

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY

7:00 P.M.

APRIL 1, 2026

This regular meeting of Council was called to order on the above-stated date at the above-stated time after the Pledge of Allegiance by Council President Mark Tortorice with the following Members of Council present:

**RC-1 PRESENT: MARK TORTORICE, DOUG JUNECKO,
 ROBERT BETTERS, BRANDON HALE,
 GREG LOMBARDO, KENNETH HREKO,
 DEBORAH THOMAS**

Also, present were, Mayor Brien Hranics, Solicitor Mathew Merkulin representing MBM Law in place of Falco Muscante, and Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager.

Joseph Dursa from Glenn Engineering was present and gave report in the workshop meeting.

Chief of Police David Petruski and Jr. Council Abigale Sethman were absent.

Mr. Tortorice announced no Executive Session was held this evening.

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council on, March 4, 2026 7:30 p.m."

RC-2 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CITIZEN'S TO BE HEARD:

- 1. Dan Negley 1136 Portsmouth Drive, regarding the traffic flow when paving commences.**
- 2. Melissa LaGuardia 1338 Barkley is here this evening to discuss code enforcement/citations coinciding with the Spring Clean up and property demolition, specifically 1215 Barkley Road. She also suggested and presented a letter to use for residents regarding the Borough Spring Clean up. Council thanked her for the suggestion. She said there are incorrect minutes for December on the Borough's website. Council said that will be corrected.**

Mr. Tortorice said the Borough has applied for grant funding. Mr. Junecko said we have a list of demolitions that have been completed. He went on to say 1215 Barkley has been cleared for demolition. The Solicitor said the owner is given time to remedy the violations. Mr. Junecko said at one point there was a potential buyer and, in the past, we've been successful in attaining funding for demolitions. Mrs. LaGuardia asked why this house hasn't been demolished. Mr. Tortorice said we have to follow the rules and secure the funding. Now, it's more expensive due to the asbestos testing and remediation. Mr. Hale, (Fire Chief, Vigilant Hose Co. 1) has tried for years

to get the County to let the fire company use these condemned houses as controlled burns for training purposes, to no avail due to asbestos. General Discussion on this topic. Mayor Hranics will speak with the Chief of Police regarding how the citations are issued and we can revise the process.

General discussion on junk and debris on vacant lot Johson Street. Mr. Tortorice said we will look into this.

General Discussion on Clean up day in the Borough. Clean Up Flyer error-Television recycling will be on both Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Tortorice said we are all here to help

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT: Abigale Sethman absent

CHIEF OF POLICE: Chief Petruski, absent

Engineers Report: Manager Migliori gave the report for February 2026.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor gave the following report:

The Mayor had the following for March 2026. The Police had 79 calls, 25 non-traffic citations, 36 traffic citations, 8 assisting other departments and 3 calls assisting E.M.S., the balance of the calls were for various reasons such as animal complaints, disabled vehicles, distances etc. The Mayor also reported the mileage on the 2023 Ford Explorer, car #3501 was 749 and expenses \$76.00, the 2023 Ford Explorer, car 3500 expenses were \$90.99 the mileage was 1,720 and the 2021 Ford Explorer car #3502 mileage was 220 and repairs were \$525.94 and the total for the month all vehicles was \$692.93 for the month.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Merculin filling in for Falco Muscanti this evening. No report. Mr. Hresko asked if their office receives sheriff sale notifications, Mr. Merculin said yes. Mr. Hresko asked if he could check on 1317 Beverly Road.

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, gave report in the Workshop session and said grass season is coming up. He had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To authorize payment to Dravosburg Truck and Auto in the amount of \$718.58 for the 1995 Mack repair and new battery, to be paid by from the Fire Fund."

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous – Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To enter into contract with 1st Out Specialty and Vigilant Hose Co. #1 for the purchase of the 2026 Pumper Truck in the amount of \$607,262.00"

RC-4 Yeas: Unanimous – Motion Carried

STREET AND LIGHT COMMITTEE: Mr. Lombardo gave the following report and had the following report: He said we are in the process of putting Portsmouth Drive paving out for bids. We received a grant for \$75,000.00. He reported we received the Liquid Fuels allocation for 2026. He had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Better, "To advertise the amendment to the street opening ordinance."

