

Minutes of the Clark Borough meeting – August 3, 2021 6:00PM

The meeting of the Clark borough council was called to order by counsel Present Doug Robbins who led in the pledge to the flag on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 6 PM. Others in attendance were Mayor Maryjo Harakal, Clark Eberhart, Larry McKnight, Cameron McConahy, Doug Robbins, Henry Frei, Ron Sanford, Attorney William Madden, Jim Miller and Monica Simko.

Visitors in attendance were Greg Sanford.

Larry McKnight made a motion to except the July minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with all present voting yes.

Doug Robbins read the Treasurer's Report for the Month of July. Clark Eberhart made a motion to accept. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with all present voting yes except Henry Frei who abstained.

Unfinished Business

Quotes for replacing the Borough Park/Municipal/Town signs were received as follows: MCCAR no longer makes signs, Stephenson Equipment cannot make one 6'. Ursta Graphics provided a quote totaling \$2,040.00 for three new signs on .080 Aluminum. This quote shows setup/design/fabrication/finishing as a free donation of \$350.00. Cameron McConahy made a motion to accept the quote from Ursta Graphics to be paid from parks & recreation. The motion was seconded by Henry Frei and passed with a roll call vote of Doug Robbins – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Larry McKnight – Yes, Cameron McConahy – Yes and Henry Frei – Yes.

Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the new parking lot template as provided by Greg Sanford, also to paint the handicap spaces in white. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

New Business

Ron Sanford presented the CVFR Audit. Cameron McConahy made a motion to accept the audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

Maryjo Harakal discussed the letter presented by Mr. Madden regarding the new agenda law. Mr. Madden advised that an agenda needs prepared, posted and presented in advance of the meeting. Council cannot act on or discuss anything not on the agenda. The agenda must be posted online 24 hours prior.

Questions for Attorney Madden

Maryjo Harakal opened discussion for clarity on the millage issue. Mr. Madden stated that section 1202 of the borough code permits borough council to appropriate general fund monies

for fire protection. Section 1302 authorizes borough council to have a specific mill set aside for fire protection for a total up to 1 mill to cover wages and up to 3 mills for general purposes. Above 3 mills will need a public vote to raise the millage. When borough council appropriates funds, every bill needs reviewed for payment by council. When millage is provided, the tax collector takes the receipts and gives it directly to the fire department and the borough doesn't touch those funds.

Henry Frei resigned effective immediately. Mr. Madden stated to council that they have 30 days to fill the vacancy or they will lose the jurisdiction to do so. Mr. Madden advised that council will need to make a motion to accept the resignation today.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to accept Henry Frei's resignation, as final, effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with all present voting yes.

Mr. Madden advised that whoever fills the vacated seat will be appointed to fulfill the vacated seat term. A notice will need to be posted at the Post Office and the front bulletin board and a special meeting will need to be held to appoint the seat.

A special meeting is set for August 24, 2021 at 6pm.

Larry McKnight stated to council that Penn Dot advised to Jim Miller that they are not responsible for the crosswalk at the Tara. Larry McKnight asked if we are liable for any issues that may occur. Mr. Madden agrees that the Borough should not have any involvement in the crosswalk and that no one should be painting on a state highway without permission from Penn Dot. Also, that the borough is protected by placing signs stating pedestrian crossing. Mr. Madden recommended that the borough reach out to the Tara and let them know that we are no longer able to paint the crosswalk lines and direct them to Penn Dot, and at minimum put up a pedestrian crossing sign.

Correspondence

Humane Society of Mercer County submitted a request for donations of \$1.00 per resident. Cameron McConahy recommended offering a free hall rental for a fundraiser in lieu of donating. Doug recommended tabling this request council is in agreement.

Cameron McConahy made a motion to host the annual yard sale with Nora, Milton and Charles Street to be one-way. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

Committees

Sewer: Clark Eberhart read the sewer bills for the month of August. Larry McKnight made a motion to pay as read. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with all present voting yes.

Monica Simko stated that one delinquency paid towards their back balance and one paid in full.

Highways: Jim Carucci had asked Jim Miller to look into cost for a bobcat that can be placed on the front of the tractor. The cost for the high-lift is \$900.00 plus \$300.00 for the plate that would need welded onto the tractor.

Finance/Personnel: Summer help did a great job and their last day is August 20, 2021.

Fire: Cameron McConahy read the Fire Report for the month of July. Cameron McConahy made a motion to accept the fire report as read. The motion was seconded by Doug Robbins and passed with all voting yes.

Greg Sanford stated that they have an opportunity to have a food truck left on the property for the duration of the turkey shoot season in lieu of using their make-shift kitchen in the garage.

Greg Sanford asked permission to assume responsibility for the restroom in the garage and they would maintain it. Council agreed to allow CVFD to take over the restroom and do with it as they see fit.

Ron Sanford advised that the CVFD will be out during the yard sale to direct traffic. Also, tickets for the steak fry are now for sale.

Police: Mayor Maryjo Harakal read Police Report for June. Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with all present voting yes.

Building, Park & Recreation: Doug Robbins requested to schedule the fence removal for August 11, 2021 at 8:30am. Greg Sanford directed council to place the old fence pieces beside their turkey shoot building because they can use it.

Doug made a motion to refund the park rental from July 25, 2021 due to the inconvenience of the tar and chip project. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all voting yes, with the exception of Cameron McConahy who abstained.

Boroughs Assn & COG: Maryjo read an email from Suzette regarding the Boroughs association meetings. She stated that there will be a meeting in September.

Zoning: Al received one building permit for the fence installation along the Borough and Mattocks properties.

Stormwater: Clark reported that he and Jim Miller finished the ditching at Mr. Burrell's property on Nora Street. Clark also stated that he and Larry McKnight are going to walk down through the neighborhood to see what, if anything can be done to fix the Stormwater issue.

Payment of Bills

Doug Robbins read payroll and monthly bills for distribution for August. Cameron McConahy made a motion to pay bills as amended, to include the bills not received yet. The motion was seconded by Larry McKnight and passed with all present voting yes.

Doug Robbins made a motion to schedule a special meeting to go over and/or appoint the vacant council seat. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 6:00pm. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with all present voting yes.

Adjournment

Clark Eberhart made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Cameron McConahy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica Simko". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Monica Simko, Secretary