

## **Minutes of the Clark Borough meeting – September 10, 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 September 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Doug Robbins, Larry McKnight, Joe Simko, Alesha Culp, Maryjo Harakal, Attorney Madden and Monica Simko.

Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the August 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 August. Joe Simko made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Alesha Culp and passed with all present voting yes.

### **Visitors:**

Chief Piccirillo is here for observation.

Gregg Sanford

Doug Smith is present to provide an update for North Star Marina adding that he recently opened Dock Side Winery with operating hours of Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The winery is doing exceptionally well, more than anticipated. Doug anticipates laying out the land for the campground around October-November 2024 and stated that he will be back to discuss tapping into the sewer system. Doug Smith asked about the signage previously discussed and mentioned that he will talk to Mrs. Winner about using her property.

Sandee Winslow presented a change order form to be signed moving the roof completion date from 10/1/24 to 10/31/24. Jim Carucci signed.

### **New Business:**

The Mercer County Borough's Association Dinner meeting is being held on Thursday September 26, 2024 in Stoneboro. More details to come. Maryjo Harakal, Doug Robbins and Jim Carucci are to attend.

Doug Robbins made a motion to set the Trick or Treat hours for Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 5pm to 7pm. The motion was seconded by Jim Carucci and passed with all present voting yes.

Jim Carucci made a motion to approve payment for Charlie McKnight to take the Sacramento Certification exam. The motion was seconded by Joe Simko and passed with a roll call vote of Jim Carucci – Yes, Doug Robbins – Yes, Larry McKnight – abstain, Alesha Culp – Yes and Joe Simko – Yes.

Attorney Madden discussed the Sewer Authority and how it was formed in late 70's/early 80's during construction on the sewer system. At some point council and the sewer authority didn't agree so council took over and dissolved the authority, creating the sewer

committee. The Authority was not deactivated at the state level due to debt that was owed, it is considered dormant. The City of Hermitage wants to update the Municipal Agreements and will need to know the proper verbiage to include, whether is the Authority or Committee. Per Attorney Madden, council can choose dissolve the Authority by letting it expire but create a new board just to make a decision on the agreement amendments, then keep operating as normal OR start operating as an authority again and create a board following the Municipal Authorities Act. Doug Robbins asked what the advantages are to keep the Authority to which Mr. Madden answered that we would be able to apply for grants, etc.

Doug Robbins asked that the Authority discussion be added to the October Agenda.

Sandee Winslow added that there is an ACT 13 Grant opening to apply for Straight Piping.

Attorney Madden provided an update on the Solar Panel Regulations, recommending two separate sets. One for rooftops with the panels being physically and permanently attached to a structure and one for Farms being not attached to structures with regulations. This would require special exceptions and is stricter requiring a hearing with the zoning hearing board. The regulations should also include disposal and requirements to post bond that guarantees the money is there for removal.

#### **Officials & Committees:**

##### **Highways:**

Jim Carucci made a motion approving the repairs of the zero-turn mower. The motion was seconded by Joe Simko and passed with all present voting yes.

**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 Jim Carucci and passed with all present voting yes.

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

Gregg Sanford announced that the CVFC abolished the Fire Police. Gregg also advised council that they could apply for grants through the fire company and avoid prevailing wages.

**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 Alesha Culp and passed with all present voting yes.

##### **Mayor:**

Maryjo Harakal notified council that the Budget meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Borough office.


**President:**

Jim Carucci postponed the Executive Session to the October meeting

**Payment of Bills:**

Jim Carucci read the Payroll Distribution - General Fund Distribution and the State Liquid Fuels Distribution for the month of September. Doug Robbins made a motion to pay the bills as read. The motion was seconded by Alesha Culp 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

