

September 3, 2019

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, August 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Maryjo Harakal – Clark Eberhart - Doug Robbins - Cameron McConahy - Russell Shaffer – Patti LaRocca – Donna Lapikas - Barbara Dunlap - Attorney William Madden - Ron Sanford - Al Harakal – Jim Miller and Monica Simko.

Visitors in attendance: Chief Eric Jewell and Henry (Hank) Frei

Jim Carucci made a motion to accept the July 2019 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with all voting yes.

Jim Carucci read the Treasurer’s Report for the Month of July 2019. Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. This motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

Clark Eberhart read the sewer bills for the month of August 2019. Clark Borough to pay \$33,862.33 with \$679.59 paid from South Pymatuning Township. Clark Eberhart made a motion to pay the sewer bills as read; this motion was seconded by Russ Shaffer and passed with all present voting yes.

Donna Lapikas read the Fire Report for the month of July 2019. The Clark Volunteer Fire Department responded to six (6) calls. Russ Shaffer made a motion to accept the Fire report as read. Patti LaRocca seconded the motion and passed with all present voting yes.

Maryjo Harakal read the Police Report for the month of June 2019. The Hermitage Police Department conducted forty-two (42) hours of patrol and answered twelve (12) calls for service in the Borough of Clark. Russ Shaffer made a motion to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

Visitor Chief Eric Jewell is present to announce that we had good report, crime is low and wanted to know/see if the residents were having any issues. Maryjo Harakal stated that she wanted to update our Soliciting Ordinance and include some of the verbage from the Hermitage Police Ordinance that was just recently passed. Clark Eberhart stated that we can’t include restrictions like Girl Scouts. Patti LaRocca stated that she will volunteer to get with Monica Simko and Doug Robbins to re-word the Ordinance. Chief Eric Jewell advised that we also get with Greg Hinkson as well.

Visitor Henry (Hank) Frei of 90 Parkview Drive is present to discuss the water runoff issue in his back yard. Henry states that he has already spent over \$10k to control the

water by having a swale put in with an 18' corrugated pipe and 2 catch basins. Henry also stated that the Borough had also put in an additional catch basin afterwards. There is still a half foot of sitting water in his backyard and was under the impression that the drain pipes were to be ran to the ditches, not backyards. Henry Frei stated that he spent \$8k-\$10k more to fix his driveway and add more catch basins. Henry wanted to know if there is something more the Borough can do to resolve the water issue. Ron Sanford, Henry's neighbor, stated that the water is running down the hill from Charles Street to Parkview. Patti LaRocca asked Attorney William Madden if we needed to have Winslow Engineering look at it and see what needs done. Attorney Madden answered Yes. Jim Carucci also agreed. Doug Robbins stated to Henry that the water issue is the Borough's responsibility when the water touches the street, not when it is in the backyard. Jim Miller stated that there is not an easement through there. Ron Sanford stated that the property line isn't straight and that may be an issue.

Henry Frei also asked what the Borough's responsibility was on pumping Septic Tanks. Clark Eberhart stated that it is on an as needed basis and that he just needs to call to have it pumped. The Borough will pay for it once every five (5) years. Any earlier is resident cost.

Attorney Madden was dismissed with no further questions.

Unfinished Business: Patti LaRocca advised that a constituent was asking if they could build a wall to block the view of the collection of debris on 258. She advised them that they would need to contact Al Harakal.

New Business: Maryjo read the correspondence from MCRPC regarding proposal for Grants. Council agreed that we aren't going forward with this.

Maryjo Harakal stated that residents have been asking questions about the recycling dumpster being removed and where they can recycle. Maryjo Harakal advised Monica Simko to call Tri-County and Waste Management to see what they offer for recycling. Council also stated that there is a place on Route 18 towards Greenville that takes recycling.

Clark Eberhart stated that there are no issues with the Sewer department. Clark mentioned that we did the TV'ing and fixed leaks that were found but South Py is still not willing to fix theirs which is causing the high costs. Barb Dunlap stated that she had to transfer money from the savings account to cover the bills.

