

February 6, 2018 Council Meeting

The reorganization meeting of Clark Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Maryjo Harakal who led in the pledge to the flag on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Others attending were Russell Shaffer, James Carucci, Patricia LaRocca, Donna Lapikas, Lee Loutzenhiser, Clark Eberhart, Barbara Dunlap, Larry McKnight, Ron Sanford and Scott Sigworth.

Mayor Harakal administered the Oath of Office to newly elected council persons James Carucci, Patricia LaRocca, Lee Loutzenhiser and Russell Shaffer. Mayor Harakal also before the meeting administered the Oath of Office of Tax Collector to Lori McKnight.

Mayor Harakal asked for nominations for President of Council. Clark Eberhart nominated James Carucci and Maryjo Harakal seconded this motion. No other nominations were received a roll call vote was taken: James Carucci – abstained, Clark Eberhart – yes, Donna Lapikas – yes, Patti LaRocca – yes, Lee Loutzenhiser – yes, Russell Shaffer – yes. James Carucci was elected President.

Lee Loutzenhiser nominated Clark Eberhart for Vice President and Russell Shaffer seconded this motion. No other nominations were received, roll call vote was taken Clark Eberhart – abstained, James Carucci – yes, Donna Lapikas – yes, Patti LaRocca – yes, Lee Loutzenhiser – yes, Russell Shaffer – yes. Clark Eberhart was elected Vice President.

Mayor Harakal turned the meeting over to President James Carucci at this time.

Russell Shaffer made a motion to accept the January 2, 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed with all voting yes.

James Carucci read the Treasurer's Report for the Month of January 2018. Russell Shaffer made a motion to accept the January 2018 Treasurer's Report. This motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed with all present voting yes.

Unfinished business the appointment of new Road Foreman,. Mayor Harakal reported the interview committee brought three candidate names to the table for selection Mr. Miller, Mr. Lengyel and Mr. Schaffer. Clark Eberhart reported each candidate was rated on a 1 to 10 point system and the top three candidates are being presented here to Council. Lee Loutzenhiser asked questions concerning each candidate 1- if they have a CDL license, 2- is there a resident requirement, and 3- did Larry McKnight set in on the interviews? Mayor Harakal asked the two candidates attending the council if they wanted to address the council. Mr.Lengyel reported his work experience ranged from welding, mowing grass, ditching to being an electrician. Mr.Lengyel also stated he is not afraid of work and is confident in his ability to do this job with no plans on retiring. Mr. Maddock reported he has 17 years automobile repair experience, presently working construction and subcontracting as an electrician At this time Mayor turned the meeting back over to Jim Carucci. After further discussion and with Clark Eberhart, Jim Carucci and Lee

Loutzenhiser thanking all candidates and especially the two who came to the meeting tonight, Patti LaRocca made a motion to hire Mr. Maddock with Donna Lapikas seconding the motion. Jim Carucci made a motion to hire Mr. Lengyel with Russell Shaffer seconding the motion. A roll call vote was taken to hire Mr. Mattocks, James Carucci – no Clark Eberhart – no, Donna Lapikas – yes, Patti LaRocca – yes, Lee Loutzenhiser – no, Russell Shaffer – no. A roll call vote was taken to hire Mr. Lengyel, James Carucci – yes, Clark Eberhart – yes, Donna Lapikas – no, Patti LaRocca – no, Lee Loutzenhiser – yes, Russell Shaffer – yes. Mr Lengyel was hire as Road Foreman beginning his probation period January 22, 2018 and ending March 9, 2018 at a starting pay of 16 dollars per hour. His health insurance would also begin at the end of his probation period. Mayor Harakal asked Scott Sigworth to mail a letter to all applicants who applied thanking them for their interest. Clark Eberhart and all of Council would like to thank all of those who applied.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to hire Mr. Lengyel for the position with the Sewer Committee. The motion was seconded by James Carucci. A roll call vote was taken to hire Mr. Lengyel, James Carucci – yes Clark Eberhart – yes, Donna Lapikas – yes, Patti LaRocca – yes, Lee Loutzenhiser – yes, Russell Shaffer – yes the motion passed.. Clark Eberhart read the Sewer Committee Bills. Clark Eberhart made a motion to accept Mr. Lengyel for the position with the Sewer Committee and to pay the bills as read. Russell Shaffer seconded the motion and the motion passed with all voting yes.

Donna Lapikas reported the Clark Volunteer Fire Company responded to four (4) calls during November 2017. Clark Eberhart made a motion to accept the fire report as read. Russell Shaffer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor MaryJo Harakal read the Police Reports for of October, 2017. The Hermitage Police conducted 43 hours of patrol, responding to 17 calls for service in the Borough of Clark during the month. Russell Shaffer made a motion to accept the police report. James Carucci seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mayor Harakal reported that the raise for the Tax Collector would take affect the beginning of the 2018 calendar year.

Clark Eberhart read ordinance pertaining to material being discharged into the sewer system. Clark Eberhart made a motion send ordinance to Attorney Madden for review. Russell Shaffer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to appoint Scott Sigworth Secretary-Treasurer. This motion was seconded by Russell Shaffer and passed.

Lee Loutzenhiser made a motion to appoint Attorney William Madden as Solicitor. This motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed.

Patti LaRocca made a motion to appoint MaherDuessel as Auditors. This motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed.

Russell Shaffer made a motion to appoint First National the Depository Bank. This motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to appoint Edward Winslow as Engineer. This motion was seconded by Russell Shaffer and passed,

Donna Lapikas made a motion to appoint Reinhardt's Agency for Insurance. This motion was seconded by Patti LaRocca and passed.

Russell Shaffer made a motion to appoint Alvan Harakal Zoning Enforcement Officer. This motion was seconded by Lee Loutzenhiser and passed.

Patricia LaRocca made a motion to appoint Scott Sigworth as the Informational (Right to Know) Officer. This motion was seconded by Russell Shaffer. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yes.

Patti LaRocca made a motion to appoint Lori McKnight as Wage Tax Receiver. This motion was seconded by Russell Shaffer and passed.

Russell Shaffer made a motion to appoint James Carucci as representative to the Mercer County Joint Sewer Agency. This motion was seconded by Lee Loutzenhiser and passed.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to appoint Lawrence McKnight representative to the Vacancy Board. This motion was seconded by Russell Shaffer and passed.

All other committee appointments remained intact without any change.

James Carucci, read the Payroll Distribution, General Fund Distribution and the State Liquid Fuels Distribution for the month of January 2018. Clark Eberhart made a motion to pay the bills as read. The motion was seconded by James Carucci and passed with all voting yes.

James Carucci made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed.



Scott N Sigworth, Secretary/Treasurer

