

REGULAR MEETING

WENESDAY

7:30 P.M.

APRIL 2, 2025

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 President Mark D. Tortorice with the following Members of Council present:

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

Also present were, Mayor Brien Hranics, Solicitor Falco Muscante, Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager, Joseph Dursa, Jr. Councilperson Teagan Noll and Chief of Police David Petruski.

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 5, 2025.

RC-2 **Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

President Tortorice announced: **AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD THIS EVENING TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES.**

CITIZEN'S TO BE HEARD:

1. Cynthia Karaffa-Washington Boulevard is here this evening to discuss near miss accidents and options for signage around Kennedy Square. She said some use it the traditional way and some use it as a traffic circle. She presented a drawing she circulated to Council. President Tortorice thanked her for her insight and asked for the street committee to look into it.
2. Ellie Gray 213 Dersam Street-ongoing hoarding issues at 214 Dersam Street, she expressed her concern over it. She said how disturbing it is to see this every day. She said approximately for the past two and half weeks, more has gone in than what has been taking out. She provided details on the daily events and items being brought into the property. Solicitor Muscante gave general information and explained we are being very diligent. We also have an inspection scheduled. Ms. Grey is disheartened by the lack of trash being put out and she's very disturbed by the entire situation.
3. Donna Dittman-425 Pasadena Drive, is here this evening to express her concern over the way the police officer handled the injured cat. She asked who decides to make that decision. Mr. Tortorice said unfortunately it was necessary. Mayor Hranics asked why the owner left the cat out all night. He said it wouldn't be right to let the cat suffer. General discussion on this matter. Mr. Tortorice said no one wants to kill an animal in this Borough. Unfortunately, sometimes it might be necessary. When the officer was called, he had a few choices and the cat was screaming with severe injuries. The officer did the most humane thing to

do. Mr. Tortorice asked for solutions and offered options. General discussion on this matter.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Hresko reported they are working together on code enforcement issues through out the Borough.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Joe Dursa gave his report for the month.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor gave the following report:

The Mayor had the following for March, 2025. The Police had 124 calls, 10 non-traffic citations, 39 traffic citations, 15 assisting other departments and 9 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 2021 Ford Explorer (3502) was 400 and expenses were 97.95 the mileage of the 2023 Ford Explorer (3501) was 1,713 and expenses were \$97.95 the mileage on the 2023 Ford Explorer (3500) was 890 and expenses were \$97.95.

He also discussed a donation request from South Allegheny School regarding food insecurities of the students. Council agreed to a donation.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Mr. Muscante gave his report during the executive session.

JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT: Ms. Noll no report for this month.

PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE: Mr. Hale gave the fire report for March 2025. He had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify all departmental and inter-departmental transfers during the month March, 2025"

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hale Moved seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To accept the monthly reports for March, 2025."

RE-4 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

FINANCE / BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mrs. Thomas gave the monthly report for March:
2025 current real estate collections for March: \$80,702.85

Delinquent real estate collections for February -\$3,516.81

Delinquent real estate collections for March weren't ready as of meeting time.

The 2025 Real Estate tax bills have been mailed out and we are ahead of schedule.

2024 Audit is close to completion.

We are still awaiting to hear about pending demolition funding. General discussion on 1889 Romine Avenue. Let's have public works do a clean up of the exterior garbage. Mr. Betters said he would use the machines. The Solicitor added to keep track of equipment and man hours so we can file a lien against the property.

He had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To authorize Shiloh Service to proceed with new computers for the administration office in the amount of \$5,996.00. (due to Windows 10 support ending). (Due to Windows 10 support ending).

RC-9 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To ratify the agreement between the Borough of Port Vue and Vigilant Hose Company No. 1, for the Fire Company Emergency Rescue Equipment Project through the Commonwealth Financing Authority and the Local Share Assessment Program."

RC-10 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice,
 Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters

Abstained: Mr. Hale

Motion Carried

STREET AND LIGHT COMMITTEE: Mr. Lombardo had the following motion:

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize roof repair at the Mars Garage in the amount of \$13,130.00 to Likar Roofing Company, Inc.

RC-11 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mr. Hresko gave report in Workshop, he had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize payment to Penn Service Scottdale for Fire Squad repairs in the amount of \$3,879.18 from the Fire Fund."

RC-12 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice,
 Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters

Abstained: Mr. Hale

Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To authorize payment to Joel Koricich, Swift Water Rescue Instructor for 8 Trainings in the amount of \$1,040.00 from the Fire Fund."

RC-13 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice
Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters

Abstained: Mr. Hale

Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To authorize payment to Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$1,104.00 from the Fire Fund for the Annual SCBA Testing and Certification."

RC-14 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice
Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters

Abstained: Mr. Hale

Motion Carried

Junior Council Teagan Noll, decided not to report today. The school made a statement today that one of the 10th grade students passed away today. She said she feels it's more important to acknowledge him.

Mr. Tortorice thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and we are here to serve the residents of the Borough.

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

Respectfully submitted:



**Malisa M. Migliori
Borough Manager**

Approved by:



**Mark D. Tortorice
President of Council**