

Minutes of the Clark Borough meeting – September 9, 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 September 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Doug Robbins, Joe Simko, Alesha Culp, Carol Houck, Jason Engstrom, Maryjo Harakal, Chief Piccirillo, Fire Chief Gregg Sanford, Attorney Tara Rodrigues, Sandee Winslow and Monica Simko.

Jason Engstrom made a motion to accept the August 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 August. Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Carol Houck and passed with all present voting yes.

Visitors:

None

Unfinished Business:

Doug Robbins made a motion to adopt the ATV Ordinance presented to council by Joe Simko. The motion was seconded by Jason Engstrom and passed with all present voting yes with the exception of Joe Simko who abstained.

Joe Simko made a motion to purchase ATV signage to be placed at the end of each road. The motion was seconded by Jason Engstrom and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Doug Robbins - Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Carol Houck – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes.

Joe Simko made a motion to advertise the ATV Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Carol Houck and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Doug Robbins - Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Carol Houck – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes.

Council is in agreement to send a letter of support to MCRPC giving blessing to conduct a countywide ATV study.

New Business:

Doug Robbins made a motion to ratify the General Fund Distributions from August to include the Union Dues invoice of \$55.00 bringing the actual distribution amount to \$15,863.47. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Doug Robbins - Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Carol Houck – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes.

Maryjo Harakal announced that the Mercer County Boroughs Assn is holding the Fall meeting will be held on September 25, 2025 at 6pm. Carol Houck, Doug Robbins and Sandee Winslow are able to attend.

Questions for the Solicitor:

Monica Simko asked Tara for advice on the gWorks system that has yet to be implemented. Attorney Tara Rodrigues advised that she will reach out to them with councils permission to which council agrees that they need to be contacted to find a resolution.

Correspondence and Other Communications:

Reminder: The Budget meeting is scheduled for 10/24/2025 at 10am. Joe Simko, Alesha Culp and Carol Houck are unable to attend. After some discussion, the meeting may be rescheduled to 10/17/25 at 10am to be confirmed at the October 14 meeting which would give Jason Engstrom availability to attend.

Officials & Committees:**Sewer:**

Monica Simko read the Sewer bills for the month of September. Doug Robbins made a motion to pay sewer bills as read. The motion was seconded by Jason Engstrom and passed with all present voting yes.

Maryjo Harakal provided two contacts for companies that can take over reading the Pump Station meters. Council agreed to obtain quotes.

Fire:

Joe Simko read the Fire Report for the Month of August. Jason Engstrom made a motion to accept the Fire report as read. The motion was seconded by Carol Houck and passed with all present voting yes.

Police:

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

Highways:

Jim Carucci stated that the gravel that is to be removed from the turkey shoot area needs to be moved sooner than later due to the construction project.

Building, Parks and Recreation:

Doug Robbins made a motion to approve IC Electric to relabel breaker boxes in the amount up to \$650.00. The motion was seconded by Joe Simko and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Doug Robbins - Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Carol Houck – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes.

Doug Robbins recommends scrapping the rooftop unit that's been sitting behind the garage for 1.5 years if Gregg Sanford's contact doesn't want to make an offer on it.

Sandee Winslow is present to provide updates and recommendations on the following points of interest:

- a. Paying Vasco Construction \$35,427.60 instead of the requested amount of \$38,217.60 due to the lack of some items on the list not being completed.
- b. The September meeting, to award the LSA Grant that was applied for in November 2024, was postponed until November 18, 2025.
- c. The 2026 LSA Grants are open for submission with a deadline of November 30, 2025. The committee members should hold a meeting to discuss submitting another grant request to recoup some of the overflow from the pickleball court coming in over budget.
- d. Provided a map of Neshannock Rd and Clay Furnace Rd highlighting which portion is a State Road vs Borough.

Council approved purchasing an additional swing seat to replace the missing one.

MCRPC/MPO:

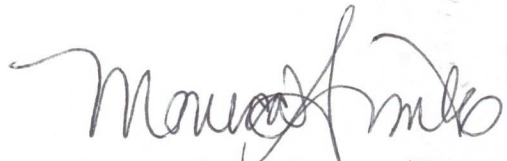
Alesha Culp stated that the MCRPC and MPO will resume meetings next week. As of now, there is no update.

Comments/Concerns/Questions:

Gregg Sanford advised council that trees need trimmed on Parkview near Gibson Rd.

Payment of Bills:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monica Simko".

Monica Simko, Secretary/Treasurer