

**PUBLIC HEARING CONDEMNATION  
1609 NEW YORK AVENUE  
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7:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WENESDAY**

**7:30 P.M.**

**August 2, 2023**

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 Falco A Muscante, Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager, Don Glenn, Engineer, Chief David Petruski, Mayor Hranics, Jr. Councilperson.

President Tortorice announced an Executive was held to discuss personnel and legal issues. He also thanked all the volunteers, Council, Mayor, Police, Fire, public works, National Honor Society, MARS, Citizen's Committee and anyone who helped in any way to the success of the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Fun to Be A Kid Day.

Mr. Hresko introduced the new Jr. Council person, Suha Joe. He gave some background and everyone welcomed him aboard.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on June 7, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

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

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN:**

1. **Tracy Koon** -1807 Trimble Avenue, is here this evening representing the Citizen's Committee and wants to ask Council about having a Trunk or Treat at the Borough. The next would be a Santa workshop for the Borough's Light up Festivities.
2. **Kevin Atkins and Ed Hart**- 905 Romine Avenue. Is here this evening with some of the neighbors in their support this evening.
3. **Mathew Parott**-918 Arlington Avenue, said 905 Romine looks like a junk yard. He said he doesn't understand when you move to a neighborhood that's nice and then it doesn't apply to everyone. He said it's difficult driving the alley and the whole one end of the street is very
4. **Mrs Parrot** -918 Arlington Avenue, said you can hear them screaming on the phone, loud swearing, people in and out getting the vehicles worked on. She stated her main concern is for her family. They have a set of stairs in the front yard to just anger the neighbors and it was admitted. They then went and put letters in all the neighbor's mailboxes to try to drum up support for them.

5. **Mark Nemeth** 918 Romine Avenue- wife Ashley here this evening to thank Council for securing Port Vue Avenue.
6. **John Arnold** 223 Laredo Street, is here this evening about a no parking sign put up on his property in June. He asked if it could be moved. Mr. Tortorice said it was put up and he can't park there, he said he owns the vacant lot. Mr. Tortorice said we will take care of it.
7. **Shawn Collington** 223 Laredo Street, is here this evening to thank Chief Petruski for handling a family situation and very grateful for his assistance.
8. **Stephen Fillipsie** 902 Romine Avenue, is here this evening regarding on going code enforcement issues regarding 905 Romine. He said the business is in a residential district and it's constant. We have citizens from this area that are asking for help.
9. **Tyrone Reynolds** 901 Romine Avenue, is here this evening in support of the property owners at 905 Romine Avenue. He said he and his family don't have a problem with them. Anytime they've needed help with anything they have always been accommodating. He said they understand what's go on but they have been good neighbors to them. Mrs. Reynolds also said with them living directly next to them, they have been respectful. They also tell them in advance of the work they are doing. She thinks the others might be exaggerating.
10. **Emily Hall Riley**-Arlington Street is also here in support of the owners of 905 Romine Avenue. She said they have been nothing but wonderful to her and her family. They would do anything to help out.

General discussion amongst the neighbors regarding the police and solutions. Mrs. Parrot asked if we could stop them from blocking the alley and speeding in the alley. Chief Petruski said you have to call when the issues are going on. Mrs. Parrot said she has concern, since Officer Atkins is one of the owners of the garage. We want them to maintain and keep the property in compliance.

We want people to slow down and obey the traffic signs. Discussion on one way section of the alley. General discussion speed hump and speed bump. Mr. Tortorice asked for the owners to remove the boat in the alley. It's not permitted at any time. Mr. Hart said he would take care of it. Mr. Tortorice said per the Borough ordinance you can't put a boat in your front yard. General Discussion on this matter.

11. **Carrie Atkins**- said she pulled up the cameras on the property and there were 68 vehicles went up and down the alley through out the day. The owners were only there a few minutes.

Mr. Tortorice said let's try to work through this and for everyone to get along.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Ken Hresko reported on the new code enforcement ticket program and there's about 15 tickets that haven't been paid. He asked for Council's support. Council agreed to follow the steps of the process/ordinance. The properties have been remediated but they didn't pay the fine.

Mr. Junecko inquired about the appeal board and what will it entail. Solicitor Muscante said this will give Council the option to make a decision on which properties to take to appeal board.

Chief Petruski thanked Council and congratulated full time officer Tyler Hinerman on meeting his probation period.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Gave his report at the Workshop meeting.

