

## REGULAR MEETING

WENESDAY

7:30 P.M.

AUGUST 3, 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, Mayor Hranics, Jr. Council Person, Kate Atkins.

Mayor Hranics officially swore in new Jr. Council Person Kate Atkins. Mr. Hresko read her biography and her activities she's involved in. Council congratulated and welcomed Kate.

**MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To approve the minutes for the Public Meeting held on June 1, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. and the Regular Meeting on June 1, 2022 at 7:30 P.M."**

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

An Executive Meeting was held to discuss legal issues.

Recognition – Special thanks to Council, Mayor, Police, Fire, Mars, Employees, National Honor Society and all Volunteers who helped an any way for the success of the annual Fun To Be A Kid Day.

Councilman Hresko introduced Kate Atkins as the new Jr. Council Person for 2022-23.

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN:**

1. **Pat Sivak-1026 Upston Avenue.** She asked when they are going to fix in front of her house. She said it's a very dark color patch and then people fly up and down the street. The new asphalt is darker than the original. Mr. Tortorice said the speeding is a police issue. He said the street chairman and public works supervisor will take a look at the patch. General discussion on asphalt repairs required by street opening ordinance.
2. **Blaze Cooper-604 Liberty Way-wants** to know what the Borough is going to do about the road behind his house. He said he's talked to multiple attorneys about the road and it's the borough's responsibility. Mr. Cooper asked why the sewer authority hasn't called him back... He said they talked to Mr. Better. Mr. Better knows nothing about the sewers. He said Mr. Tortorice said he has to go to McKeesport to find out about the sewers. Mr. Cooper wants to know what the Borough is doing about the street. He said the Borough is responsible for the

street. Mr. Tortorice said the last time we were there he, (Mr. Cooper) was interested in taking the street over. He said his attorney said the Borough can't vacate it until we repair it. Mr. Tortorice said we will look into it and have the Engineer look into it. Mr. Cooper also asked for code enforcement to take care of the trailer parked up on the hill. Mr. Tortorice said the police can take care of that problem.

3. Christina Baker-1109 Norwood Avenue. Asked when the Borough is going to demolish this property. Mr. Tortorice said it's in the grant process being administered by Steel Rivers Council of Governments. She asked why a Borough employee entered her property. Mrs. McGrail explained the process of having the property demolished. The first step is to have the asbestos testing and abatement completed. Ms. Baker wants to know when the demolition is taking place. Mr. Tortorice said it's in the hands of Allegheny County. She asked to be informed when the demolition takes place.
4. Susan Connor-1489 Romine Avenue. Is here this evening to discuss the code enforcement issue with weeds and poison ivy. She wants to know who is responsible, because she has a contractor putting up a new fence and the vegetation that is on her fence but it's coming from the neighbor's property. Mr. Tortorice said we will have code enforcement take a look have them address the problem. He also said anything that is growing onto her property, she's permitted to cut and remove.

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:**

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

**MAYORS REPORT:** Mayor Hranics gave the following report:

The Mayor had the following report for June, 2022. The police had 129 calls in June, there were 4 traffic citations, 38 non-traffic citations, 13 assisting other departments, 18 calls assisting EMS, 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 912 and expenses were \$23.00, the mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 2,387 and expenses were \$20.00. The report for July, 2022. The police had 137 in July, there were 17 traffic violations, 15 non-traffic citations, 10 assisting other departments, 15 calls assisting EMS, the balance of 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 1,784 and expenses were 34.24, the mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 1,632 and expenses were \$115.12.

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

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** Solicitor Patricia McGrail updated the condemned property list. She said 1617 Trimble Avenue was sold at sheriff sale. We will need to update the condemnation list and once the deed is transferred, we need to advise the new owner of the property status and follow up with the building inspector for the inspection report. Mr. Junecko asked about 1124 Burbank Avenue. Malisa said Mason Kisan has made

application to the Allegheny County vacant property program to acquire the property. His family owns the other half of the duplex there.

**CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE:** Mr. Hale gave the monthly fire report for June and July 2022. He also announced the Firemen's fair on August 27, 2022 starting at noon, parade at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Hale gave the garbage report for May collections \$3,360.00 and delinquent \$8,705.58. June collections \$7,770.92 and delinquent \$6,939.00. July collections not available as of meeting time. He said he's in the process of deciphering the hydrotesting from MAWC.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To ratify all departmental and inter-departmental transfers during the months of June and July 2022."

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To accept the monthly reports for June and July 2022 as presented."

