

REGULAR MEETING

WENESDAY

7:30 P.M.

APRIL 6, 2022

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 TORTORICE, DEBORAH THOMAS, ROBERT BETTERS**

Also present were, Solicitor Patricia McGrail, Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager, Don Glenn, Engineer, Chief David Petruski, Mayor Hranics. Jr. council person Arianna Ewing is absent this evening.

Executive was held to discuss legal issues.

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on March 2, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.

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

COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN:

Mr. Dan Geschke-802 Romine, describes two accidents that occurred at his house. A car came down Romine this past Sunday morning at 5:00 a.m. and the vehicle hit his house, with the driver falling out. He stated that quite a few years ago there was a stop sign on the telephone pole at the end of Romine where the bend is. It is no longer there. There is still one at Elmwood. Those drivers coming up the hill don't stop. He asked if a traffic study could be done to address a one way on Romine Avenue from the old school one way going down and one way going up Elmwood to Washington boulevard. Mr. Lombardo said we would look into it. Mr. Tortorice said we can turn it over to the Engineer for review.

Tracie Magiesky-917 June Drive, is here this evening about the dirt bike riding again. She said they are now in the back yard now. She asked what Council can do, there has to be a noise ordinance and these kids under 16 years old. She said her and Denise Potter are prisoners of their home, because it's so loud. She wants to know what the police can do about this. She said it all times of the day, before, during and after school. She said they go down June Drive, get on McClure Street and then go where ever. She also said they are violating the ordinance for dirt bikes, kicking up dirt. Solicitor McGrail said we do not have a device to measure the noise level. Solicitor McGrail said they can't trespass on your property. She advised for Ms. Magiesky to call the police when they are riding on a street. She said she has called in the past and then they are back to riding in their yards. She said she can't catch them but the tracks from their dirt bikes are in her yard. General discussion on this matter. Mr. Tortorice said this is a police

issue and she needs to contact the police when this occurs. He asked Chief Petruski to check this out to see if it can be worked out.

Margaret Mansfield-1028 Glenn Avenue, is here this evening about a vacant property on Weldon Avenue. She said there's pallets and tree stumps and wood stored there. Manager Migliori said she turned this over to the Building Inspector and he stated that there's nothing in our ordinances that prevent him from storing or selling the wood at that location.

Rick Zahorchek- 1710 Stegman Street, is here this evening inquiring on the paving status of Stegman Street. He said the only way he can access the property is through Dart Alley, and it's becoming increasingly difficult because it's completely deteriorated. Mr. Lombardo stated that it's on the paving list for this year. Hopefully in June or end of May.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Hresko stated he and the Chief are driving throughs the Borough and keeping track. Mostly it's high grass and garbage.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Gave his report at the caucus meeting.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Chief Petruski reported on a new program full of resident resources that will start in April or May. The program is called Pass it On.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Hranics gave the statistics for March 2022.

The Mayor had the following report for April 6, 2022. The police had 143 calls in March, there were 12 traffic citations, 7 non-traffic citations, 22 assisting other departments and 16 calls assisting E.M.S., the balance of the calls were for various reasons such as animal complaints, disabled vehicles, disturbance, etc. The Mayor also reported the mileage on the 2021 Ford Explorer was 1,520 and no expenses, the mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 1,976 and no expenses, the mileage of the 2017 Ford Explorer was 1,496 and no expenses.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Mr. Glenn gave his report at the Caucus Meeting.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Solicitor Patricia McGrail reported we are working closely with PAWC getting them their easements.

CHAIRMAN OF POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mr. Hresko had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To ratify Resolution No. 2022-013, Be It Resolved, that the Borough of Port Vue, Allegheny County hereby request a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$127,572.00 for the purchase of (2) two Hybrid Police Vehicles."

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To authorize payment to Randy’s Dive Shop in the amount of \$1,070.00 for Scuba Gear and Training from the Fire Fund.”

RC-4 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice,
Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters, Mrs. Thomas

Abstained: Mr. Hale - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To authorize payment to Howell Rescue Systems in the amount of \$1,344.00 for equipment preventative maintenance from the Fire Fund.”

RC-5 Yeas: Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice
Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters, Mrs. Thomas

Abstained: Mr. Hale - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To authorize payment to Dival Safety & Supplies for the purchase of a New Saw in the amount of \$550.00 from the Fire Fund.”

RC-6 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice,
Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters, Mrs. Thomas

Abstained: Mr. Hale - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF STREET AND LIGHT COMMITTEE: Mr. Lombardo announced the paving season will commence soon and had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To repeal Ordinance No. 2021-644 and advertise an Ordinance making One Way direction at Vermont from Dover to Romine Avenue.”

RC-7 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To adopt Ordinance No. 2022-648, of the Borough of Port Vue, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No. 2016-604, regulating Street Openings.”

