REGULAR MEETING

WENESDAY 7:30 P.M. DECEMBER 7, 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, ROBERT BETTERS, DEBORAH THOMAS

Also present were, Solicitor Patricia McGrail, Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager, Don Glenn, Engineer, Officer Chris Adams and Jr. Council Person, Kate Atkins.

Executive Session was held at 6:00 P.M. to discuss personnel issues.

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

RC-2 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

A brief intermission was taken to recognize Solicitor Patricia McGrail for her service of 18 years. Council presented her with a plaque and charm to commemorate and acknowledge her dedication and service to the Borough. She is retiring at the end of December.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

<u>CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:</u> Ken Hresko reported on attending code enforcement hearings.

CHIEF PETRUSKI: Absent

ENGINEERS REPORT: Gave his report at the caucus meeting.

MAYORS REPORT:

The Mayors written report had the following report for November, 2022. The police had 87 calls, 4 non-traffic, 7 traffic citations, 11 assisting other departments, 11 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 1,197 and no expenses, the mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 2,184 and no expenses.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: Solicitor Patricia McGrail stated we will be having the public condemnation hearing for 1817 Trimble Avenue this evening at 7:00 p.m.

<u>CHAIRMAN OF POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT:</u> Mr. Hresko, reported on an ordinance we are working on for next month for ticket and fine versus citation system. Mr. Hresko had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To adopt Ordinance No. 2022-037, an Ordinance of the Borough of Port Vue, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing a Tax Levy for support of Fire Protection Services in the Borough of Port Vue at 1 Mill for the fiscal year ending 2023."

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To sponsor a Christmas Tree for a selected family in the amount of \$75.00 payable to Vigilant Hose Co 1."

RC-4 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To advertise an Ordinance for issuance of a ticket versus a citation to allow citizens to pay violation instead of a legal hearing before the District Judge."

RC-5 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>CHAIRMAN OF STREET AND LIGHT COMMITTEE:</u> Mr. Lombardo gave the following report: A big thanks to Don Glenn, Joe Dursa and Tresco Paving for the paving project completed in the Borough.

We received a Salt fuel price adjustment in November. This resulted in a decrease of \$1.67 per ton.

Congrats to Patty McGrail on her retirement!!

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out with Light up Night.

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To authorize payment in the amount of \$126,303.50 TO TRESCO PAVING AND \$58,712.00 for the additional paving Change Order #1."

RC-6 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To accept the resignation of School Crossing Guard Emily Roma, effective November 22, 2022."

RC-7 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY/DEMOLITION COMMITTEE:</u> Mr. Junecko gave the following report.

He thanked everyone who attended the ACBA and Steel Rivers Cog General Membership Meetings.

The temporary garage was delivered and installed during the week of Thanksgiving. We relocated our original thoughts on placement and it's a much better.

Thanks to Council for the support and purchase of the new tables and chairs. This is a nice upgrade to the social hall.

Thanks to everyone for a successful Light up Night. We couldn't have asked for a better evening!!

Special thanks to Jr. Council Kate Atkins, Taylor Kuzel and Alya Wilson for taking care of the crafts with the children.

I would like to say congratulations to Patty McGrail and thank you for everything!!

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To proceed with demolition of 1817 Trimble Avenue, Lot & Block #465-A-201."

RC-8 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Ordinance No. 2022-651, an Ordinance of the Borough of Port Vue, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, levying taxes for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 at 7.40 Mills."

RC-9 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

President Tortorice announced no tax increase for this year.

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To adopt Resolution No. 2022-038, authorizing the issuance of a Tax and Revenue anticipation note, Series 2023 with the terms set forth in the foregoing and attached Certificate and Transmittal: approving a form of note: authorizing designated officers to execute and deliver the note, authorizing and directing the filing of proceedings with the Department of Community and Economic Development; providing fir the payment and security of the note; making certain Federal Income Tax Covenants in respect of the note; accepting the proposal of First Commonwealth Bank for the purchase of the note; and repealing Inconsistent Resolutions."

RC-10 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE:</u> Mrs. Thomas gave the following report:

November current real estate collections: \$4,575.65

Delinquent: November's delinquent collections: 10,726.50

Delinquent: October's delinquent collections: \$8,632.38

As you can see from the agenda this evening, we will be passing the 2023 budget. The total budget is down from last year by \$80,894.00. Thank you to the budget committee and Council.

We are working on the next round of grant funding through US Steel clean air fund due in January. Consideration possibly for two new hybrid police vehicles, possibly a new fire squad and a new All terrain vehicle for public safety purposes.

<u>MOTION:</u> Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Resolution No. <u>2022-037</u>, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of November, 2022."

RC-11 Yeas: Mr. Hale, Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko,

Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters

Abstained: Mr. Tortorice - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To approve the Budget in the amount of \$1,663,243.74."

RC-12 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To adopt Ordinance No. 2022-653, an Ordinance of the Borough of Port Vue, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing regulations with regard to a property owner's rights when the property does not receive a Real Estate Tax Notice on a timely basis pursuant to Act 57 of 2022; repealing prior inconsistent Ordinances; providing for a severability clause; and containing an effective date."

RC-13 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Betters gave the following report: Thanks to public works for doing a great job with all the Borough decorating.

Thanks to everyone and all the volunteers for a successful Light up Night, we had a great turn out.

Recreation update: The pitching machine is in and rentals are steady right now.

Road department: So far, we've been pretty lucky with the weather. The trucks and employees are ready when the snow flies.

He thanked Patty for her service and job well done.

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To ratify donation in the amount \$100.00 to South Allegheny Band Parents."

RC-14 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To ratify Glenn Engineering to advertise specifications for Borough Building Improvements."

RC-15 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To authorize payment to Rotelica LLC for repairs to the 1995 Freightliner in the amount of \$2,672.98 from the Fire Fund."

RC-16 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE: Mr. Hale gave the November monthly fire report. In addition, he reported: Garbage collections report for November: not available as of meeting time.

October collections: \$3,638.00

October delinquent: \$1,706.52

Thanks again to PAWC for the generous \$500.00 donation. Greatly appreciated!!

Special thanks to Council for the donation for the Christmas tree to a needy family in the Borough.

Christmas tree sale is now happening.

Santa on Fire truck through the Borough, December 11, 2022 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Thank you to the fire company and Santa for a job well done on Light up Night

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To ratify advertisement of Ordinance No. 2022-653."

RC-17 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Hresko, "To ratify all departmental and intergovernmental transfers during the month of November, 2022."

RC-18 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To accept the monthly reports for November, 2022 as presented."

RC-19 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

He also thanked Patty for everything.

Jr. Council Person-Kate Atkins gave her report for November.

Mr. Tortorice thanked everyone for always working together. He went on to say how cost effective she was to the Borough and residents of this Borough. We will miss her and she's been a great asset to this Borough. He said she will always be in our hearts!

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Malisa M. Migliori) Borough Manager Approved by:

Mark D. Tortorice President of Council