RC-4 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To TABLE the motion to forward the Packosky Lot Consolidation Plan of of 308-R-291 and 308-R-293 Application to Allegheny County Planning Division and Port Vue Planning Commission for review and as recommended by Don Glenn Engineering."

RC- 5 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION:** Mr. Betters gave a special thanks to public works, fire, Mars and officials for a successful Fun to Be a Kid Day. He inquired about discussion about increase of fees for the recreation center for the upcoming season. He gave special thanks to Brandon and the dive team for the extraction of the car from the river.

**MOTION:** Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify reimbursement payment to Vigilant Hose Company #1 in the amount of \$800.00 for replacement of the Hydraulic Pump on the Rescue Truck and for building repairs to the rear entrance door in the amount of \$149.95."

RC-6 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To ratify water training course by Scott Grahn "Emergency Operation Boating Course", for Twelve (12) students conducted by PA Fish and Boat Commission in the amount of \$2,300.00 to be paid from the Fire Fund."

RC-7 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize and ratify payment to Joshua Poole in the amount of \$675.00 for advanced open water training to be paid from the Fire Fund."

RC-8 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To authorize a donation in the amount of \$600.00 for the Vigilant Firemen's Fair."

RC-9 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Thomas gave the real estate collections for May current real estate collections: \$230,760.49

June current real estate collections: \$338,609.63

July current real estate collections: \$39,807.70

Delinquent: May \$8,326.96

Delinquent: June \$8,388.62

Delinquent: July was not available as of meeting time.

Thank you to Lori and Shelia for doing a great job with collections!!

All final grant paper work has been turned in for the US Steel Project Fund. This will go before the US Steel CAP Board for approval at the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also, you can see from the agenda we have opened up a separate bank account for the US Steel Funding. This was a highly recommended by the Trust and going forward for future funding.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2022-020, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of June, 2022."

RC-10 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried  
Abstain: Mr. Tortorice-Tortorice Auto

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2022-021, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of July, 2022."

RC-11` Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify Resolution No. 2022-022, Authorizing First Commonwealth Bank to add a Bank Account for the US Steel Trust Funds and to change signers omitting Kenneth Hresko and designating Douglas Junecko on all Bank Accounts."

RC-12 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY/DEMOLITION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Junecko announced that 1617 Trimble Avenue that we put on hold has now sold in sheriff's sale. See the agenda this evening to remove this property from the demolition list

Welcome to Kate Atkins, looking forward to working with you!

See your binder for Allegheny League of Municipality programs and 2022 Fall Conference Allegheny County & w. PA Assoc. of Borough's and Township Commissioners in Erie October 21-23. (Erie Bayfront).

See packet information for status of 1124 Burbank Rd. The property owner on the other side of the duplex has filed the paperwork with Allegheny County for the vacant property program.

He thanked everyone for a great season at Romine field and for all those who took care of it.

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To appoint Brandon Hale to perform building inspections in the event of an emergency."

RC-13 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To enter into a contract with Free Point Energy Solutions as Discount Electric Supplier."

RC-14 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To remove 1617 Trimble Avenue, Lot and Block #466-S-198 from the demolition list."

RC-15 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To authorize the purchase of 905 Romine Avenue, Lot and Block #308-R-271 from Kevin Atkins and Harry E. Hart in the amount of \$27,500.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund to be used for future Municipal uses."

RC-16 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF STREET AND LIGHT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Lombardo gave the following motions:

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

RC-17 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To approve CDBG 48 funding in the amount of \$20,092.00 for paving of Dover Alley, (Vermont to Brushton)."

RC-18 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Lombardo moved seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify concurring Resolution No. 2022-023, formally requesting a Grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for the Romine Walking Trail."

RC-19 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Mr. Hresko no change in report. He read the following motions:

**MOTION:** Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize and ratify payment to Randy's Dive Shop in the amount of \$980.00 for Advanced Level Class Dive Equipment and paid from the Fire Fund"

RC-20 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To authorize and ratify underwater equipment for Jaw's of Life in the amount of \$711.00 to Howell Rescue and paid from the Fire Fund."

RC-21 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To accept the resignation of Lean Demuzzio effective June 23, 2022."

RC-22 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried


**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To adopt Resolution No. 2022-024, 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-24 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Mr. Tortorice thanked all the volunteers, Borough workers and everyone who came out to support the Fun to Be a Kid Day event. He thanked Vigilant Fire Fighters for their river rescue efforts and keeping up with all the training. He welcomed Kate Atkins as Jr. Council person.

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

Respectfully submitted by:  
  
Malisa M. Migliori  
Borough Manager

Approved by:  
  
Mark D. Tortorice  
President of Council