**MAYORS REPORT:** Mayor Hranics thanked everyone for the National Night Out. He gave the following statistics:

The Mayor had the following report for June, 2023. The police had 106 calls, 11 non-traffic citations, 7 traffic citations, 14 assisting other departments and 5 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 2019 Ford Explorer was 1,355 and expenses were \$82.80, the mileage on the 2021 Ford Explorer was 1,642 and no expenses.

The Mayor had the following report July, 2023. The police had 102 calls, 7 non traffic violations, 1 traffic violation, 18 assisting other departments and 7 call assisting E.M.S., the balance of the calls were for various reasons such as animal complaints, disabled vehicles, disturbances, ets. The Mayor also reported the mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 1,297 and no expenses, the mileage on the on the 2021 Ford Explorer was 2,024 and expenses were \$82.80.

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

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** Solicitor Falco A Muscante

**CHAIRMAN OF POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Mr. Hresko

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To adopt Ordinance No. 2023-660, an Ordinance of the Borough of Port Vue, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 27 of the Borough of Port Vue code of Ordinances by enacting an entirely new Section 27-10, emergency services cost recovery Ordinance and providing an effective date thereof."

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To accept the proposal from IBIS TEK for police vehicle upfit in the amount of \$15,652.00 for two (2) new police vehicles."

RC-4 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize and ratify payment to John Drabisin to replace police vehicle lap top in the amount of \$837.71"

RC- 5 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize and ratify payment to Swab Wagon Company Inc. in the amount of \$54,648.00 for the Fire Squad chassis and to be reimbursed by the LSA Grant."

RC- 6            Roll Call: Abstain: Mr. Hale  
                    Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To adopt Resolution No. 2023-017, adopting written procedures for the selection of professional services for the Police Pension fund in accordance with Act 44."

RC-7            Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF STREET AND LIGHT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Lombardo reported on the paving project.

**MOTION:** Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To enter into the contract with Cargill Salt Inc. under the Shacog Purchasing Alliance to accept the salt contract bid of \$88.96 per ton."

RC-8            Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To ratify extending the contract unit pricing from El Grande to add Glenn Avenue Extension to the paving contract in the amount of \$18,255.00."

RC-9            Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To authorize Resolution No, 2023-016, amending the wage and salary Resolution No. 2023-003, to add seasonal workers rate from \$7.25 to \$10.00 per hour."

RC-10          Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "Authorizing the continuation of the transition of the current service agreement from Huntington Investments to One Digital for the Police Pension Plan."

RC-11          Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Lombardo Moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize partial payment in the amount of \$285,000.00 to El Grande Paving for paving completed to date and less retainage."

RC-12          Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF PROPERT / DEMOLITION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Junecko reported on current demotion status. He also suggested we do what we've done in the past and give the

owner of 1609 New York a 30 day extension to make repairs, and continue keep the property on the demolition list. Property owner will need to meet with the building inspector.

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To adopt Ordinance No. 2023-659, an Ordinance of the Borough of Port Vue, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Section-3 of Chapter 287 of Section II of the Borough of Port Vue Code of Ordinances, providing for the Code Enforcement Officer or designee the authority to determine when tree, limb or branch unreasonably impedes the safe usage of a street, sidewalk, curb or alley."

**RC-13** Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To condemn and demolish 1611 New York Avenue, Lot and Block #466-D-181."

**RC-14** Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To condemn and demolish 1609 New York Avenue, Lot & Block #466-D-180 and to extend 30 days to repair contingent upon progress reported by the Building Inspector."

**RC-15** Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To adopt Resolution No. 2023-015, establishing the amount of the participant contribution for the Borough of Port Vue Police plan contribution rate to 0.0% of compensation for the year 2023."

**RC-16** Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To authorize Steel Rivers Council of Governments to make payment in the amount of \$21,240.00 to Dave Woodhouse for the GEDTF 50 2021 Demolition Project as recommended by Don Glenn Engineering."

**RC-17** Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve and accept the successful one year probation period for Tyler Hinerman."

**RC-18** Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Mr. Junecko discussed with Council lining the tennis court for pickleball and purchasing the nets. Council agreed this is a good idea and to get pricing.

**CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE / BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Thomas gave the monthly report:

June 2023 current real estate collections: \$250,414.40 and July \$121,320.50

Delinquent: June 2023 delinquent collections \$10,103.19

Delinquent: July 2023 delinquent collections: not available as of meeting time.

Lori DiMarco the tax software has been installed and is up and running

Real Estate taxes are now due at the Face amount.

Malisa is still working through the State pension audit uniform and non-uniform by the PA Auditor General's office. We will have more to report next month.

