

Minutes of the Clark Borough meeting – September 7, 2021 6:00PM

The meeting of the Clark borough council was called to order by counsel Present Doug Robbins who led in the pledge to the flag on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6 PM. Others in attendance were Mayor Maryjo Harakal, Clark Eberhart, Larry McKnight, Cameron McConahy, Joe Simko, Ron Sanford, Al Harakal, Attorney William Madden and Monica Simko.

Visitors in attendance were Mark Longietti, Henry Frei and Nick Dudzenski

Cameron McConahy made a motion to except the August 24, 2021 special meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

Cameron McConahy made a motion to except the August Meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

Doug Robbins read the Treasurer's Report for the Month of August. Cameron McConahy made a motion to accept. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

Visitors

Mark Longietti presented a Grant & Resource Directory and discussed current grant opportunities. Cameron McConahy asked if flood mitigation is available for Stormwater issues to which Mr. Longietti responded to check the website for specific uses/qualification. Ron Sanford asked if there are grants for weather alert sirens to which Mr. Longietti responded that he hasn't seen any yet but to check the directory and/or contact FEMA.

Henry Frei asked about the millage on the tax cards to which Maryjo Harakal responded that there was a misprint on the cards and it will be corrected at the next budget meeting.

Henry Frei asked about the water runoff on Parkview Drive. Clark Eberhart stated that he looked at the issue and will be installing a cement type barrier with grates to get the water to run into the catch basins and this will hopefully correct the issue.

Nick Dudzenski is purchasing an acre of property to the rear of his house and asked if there were any forms that the Borough required from him. Council advised him that there are no forms needed on the Borough end. Once MCRPC signs off on it, it will then come to the Borough to sign it.

Unfinished Business

Doug Robbins stated that Landfried Paving will honor their quote for painting the parking lot lines in the spring. They advised to wait to do the painting in the spring. Doug Robbins made a motion to pay \$14,640.00 for the work completed. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart

and passed with a roll call vote of Doug Robbins – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Cameron McConahy – Yes, Larry McKnight – Yes and Joe Simko – Yes.

New Business

Council replaced Henry Frei with Joe Simko on the following Committees: Planning Local & Regional as committee chairperson, Zoning Local & Regional as committee member and Stormwater as committee member. Council advised to ask Sue Simmons to fill the vacancy board officer seat.

The Budget meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 22, 2021 at 10 a.m. Doug Robbins and Clark Eberhart to attend. Cameron McConahy, Joe Simko and Larry McKnight cannot attend.

Trick or Treat hours are tentatively scheduled for October 31, 2021 with hours to be set at the October meeting.

Questions for Attorney Madden

Mr. Madden advised that committees only need to be listed on the agenda if the committee is asking for an official action on their report, it needs to be identified on the agenda as to what the action is going to be and the cost, if anything. If there is nothing to report on a committee it does not need to be listed on the agenda. We can always get information.

Al Harakal stated that Penn Power is installing a 50,000 gallon water tank, he hasn't received drawings yet. Al had the mayor call Winslow and did not get an appropriate answer so she called Sandee Winslow who advised the Mayor that they will first need to contact the conservation district due to the land disturbance and eventually, the borough can obtain a permit for the house portion. Mr. Madden advised council that we are able to use any engineer that we choose and to obtain a certificate of liability from whomever we utilize. We also do not need to bid out for hired positions but can if we wish to. Doug Robbins made a motion to retain CW Engineering LLC in the interim until RFP's are obtained from other engineering firms in addition to sending a letter to Winslow Engineering advising that we will no longer be utilizing their services and request that our files be sent to the borough office by 10/17/2021. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with a roll call vote of Doug Robbins – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Cameron McConahy – Yes, Larry McKnight – Yes and Joe Simko – Yes.

Correspondence

Ron Sanford stated that the Steak Fry made around \$8,300.00. The Turkey Shoots are going good and that Fire Prevention week is coming up in October. Erme's is making signs for it and Ron stated that he was going to have Erme's also make signs for Christmas and New Years and asked if council wanted Clark Borough added to it. There were no objections from council.

Maryjo Harakal read an email sent that the Mercer County Boroughs Association meeting for September is cancelled.

Maryjo Harakal stated that there are two upcoming recycling events for Mercer and Lawrence County. The flyers were passed around.

Sewer Committee: Clark Eberhart read the sewer bills for the month of August. Clark Eberhart made a motion to pay as read. The motion was seconded by Cameron McConahy and passed with all present voting yes.

Finance/Personnel Committee: Cameron McConahy presented a card from David Moyer thanking the borough for the summer job and hopes to be invited back next summer, and a gift for Jim Miller with a card from Julia McConahy also thanking him for the work.

Fire: Cameron McConahy read the Fire Report for the month of August. Cameron McConahy made a motion to accept the fire report as read. The motion was seconded by Doug Robbins and passed with all voting yes.

Police: Mayor Maryjo Harakal read Police Report for July. Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

Zoning Committee: Al measured the storage units on the Joseph property. The two largest trailers have been there for a year and measured at approximately 266 Square feet each. Al did not measure the other two smaller units. Council advised to have the council president sign the tax form before we submit it to the Tax Assessment office.

Payment of Bills

Doug Robbins read payroll and monthly bills for distribution for September. Cameron McConahy made a motion to pay bills as amended, to include the bills not received yet. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

Adjournment

Cameron McConahy made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Larry McKnight.

Monica Simko, Secretary