

Minutes of the Clark Borough meeting – October 14, 2025 6:00PM

The meeting of Clark Borough Council was called to order by council President Jim Carucci who led in the pledge to the flag on Tuesday October 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Clark Eberhart, Joe Simko, Carol Houck, Jason Engstrom, Maryjo Harakal, Chief Piccirillo, Fire Chief Gregg Sanford, Sandee Winslow and Monica Simko.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to accept the September minutes as read. This motion was seconded by Jason Engstrom and passed with all present voting yes.

Jim Carucci read the Treasurer's Report for the Month of September. Jason Engstrom made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Carol Houck and passed with all present voting yes.

Visitors:

Doug Smith representing NorthStar Marina to provide an update on the campground status. The lease between NorthStar and the ACOE has been approved/secured for 99 years. Doug Smith stated that the ACOE does not require additional permits however, Doug plans to apply for the appropriate permits through the Borough regardless of whether it is required from the Borough or not. Doug offered usage of the Marina Wi-Fi for the pump station if or when needed. There will eventually be an electronic gate that the Borough will have access to on both the Winner Road and Marina Entrance. Doug advised that there will be buffer zones via trees behind all neighboring properties. Finally, Doug Smith discussed tying into the pump station for the septic system to the campground to which council advised that it will most likely be charged on EDU usage and the tap in fee will be determined by the amount of tie-ins required and most likely installing a meter at the connection point.

Sandee Winslow provided an update on the pickleball court stating a concern that the retainage pond wasn't dry advising that it is a dry pond and should be dry after 48-72 hours after a rain.

Sandee Winslow stated that she is going to attempt to get telephonic bids for the Stormwater project to utilize the remaining ARPA funds before the deadline.

Maryjo Harakal requested tentative approval to obtain signage for the courts. Monica Simko to contact the company that provided the other park signs for quotes. Maryjo Harakal also stated that she is personally donating 2 (two) benches with a plaque attached to be placed by the courts.

Unfinished Business:

Joe Simko read the new ATV Ordinance I-2025. Jim Carucci made a motion to adopt Ordinance I-2025. The motion was seconded by Carol Houck and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Clark Eberhart - Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes, Joe Simko – abstains due to writing the ordinance and Carol Houck – Yes.

New Business:

Trick or Treat Hours are set for Friday, October 31, 2025 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Clark Borough is the host for the Winter Mercer County Boroughs Association Dinner to be held on January 22, 2026. Maryjo Harakal announced that she would call the Tara and NorthStar Marina to get information.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to approve payment to Vasco Sports Contractors in the amount of \$176,382.90. The motion was seconded by Carol Houck and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Clark Eberhart - Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Monica Simko presented information from Spectrum on an upgraded system that would also lower the monthly bill. Council asked for more information to be further discussed at the November meeting.

Questions for the Solicitor:

Solicitor was not present for questions

Correspondence and Other Communications:

The Budget meeting is scheduled for 10/17/2025 at 10am. Joe Simko, Alesha Culp and Carol Houck are unable to attend. Maryjo Harakal, Doug Robbins, Jim Carucci and Jason Engstrom are available to attend.

Council approved scrapping the rooftop HVAC unit due to lack of interest.

gWorks reimbursed Clark Borough for the full amount paid in 2024 due to lack of compatibility. Maryjo Harakal expressed many Thanks to Attorney Tara Rodrigues for her assistance and making this happen.

Officials & Committees:

Sewer:

Clark Eberhart read the Sewer bills for the month of October. Carol Houck made a motion to pay sewer bills as read. The motion was seconded by Joe Simko and passed with all present voting yes.

Fire:

Joe Simko read the Fire Report for the Month of September. Joe Simko made a motion to accept the Fire report as read. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

Gregg Sanford stated that the downspout outside the office door was overflowing again. Council advised the secretary to call Delong's and have them come out to check the line.

Chief Piccirillo stated that he participated in the ATV ride last week and was thoroughly impressed with how well the local fire departments and municipalities involved in putting this together.

Police:

Maryjo Harakal read the Police Report for the Month of September. The police patrolled the borough for a total of 44 hours and 9 calls for service. Jim Carucci made a motion to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by Joe Simko and passed with all present voting yes.

Payment of Bills:

Jim Carucci read the Payroll Distribution - General Fund Distribution and the State Liquid Fuels Distribution for the month of September. Clark Eberhart made a motion to pay the bills as read. The motion was seconded by Carol Houck and passed with all voting yes.

Adjournment:

Jim Carucci made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica Simko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Monica" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Simko".

Monica Simko, Secretary/Treasurer