

CLARK BOROUGH
May 4, 2021 - 6:00 P.M.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Lowe's quote for fence replacement

NEW BUSINESS

QUESTIONS FOR ATTORNEY MADDEN

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Visitors in attendance were Ken and Stacey Mattocks, Gregg Sanford and Todd Clary.

Cameron McConahy made a motion to except the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all voting.

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

Visitors

Ken and Stacey mattocks presented a proposal requesting that the Borough split the cost of installing a new 72'x6' white vinyl privacy fence, replacing the current one. Ken stated that he will remove the old one and had already gotten a quote from Lowe's in the amount of \$2,628.30. Clark Eberhart made a motion to get a new quote for the Borough, to utilize the discount and tax exemption, to pay for it then invoice Mr. Mattocks for 50% of the cost.

Gregg Sanford advised council that QRS is back, truck is certified. They've had a few EMT's complete the courses needed with 2 more taking the test. CVFD is now responsible for our weather warnings, mainly because the county won't send warnings out until they are notified by Pittsburgh, which typically notify of inclement weather last. CVFD has accepted responsibility to notify of weather warnings and may make some upgrades to the system.

Todd Clary stated that his ditch is eroding badly and is willing to help pay for a pipe to be installed if the Borough is willing install it. Clark Eberhart offered to come down to the house and look it over.

Unfinished Business

Cameron McConahy stated that the thank you letter was sent to Sharpsville School completing the final piece of the community service.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to accept the final audit. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with a roll call vote of Clark Eberhart - yes, Larry McKnight - yes, Cameron McConahy – yes, Doug Robbins - yes, Henry Frei - yes and Jim Carucci – yes.

New Business

Ken Mattocks also requested permission to remove the trees on the property line as well as by the fireman's garage. Doug made a motion to assist in removing the trees, to use any Borough equipment necessary, and to burn the brush. The CVFD agreed to be there on stand-by for the burn. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all voting yes.

Questions for Attorney Madden

Cameron made a statement about the letter that was posted at the post office, that anyone holding a council seat this is doing any kind of research or backdoor type stuff, like going to other communities and talking about merging or school district changes or starting petitions should bring this to the council at a public meeting. Cameron stated that he did bring up in a public meeting about petition options on reducing the size of council; however, it was just as an option and doesn't mean that he supports it. Also, residents need to understand what they are signing. Cameron stated his opinion that council should not be hearing of this information via other communities or non-signed letters posted at the post office. Henry Frei asked to view the letter. All of council agreed with the exception on Henry Frei, who disagreed.

Clark stated that people move here because they want to be here, if they want to live in Hermitage, they would live there. Clark also stated that the borough is managing our finances and not borrowing money. The Borough is operating very well and has no need to annex into another community.

Henry Frei stated that we get quality of service by the people of a community, not the members of council or heads of government. This community survived by sticking together and doing things together. Henry's opinion is that anyone is allowed to do research and that it has nothing to do with what we as a community are willing to do. If someone thinks another person is being less than up front, the remedy is to vote. Henry stated that there are valid complaints in the letter, but they should be brought to the council or taken to the ballot box; don't post it at the post office.

Maryjo reiterated that an individual did go to Hermitage asking if they would be willing to annex. This person did not go through council or make council aware. Maryjo believes that Cameron was trying to state that council should've been made aware that an individual was inquiring. Henry strongly disagreed that this individual should've received the support of all of council before.

Visitor and resident, Todd Clary disagrees with Henry stating that this is a community and council is the board, if someone wants to change something here, you come to the board, not behind peoples back. Todd was here the last time the topic of annexation was brought up. He

had also received a letter in the mail regarding his son's truck being too loud. However, the letters being filtered through the borough are not signed. People that are doing things like this are disrespecting the borough and the council. Todd stated that the residents elect this council to make decisions like this and have been doing a tremendous job. Gregg Sanford stated that nothing can happen unless council approves it. Todd asked council if it were proper to post another letter stating that council is not pursuing annexing. Cameron responded that he brought this up at the meeting so that it was in the minutes that we addressed this.

Henry Frei recommended that a letter be drafted to submit to the Herald as a disclaimer. Council advised not to do that as it will create more issues.

Correspondence

Mercer County Joint Sewer agency emailed a reminder for the next meeting on April 22nd at 7pm.

Committees

Clark Eberhart read the sewer bills for the month of April. Larry McKnight made a motion to pay as read with a second from Hank Frei and passed with all voting yes.

Cameron McConahy read the Fire Report for the month of March. Larry McKnight made a motion to pay as read with a second from Hank Frei and passed with all voting yes.

Mayor Maryjo Harakal read Police Report for February. Doug Robbins made a motion to accept which was seconded by Hank Frei and passed with all voting yes.

Henry Frei requested a new flag due to the current one being torn. Clark Eberhart advised to use the flag from the office that was given to the Borough.

Doug Robbins stated that Monica had found a new desk for \$100. She asked council if they wanted to buy it from her for the office. Doug Robbins made a motion to pay Monica Simko, as reimbursement, for the purchase of the new desk for \$100. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all voting yes.

Doug Robbins thanked everyone that helped with the social hall renovation and read the total for the whole project totaling \$7,708.64.

Doug Robbins confirmed that we are selling the old tables for \$25.00 each, there are 30 total. The CVFD asked for 5 tables as a donation. Henry Frei made a motion to donate 5 tables plus the 3 older ones to the CVFD and sell 2 tables to Gregg Sanford for \$50. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci and passed with all voting yes.

Ron Sanford stated that the tanker truck is 31 years old and he is applying for grants to replace it. The CVFD recently paid \$4,000 for an engine and some parts. The engine has over 600k miles on it and the pump is fairly old as well. Ron advised that it is time to replace the tanker.

Larry McKnight stated that the carryover amount of salt will benefit our 2022 budget.

Doug Robbins stated that he removed a down tree on Winner Road so that the CVFD didn't have to get called out on Easter Sunday.

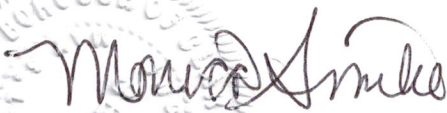
Maryjo Harakal advised in Al Harakal's absence that there were 2 building permits submitted. Debbie Flynn is putting an addition on and Doug Micco is installing a carport for his boat.

Payment of Bills

Jim Carucci read payroll and monthly bills for distribution for April. Doug Robbins made a motion to pay bills as read which was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all voting yes.

Adjournment

Jim Carucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Clark Eberhart.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Monica Simko".

Monica Simko, Secretary

