

REGULAR MEETING

WENESDAY

7:30 P.M.

APRIL 7, 2021

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: BRYAN MYERS, DOUG JUNECKO, GREG LOMBARDO
KENNETH HRESKO, MARK TORTORICE,
DEBORAH THOMAS, ROBERT BETTERS**

Also present were, Mayor Hranics, Solicitor Patricia McGrail, Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager, Don Glenn, Engineer and Rebecca Matlos Jr. Councilperson.

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 3, 2020 at 7:30 P.M."

RC-2 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

President Tortorice announced an executive session was held this evening to discuss personnel issues.

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To extend conditional offer of employment for full time police officer to Robert Palestra as recommended and certified by Port Vue Civil Service Committee, subject to physical, psychological and background check."

Mr. Tortorice introduced and congratulated police officer Robert Palestra as the new full-time officer and congratulations on successfully passing the civil service testing. Mr. Palestra thanked everyone and welcomed the full-time position.

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN:

- 1. Tracy Magiske, 107 June Drive. Is here this evening to discuss situation on noise, dirt bikes and bon fires from the neighbor. She stated the papers he's burning are flying all over the neighborhood with people's personal information on them. The dirt bike riding is on June, McClure and Washington Boulevard. She said it's coming from across the street and it's so loud and a nuisance. Several other neighbors feel the same. She said the kids are all underage and they are driving their unregistered dirt bikes on the road. She said it's not just the kids across the street but other kids as well. Mr. Tortorice said they can't do that. As far as the burning we have an outdoor open burn ordinance. There's criteria and regulations for open burning in the Borough and Allegheny County. She asked what can be done. General discussion on this matter.**
- 2. Brandon Hale, 1445 Huber Street, regarding the fire department. He wants to show us the newest addition he's added to the fire department rescue. He brought**

in Snoopy!!! Snoopy is an English Settler. The new search and rescue dog. He said he's half way through his training and will be finished up in October.

3. Denise Potter, 112 June Drive regarding the dirt bikes, noise and bonfires. She also said there are several vacant lots in the Borough that need to cut their vacant lots.
4. Kay Henderson, Gumbert Street about the need for a stop sign at the bridge because of the increased traffic flow from the detour. She said there should be two. Mr. Lombardo said we will check it out and do the best. General discussion on this matter.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Hresko stated, it's that time of year again. We are working on vacant homes and trying to get good addresses.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Gave his report at the caucus meeting.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Hranics reported on the body camera status. He said the cameras will be in use by May 1, 2021. He reported on the US Steel donated dumpsters and stated they are also being located throughout the South Allegheny area. The dumpsters will be used to collect aluminum cans and the proceeds from the aluminum will go to a graduating senior who will be attending a business or trade school.

The Mayor had the following to report for March, 2021. The police had 140 calls in March, they were 7 traffic citations, 8 non-traffic citations, 12 assisting other departments and 13 calls assisting E.M.S., the balance of the calls were for various reasons such as animal complaints, disabled vehicle, disturbance, etc. The Mayor also reported the mileage on the 2013 Ford Taurus was 137 and expenses were \$79.90, the mileage on the 2017 Ford Explorer was 2,239 and expenses were \$1,122.90, mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 633 and expenses were \$70.00.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Solicitor Patricia McGrail had nothing further to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Myers, thanked Brandon Hale for taking the Easter Bunny around and also thanked the residents and all involved for making it a successful event. He announced Opening Day at PVAA will be held on April 24th, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

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

RC-4 Yeas: Unanimous Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To ratify and authorize Glenn Engineering to order the bleachers and player benches as quoted by Sports and Recreation in the amount of \$12,233.00 for Romine Field from the US Steel Project Fund."

RC-5 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Myers moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, “To award Yarborough Development Inc. for Romine Ballfield grading and drainage in the amount \$14,100.00 as recommended by Glenn Engineering from the US Steel Project Fund.”

RC-6 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To ratify payment to Yarborough Development Inc. for the jumbo block retaining wall at Romine Park in the amount of \$15,500.00 from the US Steel Project Fund and as recommended by Glenn Engineering.”

RC-7 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To ratify payment in the amount of \$7,700.00 to Yarborough Development Inc. for the fabric and rip-rap installed on the hillside at Romine Park from the US Steel Project Fund as recommended by Glenn Engineering.”

RC-8 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

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

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, “To adopt Concurring Resolution #2021-011, the Borough of Port Vue hereby formally requests Act 152 Funds from Allegheny County Economic Development in the amount of \$236,000.00 for demolition.”

RC-9 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, “To adopt Resolution #2021-010 demolition blight and slums, whereas, such structures identified for demolition ad submission for the Act 152 Grant.”

