Minutes of the Clark Borough meeting - November 12, 2024 6:00PM

The meeting of Clark Borough Council was called to order by council Vice President Doug Robbins who led in the pledge to the flag on Tuesday November 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Others in attendance were Clark Eberhart, Larry McKnight, Joe Simko, Alesha Culp, Jason Engstrom, Maryjo Harakal, Attorney Madden and Monica Simko.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to accept the October minutes as read. This motion was seconded by Jason Engstrom and passed with all present voting yes.

Doug Robbins read the Treasurer's Report for the Month of October. Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Jason Engstrom and passed with all present voting yes.

Visitors:

Chief Piccirillo, Lisa Sanford, Sandee Winslow and Sue Tiber

Sue Tiber was present to thank those involved with quieting down the neighborhood from the 4-wheeler issue.

Unfinished Business:

Attorney Madden is to review the Municipal Agreements and present his opinion at the December meeting.

New Business:

Joe Simko made a motion to approve the proposed budget and advertise for viewing. The motion was seconded by Alesha Culp and passed with all present voting yes.

Lisa Sanford presented a letter requesting a \$500.00 donation towards the annual Christmas delivery stating that the outfit they counted on for the donation is no longer in existence. Doug Robbins made a motion to approve the donation. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with a roll call vote of Doug Robbins – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Larry McKnight – Yes.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to purchase a new sweeper. The motion was seconded by Jason Engstrom and passed with a roll call vote of Doug Robbins – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Larry McKnight – Yes.

Applying for two more LSA Grants for a building addition and salt truck will be discussed at the recessed meeting on November 13, 2024 at 9:00am.

A new checking account was opened for the Park Improvement Project grant money.

Doug Robbins made a motion to approve transferring \$1,500.00 from the Liquid Fuels Savings to the Liquid Fuels Checking account. The motion was seconded by Alesha Culp and passed with a roll call vote of Doug Robbins – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Joe Simko – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes, Jason Engstrom – Yes and Larry McKnight – Yes.

Correspondence and other Communications:

Maryjo Harakal read a letter of resignation submitted by Larry McKnight effective 12/31/2024. Doug made a motion to accept the resignation. The motion was seconded by Joe Simko. Council thanked Larry for his many years of dedicated service as he will be greatly missed.

Questions for Solicitor:

Doug Robbins stated that the roofing company didn't cover the roof adequately causing multiple leaks inside the building. Attorney Madden advised to submit a letter to the company listing out everything that needs done to remedy the damage.

Officials & Committees:

<u>Sewer:</u> Clark Eberhart read the Sewer bills for the month of Clark Eberhart. Clark Eberhart made a motion to pay sewer bills as read. The motion was seconded by Alesha Culp and passed with all present voting yes.

<u>Fire:</u> Joe Simko read the Fire Report for the Month of October. 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.

Highways:

Clark Eberhart stated that the 2013 Salt truck is falling apart.

<u>Police:</u> Maryjo Harakal read the Police Report for the Month of October. Doug Robbins made a motion to accept the report as read. The motion was seconded by Alesha Culp and passed with all present voting yes.

Chief Piccirillo provided an update on the burglaries.

Mercer County Regional Planning:

Alesha Culp stated that the MCRPC monthly meeting, solar panel ordinances is on their agenda. She will update council on what they discuss.

Payment of Bills:

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

Doug requested a quick Executive Session.

Joe Simko made a motion to recess the meeting until 11/26/24, which Doug, Alesha, Larry, Clark and Sandee are to attend. The motion was seconded by Doug Robbins and passed with all voting yes.

The recessed meeting of Clark Borough Council was called to order by council Vice President Doug Robbins on Tuesday November 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Others in attendance were Clark Eberhart, Larry McKnight, Alesha Culp, Sandee Winslow and Monica Simko.

Sandee presented two resolutions to be submitted to apply for another LSA Grant. One would replace the salt truck in the amount of \$132,878.00. The second for a building addition in the amount of \$525,185.00 with a \$35,000.00 match. Doug Robbins made a motion to pass both resolutions plus the \$100.00 fee for each grant submission. The motion was seconded by Alesha Culp and passed with a roll call vote of Doug Robbins – Yes, Clark Eberhart – Yes, Alesha Culp – Yes and Larry McKnight – Yes.

The solicitor is not present to provide his review decision on the Municipal Agreement. Council is not taking any action until we receive the solicitor's recommendation.

Doug Robbins made a motion to discuss with the solicitor councils proposed restrictions on the solar panel ordinance. The motion was seconded by Clark Eberhart and passed with all voting yes.

Clark Eberhart made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alesha Culp.

Monica Simko, Secretary/Treasurer