Doug Robbins advised that he has not changed the lights over to LED yet. Doug also stated that he had good and bad news regarding the Sidewalk project. The good news is that we can get a grant, bad news is that the Borough would need to spend \$40k for the Engineers cost. Council agreed that the project be tabled for now due to cost.

Doug Robbins stated that making Milton and Nora Streets a one-way for the annual yard sale worked out great and that he had received multiple compliments on the change about



how smoothly traffic flowed. Ron Sanford also recommended doing this for Halloween as well. Council asked Jim Miller to call Walsh Equipment for a price on getting our own one-way and do not enter signs instead of borrowing from City of Sharon.

Doug Robbins requested an Executive meeting to discuss negotiations on the custodian position.

Maryjo Harakal stated that checks have not been being cashed. Two (2) of the checks are made payable to the CVFD. Maryjo stated that she spoke with Gregg Sanford and that there is two (2) ways to handle this. The right thing to do, since the 2017 check is their millage, per Attorney Madden, the Borough does not have to give the funds since the check is now stale-dated, but we will reissue the check. Gregg Sanford is aware that Cindy Selby asked for the money and everyone assumed the checks were cashed. Gregg also stated that the CVFD is in process of implementing a check log to be collected by the President. Gregg announced that Cindy will no longer be collecting the checks and they are to be distributed to Gregg Sanford going forward. Per Attorney Madden, we are to void all uncashed checks older than three (3) years, and to place a stop payment on the CVFD checks deducting the thirty-seven (\$37.00) fee from the reissued checks. Clark Eberhart asked Gregg Sanford if the CVFD has a Trustee group to monitor their books? Gregg Sanford responded by stating that a lot of things are going to change and they are in process of doing so. Russ Shaffer made a motion to place a stop pay on the two (2) CVFD checks and reissue. The motion was seconded by Patti LaRocca with all present voting yes.

Ron Sanford stated that the CVFD Steak Fry is coming up and hopes that we can make it.

Gregg Sanford stated that he ordered new Emergency Exit Signs.

Gregg Sanford asked if we have portable stop signs in the garage. Jim Miller stated Yes we do and the sand bags to go with them.

Jim Miller stated that he can't get the lever on the Salt Spreader to turn on and he needs someone to look at it with him before winter.

Cameron McConahy stated that the concrete pipe was broken when it was put in at the corner of Nora and Milton Streets (Preisters property), causing a sink hole now. Jim Miller stated that he is going to take the broken pipe out and replace it with plastic. Cameron also stated that on the North side of Nora street, water is eroding the pipes on each side of the road at Clary's residence. There is metal pipe on both sides, not driveway tile.

Maryjo Harakal read correspondence from Jefferson Township announcing that they will be having a recycling event in September.

Maryjo Harakal asked if council was interested in opening an account at Warehouse Sales. Council agreed to wait until we see how much we are using them before opening an account.

Jim Carucci read the Payroll Distribution - General Fund Distribution and the State Liquid Fuels Distribution for the month of August 2019. Clark Eberhart made a motion to pay the bills as read. The motion was seconded by Patti LaRocca and passed with all voting yes.

Room dismissed to continue with the Executive meeting.

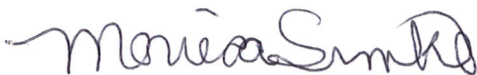
Upon returning from the Executive Meeting, Doug Robbins made a motion to hire Alfred Ruth as new custodian replacing Art Hatton. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart. Roll call vote: Clark Eberhart – Yes, Russ Shaffer – Yes, Donna Lapikas – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Cameron McConahy – Yes, Jim Carucci – Yes, Patti LaRocca – Yes.

Doug Robbins made a motion to increase the Road Foreman Salary from \$17.08 to \$19.00, retroactive to August 1, 2019. The motion was seconded by Russ Shaffer with all present voting yes.

Jim Carucci made a motion to increase the Sewer pay from \$16.00 to \$18.00. The motion was seconded by Russ Shaffer with all present voting yes.

Patti LaRocca made a motion to void any uncashed checks after 90 days going forward and to order new checks with 'Void after 90 Days' printed on them. The motion was seconded by Russ Shaffer with all present voting yes.

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



Monica M. Simko - Secretary/Treasurer