RC-10 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To authorize and ratify payment to Elvis Electric for the cameras at the Borough Building, Social Hall and Garage in the amount of \$20,052.00 from the US Steel Project Fund, as recommended by Glenn Engineering.”

RC-11 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To ratify and authorize payment to Yarborough Development Inc. in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the new garage door on the salt shed as recommended by Glenn Engineering.”

RC-12 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, “To authorize A-1 Team Sewer Cleaning and Plumbing Sewer Line Project in the Public Works Garage in the amount of \$500.00.”

RC-13 Yeas: Unanimous _ Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF STREET & LIGHT COMMITTEE: Mr. Lombardo stated that Liberty Way construction will soon be starting. He had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, “To authorize payment to PA ONE CALL in the amount of \$500.00 for the Beverly Road Project as recommended by Solicitor McGrail.”

RC-14 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To ratify and award the grading and excavation for ingress and egress to Romine Field by Yarborough Development Inc. in the amount of \$8,500.00 from the US Steel Project Fund and as recommended by Glenn Engineering.”

RC-15 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To advertise for a part time Public Works laborer.”

RC-16 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To place a temporary Stop Sign at the Slip due to the increase traffic coming from McKeesport and the detour from the Jerome Street Bridge.”

Mr. Lombardo stated we’ll be conducting a traffic study to strategically place the stop sign.

RC-17 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF POLICE/FIRE/PUBLIC SAFETY: Mr. Hresko read the fire report for March. He had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To ratify classified advertisement for part time police officers.”

RC-18 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To amend wage and salary Resolution #2021-003, to adjust wages for temporary road worker 3% increase.”

RC-19 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Myers, "To authorize Flashover Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$3,210.25 for turn out gear."

RC-20 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 205 and the Port Vue Police Department through December 31, 2024."

RC-21 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To accept the resignation of part time Police Officer Paul Eagle effective March 29, 2021."

RC-22 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "purchase a road safety speed sign in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, from the US Steel Project Fund."

RC-23 Yeas Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE / BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mrs. Thomas reported no tax report for March. The Real Estate taxes were mailed out. The discount period is through May 31, 2021 at 2% discount. The face amount period is through July 31st and after July 31st the penalty at 10%. She reported the Borough audit is just about complete and the auditors will be coming in for final review, comments and exit conference.

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2021-007, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of March 2021."

**RC-24 Yeas: Mr. Myers, Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mrs. Thomas
Mr. Better**

Abstained: Mr. Tortorice - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify payment to Lawson Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$37,107.00 as recommended by Glenn Engineering and for reimbursement from the 2019 GTRP Grant."

RC-25 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To ratify payment to Lawson Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$2,840.50 as recommended by Glenn Engineering and for reimbursement from the 2018 GTRP Grant."

RC-26 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried-

CHAIRMAN OF SANITATION: Mr. Betters gave the Keystone garbage report for February and March 2021. He announced annual Bin Days on April 24th and 25th. He also announced Yard Sales will take place on April 24th.

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2021-009, the Allegheny County 220 Hazard Mitigation Plan."

RC-27 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2021-008, implementing the National Incident Management System, the unified incident Command system, training, management of resources and reporting."

RC-28 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify all departmental and inter-governmental transfers during the month of March 2021."

RC-29 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To accept the monthly reports for March 2021 as presented."

RC-30 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize Adams Flooring to proceed with carpet in Council Chambers in the amount of \$2,850.00."

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas for the concrete work at the Recreation Center in the amount of \$1,405.00 from the CITF 2017-C048 grant funding to close out the grant.

RC-31 Yeas: Unanimous – Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo for the conversion of the storage room to a kitchen, additional roof insulation and steel double doors for the Recreation Center in the amount of \$4,835.00 from the CITF 2016-C023 grant funding to close out the grant.

RC-32 Yeas: Unanimous – Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo to approve the additional gates on both sides of recreation building and the additional fencing in the amount of \$4,820.00 to Allegheny Fence.

RC-33 Yeas: Unanimous – Motion Carried

Mr. Tortorice commended and thanked the Fire Company for all their service. He also announced right now we will be postponing the Fun To Be A Kid Day until further notice. We want to do it safely for everyone.

Mr. Tortorice announced we will be receiving grant money \$360,000.00 from Covid. We will be looking at projects we can do to improve the Borough.

He extended deepest sympathies to the Chief of Police Dave Petruski and his family over the loss of his mother in law. He also extended sympathies to the McKee family over the loss of Ron McKee. He's been the paver in the Borough for many years.

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "Motion to adjourn."

RC-34 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted by:


Malisa M. Migliori
Borough Manager

Approved by:


Mark D. Tortorice
President of Council