RC-8 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, “To authorize street paving at unit pricing from Elgrande Industries LLC to complete unpaved streets as a result of the new gas line construction and as recommended by Don Glenn Engineering in the amount of \$37,363.75.”

RC-9 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY/DEMOLITION COMMITTEE: Mr. Junecko had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Better, "To authorize purchase of the 2007 GMC Bucket Truck at fair market value based on Glenn Engineering inspection and in as is condition in the amount of \$29,999.00 from Tortorice Auto."

RC-10 Yeas: Mr. Hale, Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Better

Abstained: Mr. Tortorice - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve the Condemnation and Demolition of 1704 Stegman Street."

RC-11 Yeas: Unanimous Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Better, "To approve the Condemnation and Demolition of 824 Glenn Avenue and stay the Demolition of the property until after June 30, 2022 to give the Owner time to complete the work needed to rehabilitate the property. If the work is not substantially completed by June 30, 2022, the Borough reserves the right to demolish the property and the Owner waives his right to appeal the decision of Council."

RC-12 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Better, "To approve the Condemnation and Demolition of 804 Romine Avenue subject to the Property Owner entering into an agreement with the Borough to complete the Scope of Work submitted on or before June 30, 2022. In the event that the work is not substantially completed, the Borough reserves the right to demolish the structure and the Owner waives its right to appeal the decision of Council."

RC-13 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Better, "To adopt Resolution No. 2022-015, a motion of the Borough of Port Vue, Allegheny County, to make application under Act 152 to apply for Demolition through Allegheny County Economic Development."

RC-14 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To ratify payment to DJ Demolition in the amount of \$35,800.00 for demolition of 1706 New York Avenue, 1818 and 1820 Tacoma Avenue as inspected and recommended by Don Glenn Engineering."

RC-15 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mrs. Thomas gave the delinquent collection for March. The current real estate tax bills went out at the end of March. She reported the 2021 audit is just about complete and the financials should be ready by next month and the President and Manager will meet with auditor for the exit conference. She thanked everyone for attending the COG annual dinner meeting this month. Mrs. Thomas had the following motions:

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2022-012, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of March, 2022"

RC-16 Yeas: Mr. Hale, Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Better

Abstained: Mr. Tortorice - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo "To ratify Resolution No. 2022-013, be it resolved, that the Borough of Port Vue, Allegheny County, hereby request a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$996,450.00 for the purchase of a Fire Truck.:

RC-17 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION: Mr. Better announced the Easter Egg hunt went well. He announced bin day will be held on April 30th and May 1st from 9:00-3:00 p.m. we are taking televisions with proof of residency and charge of \$5.00 per tv. He announced the Citizen's Committee Yard sales will be on April 23rd. He had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Better moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To approve Original Tree Service for tree removal at 1907 Romine Avenue in the amount of \$800.00."

RC-18 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Better moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To ratify payment to Original Tree Service in the amount of \$1,500.00 for stump removal at Romine Park."

RC-19 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Better moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To approve Steel City Arborist, LLC for tree removal at PVAA in the amount of \$2,295.00."

RC-20 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Better moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To authorize use of the Social Hall to Cub Scout Pack 53 for annual banquet on May 1, 2022."

RC-21 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE: Mr. Hale gave the fire report for March 2021. He reported the garbage collections for March, current and delinquent. He reported on the MAWC fire hydrant testing San Juan, Grandview and Edmundson at Norwood. We haven't heard back or any updates as of yet. Mr. Hale said we received an email from Emergency Management Robert Gerlach, requesting an updated emergency management updated operations plan. Mr. Hale discussed the drone program and attending a conference and being on a panel.

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2022-015, the Allegheny County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan to new electronic updated plans."

RC-22 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To ratify all departmental and inter-governmental transfers during the month of March, 2022."

RC-23 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

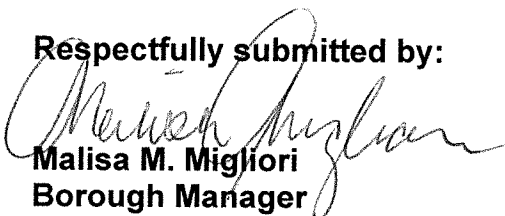
MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To accept the monthly reports for March, 2022."

RC-24 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Mr. Tortorice thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening. He announced the recreation center is still open and if you are interested call the office. He also announced we will be having the, Annual Fun To Be A Kid Day event after two years of the pandemic. This will be our 26th year. Malisa said the donation letters have gone out and donations are coming in. She also said she has applied for a grant to defer some of the costs. Mr. Tortorice announced the Firemen's Fair tentative dates are August 25, 26 and 27.

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

Respectfully submitted by:


Malisa M. Migliori
Borough Manager

Approved by:


Mark D. Tortorice
President of Council