

CLARK BOROUGH
February 4, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Appoint Sewer Secretary
Sewer Signature Cards to be signed
Appoint Council Seat
2020 Joint Seal Coat Bid Resolution needs signed

NEW BUSINESS

Internet access for Garage – PA OneCall new requirements
Berkheimer Tax Resolution needs signed
Transfer funds from LF savings to checking

QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY MADDEN

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Teamsters Wage rate increased to \$45.00
Audit March 3rd-5th – Office closed Monday and Friday

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

February 4, 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 February 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were James Carucci, Clark Eberhart, Cameron McConahy, Russell Shaffer, Patti LaRocca, Michael Yeatts, Monica Simko, Attorney William Madden and Ron Sanford.

Visitors in attendance were Joel Ristvey and Ed Winslow.

Jim Carucci made a motion to accept the January minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Russell Shaffer and passed with all voting yes.

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

Clark Eberhart read the sewer bills for the month of February. Clark Borough is to pay \$26,872.47 with \$391.34 paid from South Pymatuning Township. Russ Shaffer 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 January. The Clark Volunteer Fire Department responded to three calls. Clark Eberhart made a motion to accept the Fire report as read. The motion was seconded by Patti LaRocca and passed with all present voting yes.

Maryjo Harakal read the Police Report for the month of December 2019. The Hermitage Police Department conducted 41.5 hours of patrol and answered 8 calls for service in the Borough of Clark. Cameron McConahy made a motion to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

VISITORS:

Joel Ristvey is in attendance as Chief Jewell was unavailable. Mr. Ristvey provided the Police report for January. Maryjo Harakal asked for more patrol on Woodlawn as she was almost in an accident at the intersection of Charles and Woodlawn. Maryjo stated that the other driver never stopped at the stop sign on Woodlawn. Maryjo Harakal advised that Mr. Dudzenski probably wouldn't mind if they sat in his driveway. Monica Simko gave permission to use her driveway as well.

Ed Winslow is in attendance to discuss the Lakeside Acres Event Center. Mr. Winslow stated that his job is to protect the health and welfare and safety of the residents. Mr. Winslow received an email from Donna Smith with DEP stating that Lakeside Acres does not meet the requirements of the regulations for a holding tank. He also stated that Lakeside Acres has a contract with the sewage holding tank company to ensure they

don't get sued if an issue were to arise. Mr. Winslow stated that Lakeside Acres must tap into the sewer lines.

Unfinished Business:

Jim Carucci made a motion to amend the January motion appointing Russell Shaffer as representative for the MPO meetings. The amended motion appoints Michael Yeatts as the Representative to attend the MPO meetings with Patti LaRocca as Alternate. 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; Russ Shaffer – Yes.

Cameron McConahy made a motion to remove Barb Dunlap from the Sewer accounts as an authorized signer and add Monica Simko, Clark Eberhart and Maryjo Harakal as authorized signers. 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; Russ Shaffer – Yes.

New business:

Maryjo Harakal read the resignation letter submitted by Russell Shaffer effective February 28, 2020. Maryjo and council extended their gratitude for his service and friendship through the years. Jim Carucci made a motion to accept Russell's resignation letter. 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; Russ Shaffer – Yes.

Cameron McConahy questioned the Lakeside Acres issue by stating; In order to have sewage, they need water, but there is a variance on bypassing the water installation, how does that work? Per Attorney Madden, they can have a water holding tank on the property. Tri-County Board of Appeals deals with anything inside the facility, DEP deals with sewage. If DEP is stating that Lakeside Acres must tap into the sewer system, and they don't, the Borough could be fined. The Borough will need to shut them down at this point.

Committees:

Clark Eberhart asked Russ if he would like to stay on the Sewer Committee after his resignation. Russ advised that Yes, he would stay on the committee.

Maryjo Harakal stated that interviews needed to be scheduled. Clark Eberhart, Russ Shaffer, Cameron McConahy and Maryjo all agreed to sit in on the interviews on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 starting at 5:30pm.

Michael Yeatts advised that he attended the COG meeting. They purchased a natural gas transit vehicle and added more transit to get inmates to/from their work release programs. They are also planning to make more changes within the next 1 to 2 years.

Michael Yeatts stated that the West Middlesex Pool was invited to participate in an event held at the Masonic Lodge with all proceeds going to the pool.

Maryjo Harakal stated that there was only one building permit issued in February for Kim and Scott Joyce. They are adding a 6x12 mudroom onto the house.

Michael Yeatts stated that he still hasn't received a per capita tax bill from Lori. Maryjo Harakal stated the he probably won't until the next disbursement since it's past August already.

Cameron McConahy reported on the Fire Department meeting that he attended in January. The fire department was receptive to the discussion on cleaning the hall and understood that they would be charged if the issue continues. The fire department put in a grant request for new turnout gear and if granted, they would have enough to get each fireman everything they need. The Game dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2020.

Cyndi Selby dropped off a request for a check to pay bills. However, there is not enough money in their account to provide payment. Ron Sanford asked about the millage money in which Maryjo Harakal advised that we haven't received the money from the state yet and as soon as we do, we will give them their portion. Maryjo offered Ron \$2,000.00, he said he'd wait.

Russ Shaffer advised that he and Jim Miller went to the Joint Seal Coat Meeting. There is a form that needs to be turned in with road calculations. Russ asked to have Ed Winslow spec out Woodlawn and go with that.

Russ Shaffer advised that the Delaware Resolution needs passed and needs someone present to attend the meeting regarding the Tar & Chip project on Clay Furnace. Council requested that Monica Simko find out when the meeting is and to let Clark Eberhart and Doug Robbins know. Michael Yeatts asked if this is the lowest price option and would we consider sending a letter of interest to Hermitage in an attempt to save money. Russ Shaffer explained that this is a piggy-back project that we use for road-salt, culverts, etc that gets lumped together with other municipalities to provide the lowest cost through Costars. Maryjo Harakal stated that we would have to take into consideration the Road Foreman position, if we annexed with Hermitage, we would have no need for this position and possibly the secretary position.

Joel Ristvey stated that Hermitage is no longer in the business of paving streets and that he believes they also use the Costars piggy-back program.

Michael Yeatts announced that he is talks with Frank Ginetti looking for grants to provide funds for the Secretary to run a Facebook Page for the Borough.

Michael Yeatts stated that there is still a stray animal issue in the Borough. He has spoken to the Animal Shelter Manager and proposed donating the Social Hall for a

fundraiser to help cover the cost of participating with the animal shelter. Michael Yeatts requested permission to look into the cost for participating and will provide a letter to be reviewed. Russ Shaffer made a motion to permit Michael to move forward. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy with all present voting yes.

The Fire Department is conducting the monthly test on February 6, 2020 and 10am.

Michael Yeatts advised that Mr. Longiotti would be willing to come speak at any meeting if given a written invitation.

Penn Power approached Maryjo Harakal about tapping into the water lines with them in order to remove the water tower. She advised them that we would not be interested but would bring it up to council.

Jim Carucci read the Payroll Distribution - General Fund Distribution and the State Liquid Fuels Distribution for the month of February. Jim Carucci made a motion to pay the bills as read. The motion was seconded by Michael Yeatts 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

