eberhart – Yes; Patti LaRocca – Yes; Cameron McConahy – Yes; and Michael Yeatts – Yes.

Mayor Harakal administered the Oath of Office to newly elected council person, Henry Frei on March 3, 2020. Henry Frei took his seat on council.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Maryjo Harakal stated that 4 residents were interviewed for the Sewer Secretary position by Clark Eberhart, Russ Shaffer, Cameron McConahy and Maryjo on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 starting at 5:30pm. Maryjo advised that everyone present at the interviews agreed to hire Monica Simko with a 3 billing cycle probationary period and reevaluate after. Michael Yeatts made a motion to appoint Monica Simko as Sewer Secretary. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes; Clark Eberhart – Yes; Patti LaRocca – Yes; Cameron McConahy – Yes; Michael Yeatts – Yes; Henry Frei – Yes.

Maryjo Harakal stated that the signature cards are ready to be signed by the new authorized signers, Monica Simko, Clark Eberhart and Maryjo Harakal.

Jim Carucci made a motion to add Clark Eberhart as an alternate to the Joint Seal Coat Resolution, also to adopt and sign the 2020 Resolution. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes; Clark

Eberhart – Yes; Patti LaRocca – Yes; Cameron McConahy – Yes; Michael Yeatts – Yes; Henry Frei – Yes.

**New business:**

Maryjo Harakal presented to council that Peroneal is now requiring that we participate in the mapping program that they are implementing. This will require Jim Miller to have internet access in his office since he does not have access to the fax in the Borough office on days when Monica Simko is off. Michael Yeatts advised to call Spectrum and see what they can do for us and how much they would charge to make this happen. Cameron McConahy advised that he will look into what we need as well.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to accept and sign the updated Resolution from Berkheimer appointing Monica Simko as the authorized representative to make requested upon and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer on behalf of Clark Borough. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes; Clark Eberhart – Yes; Patti LaRocca – Yes; Cameron McConahy – Yes; Michael Yeatts – Yes; Henry Frei – Yes.

Michael Yeatts made a motion to transfer \$1,500.00 from the Liquid Fuels Savings to the Liquid Fuels Checking account to cover bills. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes; Clark Eberhart – Yes; Patti LaRocca – Yes; Cameron McConahy – Yes; Michael Yeatts – Yes; Henry Frei – Yes.

**Committees:**

Clark Eberhart stated that 2 houses in town need straight-piped. One on Charles Street and one on Nora Street. Jim Miller and Clark Eberhart are to sit down and get estimates on cost to complete the job.

Michael Yeatts advised that the next COG meeting is on March 18. Their fiscal year is July to July, so there is not a new agenda available as nothing is really going on at this time.

Patti LaRocca asked if we budgeted for summer help, Council advised, no.

Jim Miller stated that Earl Kuhn from Suit-Kote came down last year as a favor to Larry McKnight to provide an estimate on paving Milton Street and Woodlawn from Nora to Winner Road. Suit-Kote only uses hot mix and we would need cold mix. Clark Eberhart stated that the road wasn't completed with a good base to begin with resulting in the current issue. Clark Eberhart stated that PAOneCall would have to be called if we were to dig up the roads; design meetings would need to happen and would cost a lot more. Council asked what was budgeted for roads. Monica stated that the budget shows \$45,000.00 in Liquid Fuels and \$26,000.00 in General Fund. Monica Simko was advised by council to schedule a meeting with Winslow Engineering to write a bid for the paving project. Clark Eberhart made a motion to advertise for bids on the road project. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy with all present voting yes.



Jim Miller stated that Seal coat bids are open the second week in April.

Maryjo Harakal announced that we need to replace the Roads Committee Chairperson. Council nominated Jim Carucci as the replacement.

Chief Eric Jewell commented on the issue of the Triangle not being mowed. If it is a sight issue or is blocking vision, Penn Dot could be contacted to have it mowed.

Maryjo Harakal attended the MCRPC meeting and advised that all the work sessions were done prior to the meeting, when the meeting started; it consisted of motions being made. She stated that she didn't see a necessity of attendance.

Maryjo Harakal addressed the Hall cleaning issue after Fireman functions. She advised to council and to Ron Sanford that we are to pay Al Ruth for cleaning after each function in the amount of \$40.00. Ron Sanford advised council to transfer the funds from the Fire Account to the General Fund to cover the repayment.

Mercer County Commissioners are holding a Pictometry meeting on April 2, 2020.

Monica Simko was contacted about hosting a student to shadow for the Teens2Work Program. She agreed and this is to be held on March 25, 2020.

Maryjo Harakal stated that we have to fill Russ Shaffer's replacement on Committees. Committee Chairperson for Planning (Local and Regional) was awarded to Henry Frei. Committee Chairperson for Highways was awarded to Jim Carucci. Cameron McConahy was added as a member to Police. Henry Frei was added as a member to Stormwater. Henry Frei was added as a member to Zoning (Local and Regional).

Jim Carucci read the Payroll Distribution - General Fund Distribution and the State Liquid Fuels Distribution for the month of February. Cameron McConahy made a motion to pay the bills as read. The motion was seconded by Patti LaRocca and passed with all voting yes.

Michael Yeatts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy with all present voting yes.



Monica M. Simko - Secretary/Treasurer