RC-5 Yeas-Unanimous-motion carried

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To accept the monthly reports for February 2026 as presented."

PROPERTY AND DEMOLITION: Mr. Junecko thanked the citizen's for coming to the meeting. He gave the following report: The demolition grant application for Act 152 is as follows: We are reapplying and hoping for funding this year. This was previously not funded.

1. 1889 Romine Ave.
2. 1215 Barkley
3. 1801 New York.
4. 1612 Trimble
5. 1100 Grandview Avenue

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Mr. Hresko, "To authorize payment for emergency snow removal to Tortorice auto in the amount of \$3,874.00"

RC: 6 Yeas-Mr. Junecko, Mr. Hale, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Better

Abstain-Mr. Tortorice

Motion carries

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt resolution #2026-006 authorizing the notice to be included in the Allegheny County Community Development of Block Grant and Home investment partnerships programs, three program years 2027, 2028 and 2029."

RC: 7 Yeas-Unanimous-motion carried.

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To authorize Fire House Financial Services to make application to Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Loan Program for the 2026 Fire Truck Purchase."

RC: 8 Yeas-Unanimous-motion carried

FINANCE / BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mrs. Thomas gave the following report:

2026 current real estate collections for March 2026: \$133,145.60

2026 delinquent real estate collections for February 2026: \$32,403.29

2026 delinquent real estate collections for March: Not available as of meeting time.

Manager is still working with Auditor for 2025 financials and audit.

She had the following motions:

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Resolution no. 2026-007 authorizing the payment of bills authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of March 2026."

RC 9: Mr. Hale-Abstain as Fire Chief, Mr. Tortorice-Abstain as owner Tortorice Auto, Mr. Betters as spouse Jennifers Cleaning Service.

Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Lombardo and Mrs. Thomas.

Motion carries

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Betters gave the following report:

1. Thanks to Vigilant Hose for sending the Easter Bunny on the back of the fire truck throughout the Borough. He said it was a huge success!!!
2. Bin Days, clean up, April 11-12th 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. General questions about bin days.
3. PVAA opening day, Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
4. FTBAKD announcement for July 26, 2026, discussion new ideas? (Dunk Machine \$450.00) 30th Anniversary. Donation letters will go out by the end of next week.
5. Comfort Station is open.
6. Attended PA One Call training today at YCC.
7. PV Citizen Committee yard sales on May 23rd, 8am to 4 pm

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To authorize payment to Randy's Dive Shop in the amount of \$1,767.62 for training courses and diving gear to be paid from the Fire Fund."

RC 10: Yeas-Unanimous-motion carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To authorize payment to Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$2,200.00 for annual air tank flow testing and annual inspection of the air tank fill system to be paid from the Fire Fund."

RC 11: Yeas-Unanimous-motion carried

PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE: Mr. Hale gave the fire report for March 2026. Mr. Hale thanked the public for coming out.

February current garbage collections \$90,016.00 and delinquent \$26,943.97

March collections not available as of meeting time.

Old Business: Currently going through the audit at the Fire Department

New Business announcements:

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify all Departmental and Intergovernmental transfers during the month of March, 2026.

RC 12: Yeas-Unanimous-motion carried

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To accept the monthly reports for March 2026 as presented."

RC 13: Yeas-Unanimous-motion carried

Mr. Tortorice thanked the residents for coming to the meeting. He asked if they could reach out to the local legislators and ask them to assist the Borough with demolition. He said it could help.

Mr. Tortorice asked for the residents to support the local fire department.

General discussion on the church property.

General discussion on volunteers/students to help senior citizens maintain their property.

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To adjourn."

RC 14: Yeas-Unanimous-motion carried

Respectfully submitted:

Malisa M. Migliori


Borough Manager

Approved by:

Mark D. Tortorice


President of Council