

Minutes of the Clark Borough meeting – January 3, 2022 6:00PM

Judge Yeatts administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Mayor Maryjo Harakal.

Mayor Harakal administered the Oath of Office to newly elected council persons Doug Robbins, Jim Carucci, Larry McKnight and Joseph Simko on January 3, 2022.

The reorganization meeting of Clark Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Maryjo Harakal who led in the pledge to the flag on Monday January 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were James Carucci, Doug Robbins, Clark Eberhart, Larry McKnight, Michael Yeatts, Joe Simko, Monica Simko and Barb McKnight.

Mayor Harakal asked for nominations for President of Council. Doug Robbins nominated Jim Carucci to remain as Council President. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart. Nominations were closed and roll call vote was taken: Carucci – abstained, Eberhart – yes, Robbins – yes, McKnight – yes, Yeatts – yes, Simko – Yes.

Mayor Harakal turned the meeting over to Council President Jim Carucci.

Jim Carucci nominated Doug Robbins to remain as Vice President of Council. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart. Nominations were closed and roll call vote was taken: Carucci – yes, Eberhart – yes, Robbins – abstained, McKnight – yes, Yeatts – yes, Simko – Yes.

Jim Carucci made a motion to keep the current appointments as follows:

Monica Simko Secretary/Treasurer

Attorney William Madden as the Solicitor

Maher Duessel as the Auditor

First National as the Depository Bank with signatures to remain the same.

CW Engineering, LLC as the Engineer

Franklin Insurance with AmTrust for Insurance

Al Harakal as the Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer.

Joe Simko to the Planning Commission.

Monica Simko as the Informational (Right to Know) Officer.

The Vacancy Board Chairman will be decided at the February Meeting.

Barb McKnight as Tax Collector.

Jim Carucci as representative to Mercer County Joint Sewer Agency.

Sue Simmons to the Zoning hearing Board.

This motion was seconded by Doug Robbins. Roll call vote was taken: Carucci – yes, Eberhart – yes, Robbins – yes, McKnight – yes, Yeatts – yes, Simko – Yes.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to accept December 7, 2021 minutes as written. This motion was seconded by Mike Yeatts and passed with all present voting yes.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to accept Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2021. This motion was seconded by Mike Yeatts and passed with all present voting yes.

Visitors in attendance are Eric Jewell.

Mayor Harakal notified council that the zoning officer's only part of the Penn Power project is the well house portion. She gave Al Harakal the engineer's phone number to provide to the project manager.

Correspondence for the Mercer County Builders Assn invitation was agreed that Al Harakal should attend.

Mercer County Boroughs Association requests consideration of Land Bank Resolution. Mike Yeatts made a motion that we support MCBA's resolution. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes with the exception of Doug Robbins who opposed due to lack of knowledge.

Mike Yeatts made a motion to pay sewer bills as read by Clark Eberhart. This motion was seconded by Larry McKnight and passed with all present voting yes.

Mercer County Council of Governments tentative meeting schedule for 2022 will be as follows: January 19, March 16, April 20, May 18, September 21, November 16 and December 21.

Karen Piccirilli submitted 3 building permits for 2 sheds and a driveway. She has already obtained a permit from PENNDOT for the driveway.

Mayor Harakal read the Fire Report for the month of December 2021. Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the Fire report as read. The motion was seconded by Mike Yeatts and passed with all present voting yes.

Maryjo Harakal read the Police Report for the month of November 2021. Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by Mike Yeatts and passed with all present voting yes.

Joe Simko stated that the MPO wanted to make a TIP amendment to add funds for an all-weather pavement marking project. Joe abstained from the vote due to lack of knowledge.

Regional planning commission approved two Dollar General Stores in Springfield Township and Mercer.

Clark stated that the project that he and Jim completed on Parkview Drive has been working as far as he can tell. He requested that a marker be placed there to avoid the snow plow hitting it.

A Thank you note was received from Lori McKnight for the gift card.

Jim Carucci expressed his gratitude for the generous donation and it will be put towards something for Laurie.

Jim Carucci read the Payroll Distribution - General Fund Distribution and the State Liquid Fuels Distribution for the month of January 2022. Doug Robbins made a motion to pay the bills as read. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all voting yes.

Jim Carucci made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Michael Yeatts and passed.

Monica Simko, Secretary/Treasurer