

## REGULAR MEETING

WENESDAY

7:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 2, 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**

**ABSENT:   ROBERT BETTERS**

Also present were, Solicitor Patricia McGrail, Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager, Don Glenn, Engineer, absent Jr. Council Person, Ariana Ewing.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on January 3, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.

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

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN:**

1. Mr. Trevor Osgood, 1801 New York Avenue, Port Vue. Stated he purchased the house and has been working on it. He stated that he was supposed to have the renovations completed by January and the front porch and it's finished now. He said he met with the Building Inspector and there are few items he still wants. Currently working on updating the electrical service. He said the porch is about 50-70% completed, however he requested an extension due to weather and waiting for the previous owner to remove all of his belongings out of the house. He asked for an additional week or so.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Hresko reported Chief Petruski and Magistrate Martin have signed him up through a County program to be able to write citations. He will get additional information for Council. Solicitor McGrail said if he's writing the citations the insurance company needs to be notified. She said our insurance will not cover an error in omissions for a Council person writing a citation for code enforcement issues. General Discussion on this matter. He also reported on a citation from Officer Adams that might have been issued in error.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Don Glenn gave his report at the caucus meeting.

**MAYORS REPORT:** Mayor Hranics said he'd like to have a meeting to go over some issues with the Chief, President, and Mr. Hresko for Friday. He reported part time officer Jayson Kracan will be on the schedule starting on February 17, 2022. He also said the annual police state audit was completed and everything was in compliance. Mayor Hranics gave the monthly report:

The Mayor had the following to report for January 3, 2022. The police had 109 calls in January, there were 4 traffic citations, 10 non-traffic citations, 15 assisting other departments and 14 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 105 and expenses were \$160.00, the mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 1,735 and expenses were 331.00, the mileage of the 2017 Ford Explorer was 1,433 and expenses were \$1,420.43.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** Solicitor Patricia McGrail

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**SANITATION/RECYCLING COMMITTEE:** Mr. Hale said the garbage collections for January were not available by meeting time. He said the meeting with Mawc has been delayed until next month. This was the meeting regarding the low pressure in the fire hydrants. He also wanted to bring to everyone's attention he was able to get a \$10,000.00 grant for an air compressor and cascade system. The Fire Company added an additional \$6,000.00 to it but didn't anticipate the additional electrical work that will need to be done. The installation is about \$3,000.00, he asked if this could be paid from the fire fund. Council agreed and will wait on the invoices to pay.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2022-004, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of January, 2022."

RC-3`        Yeas: Mr. Hale, Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko,  
                     Mrs. Thomas

                     Abstained: Mr. Tortorice - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Thomas gave the report for February: Current and Delinquent Tax collections for January were not available as of meeting time.

December current collections: \$10,706.00 and the Delinquent: \$7,750.92. She announced the 2021 Borough audit will commence sometime in February.

Mrs. Thomas attended the US Steel Committee Meeting this month, (additional \$90,000.00 allocated to Port Vue)

As you can see from the agenda Shelia has wrapped up the unpaid real estate taxes for 2021. They will be sent over to Keystone for collection.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize and ratify Tax Collector, Sheila DiGiorgio to turn the 2021 unpaid Real Estate Taxes over to Keystone Collection in the amount of \$114,332.79."

RC-4        Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY/DEMOLITION:** Mr. Junecko reported on the demolition grant we received for demolition in the amount of \$75,000.00. We had to remove two from the

list due to owner's are making progress with repairs, 1801 New York and 1106 Monroe Avenue. Hopefully we can substitute out for other properties. General Discussion on 9 properties given to Tri-Cog to review. General discussion on 1425 Washington Boulevard to possibly purchase from the owner and try to resell it.

Mr. Junecko also discussed the sale of 905 Romine Avenue, vacant property with a garage on it. There was discussion on a variance. Mr. Junecko commented on the great response we've had on the recreation center and additional reservations for next year. He said the public works department will start working on the bathrooms in the near future. He commended Mr. Tortorice on the code enforcement committee. He announced the Alom Seven Springs Conference April 7-10, 2022 and the information is in your binders. Mr. Junecko announced the Allegheny County Borough's Association annual dinner is this weekend. Manager and Council congratulated Mr. Junecko on his position as President of the ACBA and will now be on the Allegheny League of Municipalities Board. He asked Council to collectively discuss the recreation center usage for April through August.

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt the Huntington Investment Policy for the Police Pension Fund dated January 13, 2022."

RC-5            Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, To approve sign sponsorship at PVAA in the amount of \$150.00."

RC-6            Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**STREET AND LIGHT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Lombardo discussed a new program through Duquesne Light for LED street light replacement. Duquesne Light is no longer continuing the grant, however they will be coming into all the municipalities to replace all the old lights with the LED's with no cost to the Borough. They have said they will prioritize the municipalities by who has previously used the LED grant program, which we have. Mr. Lombardo said he had a meeting with the road crew about the upcoming storm and how they will be handling the pending storm. He also discussed the paving and the additional alleys.

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

RC-7            Yeas: \*Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF POLICE/FIRE/PUBLIC SAFETY:** Mr. Hresko read the following motion:

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To advertise for an Ordinance of the Borough of Port Vue, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending Chapter 27 of the Code of the Borough of Port Vue, as amended, to provide for Article IV – Neighborhood Blight Reclamation and Revitalization Pursuant to Act 90 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

RC-8 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To accept the monthly reports for January, 2022 as presented."

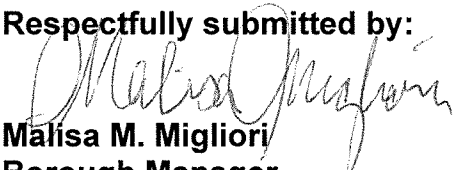
RC-9 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2022-001, authorizing the payment of bills ad wages incurred during the month of December, 2022"

Mr. Tortorice thanked everyone for their continued work together. He said the Committee's have been selected and asked that everyone continue with all their efforts.

**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