

Minutes of the Clark Borough meeting – May 14, 2024 6:00PM

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 May 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Doug Robbins, Clark Eberhart, Larry McKnight, Joe Simko, Jason Engstrom, Maryjo Harakal, Monica Simko and Solicitor Bill Madden.

Jason Engstrom made a motion to accept the April minutes as read. This motion was seconded by Joe Simko and passed with all present voting yes.

Jim Carucci read the Treasurer's Report for the Month of April. 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:

Gregg Sanford and Chief Piccirillo are here for observation.

Sandee Winslow is present to provide updates. There is still no update on the LSA grants. Sandee provided a legal notice to be advertised on May 17 & May 22, 2024 for bids on the roof. The bid opening will be June 3, 2024 which will give Sandee a week to provide a recommendation to council on which bid would be best to approve. Sandee recommends submitting bid specs, once requested, via email as to save time and money. Council agreed. She also wants to send the bids specs to the prior bidders in hopes they will submit another bid.

Unfinished Business:

Clark Eberhart made a motion to hire Tim Benton as Custodian retroactive to tentative date of hire, April 22, 2024. The motion was seconded by Joe Simko and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Doug Robbins - Yes, Clark Eberhart - Yes, Larry McKnight - Yes, Joe Simko - Yes, Jason Engstrom - Yes.

New Business:

Doug Robbins made a motion to hire Floyd McClusky as back up to the custodian effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Doug Robbins - Yes, Clark Eberhart - Yes, Larry McKnight - Yes, Joe Simko - Yes, Jason Engstrom - Yes.

Questions for the Solicitor: Clark Eberhart asked Mr. Madden on the progress of the Lenzi lien. Mr. Madden needs to have the most current lien filed and then will file the writ and then have the sheriff serve them. Mr. Madden advised that they can come make a payment, verify that the check does not specify payment in full, and tell them that we are still proceeding until it is paid in full.

Correspondence & other communications:

The Mercer County Real Property Assessment meeting was held on April 23, 2024 at 6:00pm. Maryjo Harakal, Jim Carucci and Clark Eberhart attended. The meeting

discussed the property assessments and how some residents' taxes may go up, some may go down, and some may not change. It will all depend on upgrades to the home/property.

Officials & Committees:

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

Clark Eberhart stated that there will be a TVSS System at the pump station. The system is a necessary investment to avoid big issues down the road.

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

Police: Maryjo Harakal read the Police Report for the Month of March. Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci and passed with all present voting yes.

Maryjo Harakal read the Police Report for the month of April. Jim Carucci made a motion to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all present voting yes.

Highways: Clark Eberhart stated that the mower stopped working on Jim three (3) times on Tuesday. He found that the fuse was blown and needs to investigate if there is a short circuit somewhere.

Doug Robbins made a motion to transfer funds from the Fire Protection Savings to the General Fund Checking for reimbursement of payments made to the CVFC in the amount of \$5,520.46. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Doug Robbins - Yes, Clark Eberhart - Yes, Larry McKnight - Yes, Joe Simko - Yes, Jason Engstrom - Yes.

Boroughs Association: The Spring meeting for the Mercer County Boroughs Assn was held on April 25, 2024 at 6:00pm. Maryjo Harakal, Doug Robbins, Jim Carucci and Clark Eberhart attended. The discussion covered various legislation and tax topics, Suzette Ringer is retiring and the next meeting will be in September.

Doug Robbins congratulated Maryjo Harakal on becoming President of the Boroughs Association.

Building, Parks & Rec: Doug Robbins stated that the rental agreement needs updated to have the renters be responsible for locking the door at the end of their function and that failure to do so will result in loss of deposit.

Joe Simko asked what needs done to get more mulch at the playground. Council agreed and stated that it has to be a certain grade due to the DCNR Grant specifications.

Payment of Bills:

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

Jim Carucci made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Joe Simko and passed with all voting yes.

Monica Simko, Secretary/Treasurer