Mr. Tortorice will report on the Borough Audit exit conference on May 22, 2023

Please refer to the binder for reports from the auditor.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To adopt Resolution No. 2023-012, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of June, 2023."

RC-19 Yeas: Mr. Hale, Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko,  
Mr. Tortorice, Mrs. Thomas

Abstained: Mr. Betters - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To adopt Resolution No. 2023-013, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of July, 2023."

RC-20 Yeas: Mr. Hale, Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko,  
Mr. Tortorice, Mrs. Thomas

Abstained: Mr. Betters - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To adopt Resolution No. 2023-014, to appoint the Administration Committee: Mark Tortorice, Doug Junecko and Kenneth Hresko as the Code Enforcement Appeal Board."

RC-21 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2023-016, to be included in the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Programs for three program years of 2024, 2025 and 2026."

RC-22 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To TABLE the motion for the Settlement Agreement and Release for the discipline for Employee #0249."

RC-23 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To TABLE the motion to approve the Last Chance Agreement with Employee #0249.”

RC-24 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To ratify payment to Mission Specific Equipment and Clothing in the amount of \$1,052.80 from the Fire Fund.”

RC-25 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko,  
Mr. Tortorice, Mrs. Thomas. Mr. Betters

Abstained: Mr. Hale - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION:** Mr. Betters reported: Thanks to all the volunteers for a successful FTBAKD and to all those who made the donations.

Thanks to the public works department for doing a great job keeping all the borough properties looking good. We’ve had some really hot days and they really stepped up.

Garbage collection specifications will go out for advertising this month.

Public Works has been working on street line painting.

Next month we will be announcing Fall Clean up dates.

Congratulations to Tyler Hinerman for the successful probation completion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To ratify payment in the amount of \$2,613.17 to Municipal Emergency Services for Thermal Imaging Cameras to be paid from the Fire Fund.”

RC-26 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko,  
Mr. Tortorice, Mrs. Thomas. Mr. Betters

Abstained: Mr. Hale - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To authorize donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Vigilant Firemen’s Fair.”

RC-27 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombard, Mr. Hresko,  
Mr. Tortorice, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters

Abstained: Mr. Hale - Motion carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To authorize payment to Flashover Fire Apparatus Equipment Co. for three (3) new fire helmets in the amount of \$1,167.22 from the Fire Fund.”

RC-28 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko,

**Mr. Tortorice, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Better**

**Abstained: Mr. Hale - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Better moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To authorize payment to Mission Specific Equipment & clothing in the amount of \$925.42 for Personal Protective Flotation Devices from the Fire Fund."**

**RC-29 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko,  
Mr. Tortorice, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Better**

**Abstained: Mr. Hale - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Better moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To enter into a contract with Shiloh Services, Inc. for the Police Department in the amount of \$528.35 per month."**

**RC-30 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE: Mr. Hale gave the monthly fire reports for June and July 2023.**

**Current Garbage collections report for June: \$6,104.00 and July : not available as of meeting time**

**Delinquent garbage collections for June: \$7,193.40 and July: not available as of meeting time**

**Announce the fire squad chassis has been ordered. This is being funded by the LSA Grant.**

**Several items have been purchased from helmets to ppo. These items are on the agenda this evening.**

**Reminders:**

**No change in status: The current trash contract is up at the end of the year. Specifications to be advertised in August. We'll keep you posted on this.**

**Firemen's Fair is August 26<sup>th</sup> and he thanked Malisa for getting it on the sign:**

**LSA grant fire squad ordered and awaiting the reimbursement. He thanked Malisa.**

**MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To ratify all departmental and inter-governmental transfers during the month of June and July, 2023."**

**RC-31 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To accept the monthly reports for June and July, 2023 as presented."**

**RC-32 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To ratify payment to Shorkey Auto Group for two (2) 2023 Ford Hybrid Police Vehicles under Co-Stars Contract #013-239 and to be reimbursed under the LSA, (Local Share Account) Grant in the amount of \$86,258.00.”

**RC-33** Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To advertise for bids for the 2024 garbage collection services.”

**RC-34** Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

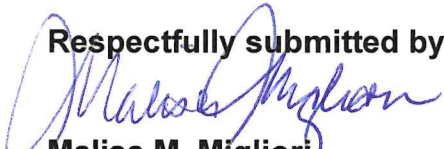
**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, “To accept the Computer Equipment Proposal from Shiloh Services, Inc. for Desk Top computers and accessories in the amount of \$6,343.00.”

**RC-35** Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Mr. Tortorice thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

**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