

## **Minutes of the Clark Borough meeting – January 5, 2026 6:00PM**

Mayor Maryjo Harakal sworn in to council Jim Carucci, Doug Robbins, Joe Simko, Carol Houck and Tax Collector Barb McKnight.

Doug Robbins made a motion to nominate Jim Carucci as President of Council. The motion was seconded by Jason Engstrom and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Abstained, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Jim Carucci made a motion to nominate Doug Robbins as Vice President of Council. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Abstained, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

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 January 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Clark Eberhart, Doug Robbins, Jason Engstrom, Alesha Culp, Joe Simko, Carol Houck, Maryjo Harakal Monica Simko and Barb McKnight.

### **2026 Appointments are as follows:**

Jason Engstrom made a motion to appoint Monica Simko as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Alesha Culp and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Doug Robbins made a motion to appoint Madden Law Firm as Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Jason Engstrom made a motion to appoint Maher Duessel as Auditor. The motion was seconded by Carol Houck and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Jim Carucci made a motion to appoint FNB as Depository Bank for the Borough and Sewer accounts, to retain current signers and add Monica Simko as account signer but not to sign checks. The motion was seconded by Jason Engstrom and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Abstained, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Doug Robbins made a motion to appoint CW Engineering, LLC as Engineer. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes,

Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Jason Engstrom made a motion to appoint Franklin Insurance as Insurance Co. The motion was seconded by Carol Houck and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to appoint Alvan Harakal as Zoning Officer. The motion was seconded by Alesha Culp and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to appoint Alesha Culp as Regional Planning Commission Representative with Joe Simko as back-up. The motion was seconded by Doug Robbins and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Doug Robbins made a motion to appoint Monica Simko as Right to Know Officer. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Abstained, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Jim Carucci made a motion to appoint Lori McKnight as Vacancy Board Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Doug Robbins made a motion to appoint Berkheimer as Per Capita Wage Tax Receiver. The motion was seconded by Jason Engstrom and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Joe Simko made a motion to appoint Jim Carucci as Joint Sewer Agency Representative. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Abstained, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Joe Simko made a motion to accept December minutes as read. This motion was seconded by Alesha Culp and passed with all present voting yes.

Jim Carucci read the Treasurer's Report for the month of December. Jim Carucci made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Doug Robbins and passed with all present voting yes.

**Visitors:** Chief Piccirillo, Gregg and Lisa Sanford

**Unfinished Business:** Maryjo Harakal stated that RSVPs are needed asap for the MCBA Dinner and asked if council members would provide any door prizes. Carol Houck volunteered to obtain prizes. Lisa Sanford volunteered to provide something from her business, Damsel in Distress.

**New Business:** None

**Questions for the Solicitor:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Officials & Committees:**

Clark Eberhart read the Sewer bills for the month of January. Clark Eberhart made a motion to pay sewer bills as read. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci and passed with all present voting yes.

Clark Eberhart stated that Greenawalt did a very nice job on the pipe replacement.

Joe Simko read the Fire Report for the month of December. Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the Fire report as read. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci and passed with all present voting yes.

The Police Report for the month of December was not available to be read. However, Chief Piccirillo provided an update on the vehicle that was driving through the grass at UMC to avoid the speed bump. Chief had sent a letter to the vehicle owner and advised them to stop.

Doug Robbins made a motion to approve the removal of beavers by CRIT-R-DONE in an amount up to \$1,100.00. The motion was seconded by Joe Simko and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Clark Eberhart requested that a notice is posted to ban on-street parking during the impending snow storm.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to adopt the Mercer County Joint Seal Coat Resolution. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Abstained, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Carol Houck – Yes.

Lisa Sanford provided feedback from residents complimenting on the Santa ride around and some volunteered to donate next year if notice is given.

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

Jim Carucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joe Simko.

Monica Simko, Secretary/Treasurer