Minutes of the Clark Borough meeting - August 12, 2025 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 August 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Doug Robbins, Clark Eberhart, Joe Simko, Alesha Culp, Carol Houck, Maryjo Harakal, Chief Piccirillo, Fire Chief Gregg Sanford, Attorney Tara Rodrigues, Al Harakal and Monica Simko.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to accept the July minutes and July recessed minutes as read. This motion was seconded by Doug Robbins and passed with all present voting yes.

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

Visitors:

None

Unfinished Business:

Joe Simko presented the ATV Draft Ordinance. Chief Piccirillo suggested some additions to include Title 75 PA.C.S. referencing Snowmobiles and ATV's. Attorney Tara Rodriguez recommended adding legal terminology. Joe is to make amendments and forward it edited ordinance to the solicitor and Chief.

Joe Simko made a motion to approve the Solar Ordinance with amendments and sent to Tara for review before submitting to MCRPC. The motion was seconded by Doug Robbins and passed with all present voting yes.

Sandee Winslow stated that the contractors have submitted the paperwork for Phase I. They are to have a pre-construction meeting prior to starting and if council wants to be involved to let her know. Doug Robbins stated that he would like to sit in on the meeting.

New Business:

The Budget meeting is scheduled for 10/24/2025 at 10am.

Doug Robbins made a motion to approve the online transfer from Liquid Fuels Savings to Liquid Fuels Checking in the amount of \$8,000.00. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Doug Robbins - Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Carol Houck – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes.

Correspondence and Other Communications:

Maryjo Harakal read a letter from a potential insurance rates. Council agreed to obtain quotes for insurance renewals.

Officials & Committees:

Sewer:

Clark Eberhart read the Sewer bills for the month of August. Doug Robbins made a motion to pay sewer bills as read. The motion was seconded by Alesha Culp and passed with all present voting yes.

Fire:

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

Doug Robbins made a motion to approve the letter of request for Fire Funds in the amount of \$5,000.00. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Doug Robbins - Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Carol Houck – Yes, Alesha Culp – Abstains.

Police:

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

Code Officer:

Al Harakal stated that he received a complaint from a resident on McMinn Road regarding a neighbors swimming pool without a fence and their concern for a different neighbors' child that runs around without supervision. Al Harakal stated that the pool is within legal code restrictions and the pools over 48" are not required to have a fence.

Council asked for a letter to be sent to the landlord of 32 McMinn asking them to remove the travel trailer on the back of the property unless proof of registration/insurance/license is provided.

Highways:

Clark Eberhart extended his thanks and gratitude to the 3 high school students that helped complete the crack sealing project.

Building, Parks and Recreation:

Doug Robbins stated that the downspout on the north west side of the building hasn't been overflowing recently.

Gregg Sanford advised council that he is going to be labeling the breakers due to renters turning off the garage bay doors causing an issue during calls where the doors didn't open.

Doug Robbins recommends selling the sewer jetter that is taking up space and hasn't been used in years. The contact for South Py's sewer authority is Mike Nashtock at MCCT.

Doug Robbins stated that the Annual Yard Sale seemed very light this year. Traffic was light as well as fewer homes selling.

Stormwater:

Clark Eberhart discussed a stormwater issue at Mrs. Herrmann's residence on Charles Street. The concrete had broken and the resident asked to have it repaired. Jim Miller and Clark Eberhart are to install a new tile/catch basis to correct the issue.

Doug Robbins asked when the ditch project is to be completed since the ARPA funds need to be spent by 12/31/25. Monica Simko is to follow up.

Comments/Concerns/Questions:

Maryjo Harakal commented on the Fire Fund account and asked council to consider increasing the millage to 2 mills vs giving the CVFC 1 mill from the General Fund account.

Payment of Bills:

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

Monica Simko, Secretary/Treasurer