

The meeting of Clark Borough Council was called to order by Council President – Jim Carucci - who led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Maryjo Harakal - Doug Robbins - Cameron McConahy - Russell Shaffer - Donna Lapikas - Al Harakal - Barbara Dunlap - Ron Sanford - Jim Miller and Monica Simko.

Russ Shaffer made a motion to accept the October 2019 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed with all voting yes.

Jim Carucci read the Treasurer's Report for the Month of October 2019. Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. This motion was seconded by Russ Shaffer and passed with all present voting yes.

Barb Dunlap read the sewer bills for the month of November 2019. Clark Borough is to pay \$26,017.08 with \$277,70 paid from South Pymatuning Township. Russ Shaffer made a motion to pay the sewer bills as read; this motion was seconded by Doug Robbins and passed with all present voting yes.

Donna Lapikas read the Fire Report for the month of October 2019. The Clark Volunteer Fire Department responded to two (2) calls. Jim Carucci made a motion to accept the Fire report as read. The motion was seconded by Russ Shaffer and passed with all present voting yes.

At this time Doug Robbins asked Ron Sanford to please clean up the hall, including sweeping and emptying the trash, after their monthly meetings to avoid having to pay the janitor to come clean. Ron Sanford agreed and stated that he will take care of it.

Maryjo Harakal read the Police Report for the month of September 2019. The Hermitage Police Department conducted forty-two and a half (42.5) hours of patrol and answered seventeen (17) calls for service in the Borough of Clark. Jim Carucci made a motion to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with all present voting yes.

Unfinished Business: Russ Shaffer advised that the spreader valve on the plow truck cost over two-thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars to repair, which used the remained funds in the Liquid Fuels checking account. Doug Robbins made a motion to transfer forty-five hundred (\$4,500.00) dollars from the Liquid Fuels Savings to Checking. The motion was seconded by Russ Shaffer and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes; Doug Robbins – Yes; Donna Lapikas – Yes; Cameron McConahy – Yes; Russ Shaffer – Yes.

Doug Robbins made a motion to rescind the October motion to pay for garage tools from the Equipment Reserve account. The motion was seconded by Russ Shaffer and passed

with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes; Doug Robbins – Yes; Donna Lapikas – Yes; Cameron McConahy – Yes; Russ Shaffer – Yes.

Russ Shaffer made a motion to pay for garage tools from Liquid Fuels checking. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes; Doug Robbins – Yes; Donna Lapikas – Yes; Cameron McConahy – Yes; Russ Shaffer – Yes.

New business: Kaleb Robertson requested a rental donation for a fundraiser to be held on December 8, 2019 for a former Firefighter. Doug Robbins made a motion recommending a twenty (20%) percent discount, making the rental fee One hundred-twelve (\$112.00) dollars instead of One hundred-forty (\$140.00) dollars. The motion was seconded by Donna Lapikas and passed with all present voting yes.

Maryjo Harakal recommended to charge Clark residents the forty-five (\$45.00) dollar janitor's fee for any Funeral rentals. Non Clark residents would be charged a normal rental fee. Doug Robbins made a motion to charge Clark residents \$45.00 and non-residents \$140.00 for Funerals. The motion was seconded by Russ Shaffer and passed with all present voting yes.

Jim Carucci made a motion to accept the twenty-four (24) month rate of 3.205 per Dth through our current natural gas supplier, Total Energy Resources. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with all present voting yes.

Doug Robbins stated that the Budget included an increase to the Road Foreman's salary up to Larry McKnight's ending monthly salary of \$3,787.93 once the Sewer certificate Test is completed and passed. If the test is not completed and passed by 12/31/2019, Jim Miller's increase will be three (3%) percent until the test is passed.

Doug Robbins stated that the Budget included an increase to Monica Simko's monthly salary consisting of one and a half (1.5) percent in January 2020 and one and a half (1.5) percent in July 2020 for a total of three (3) percent for the year. The next year, 2021 would then resume a normal three (3) percent increase in January of each year.

Maryjo Harakal recommended that the 2020 Proposed Budget be reviewed for approval and to be advertised. Doug Robbins made a motion to approve and advertise the Proposed 2020 Budget. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes; Doug Robbins – Yes; Donna Lapikas – Yes; Cameron McConahy – Yes; Russ Shaffer – Yes.

Doug Robbins attended the Mercer County Council of Governments meeting regarding the Garbage re-bid. The proposal in progress is an increase to residents currently using the bags that they would have to also pay a monthly fee plus the cost of the bags. This fee is to cover bulk pick-up days. Doug also advised that Kim DiCintio said that Clark Borough will be reduced to Associate members if no one continues to participate in the MCCOG monthly meetings. The meetings are on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Wednesday of the



month, with the next one scheduled for November 20, 2019. Russ Shaffer volunteered to be the Liaison for the meeting and to get the dates for him.

Doug Robbins stated that the cost of the LED bulbs for the Social hall increased from sixteen (\$16.00) dollars to twenty-two (\$22.00) dollars and that he has an electrician looking around for a better price.

Doug Robbins stated that he wants to look into getting grants for repaving the Borough parking lot. He has found that there are possibly grants out there to improve the lot for better handicap accessibility for parking and the park restroom.

Maryjo advised that Attorney Madden is looking into the Lakeside Event Center issue. Ed Winslow requested a meeting with Attorney Madden, Jeff Richardson, Maryjo Harakal, Al Harakal, Doug Robbins, Russ Shaffer and Clark Eberhart on November 12, 2019 at 4:00pm.

Russ Shaffer asked if Dr. Joseph was issued a permit for the trailer he placed on the vacant lot off route 258. Doug Robbins asked what the rules are for placing a shed, etc. Russ Shaffer advised Al Harakal to check the property to make sure he is meeting the setback requirements.

Maryjo Harakal read the following correspondence and left them on the table for anyone interested in looking at them: PSAB training updates, Grant Program for Traffic Signal Upgrades, Join Mayors for Solar Energy Information, Mercer County Conservation District Pipe Fill Demonstration Day.

Jim Carucci read the Payroll Distribution - General Fund Distribution and the State Liquid Fuels Distribution for the month of November 2019. Russ Shaffer made a motion to pay the bills as read. The motion was seconded by Doug Robbins and passed with all voting yes.

Jim Carucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Russ Shaffer with all present voting yes.

Monica M. Simko - Secretary/Treasurer

