

6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING
1612 TRIMBLE AVENUE
1889 ROMINE AVENUE

REGULAR MEETING

WENESDAY

7:30 P.M.

February 7, 2024

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 Mayor Hranics, Solicitor Falco A. Muscante, Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager, Joe Suha Jr. Council person, Engineer and Chief David Petruski.

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

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. and Special Meeting on January 29th. 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Mr. Hresko reported that Council recognized the Engineer this evening with a dinner prior to the meeting this evening. We thanked him for his many years of service and his dedication to Port Vue Borough.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Dan Negley-1136 Portsmouth Drive is here this evening to thank Council for getting the PUC to Port Vue over the increased sewer rate. Mr. Tortorice said we did, and we tried to get them to come hear our residents and how PAWC is billing our community.

Denise Potersnak-822 Elmwood Avenue is here this evening to let Council know about what the neighbor does. They fly a drone they fly over the neighborhood, ran over her drain and ride the quads. There was a surveyor but the markers he put in. She is concerned about he could hit the steps in the last tier of the yard. Mr. Tortorice said we can fight a code enforcement issue, but this is between neighbors and take them to the magistrate. Discussion on paper alleys. She also said some people are still ignoring the one way on Elmwood. Chief Petruski said Big's has been cited for going the wrong way.

Pauline Bryner- 1623 New York Avenue, here this evening with the Citizen's Committee to discuss the events scheduled for Port Vue. General discussion on events, dates and locations.

Official swearing in of the new part time police officers, Isaac Daniele and Raymond Johnson administered by Mayor Hranics. The council and residents congratulated and welcomed the new officers.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Ken Hresko reported he's working on a few houses to check out. He said it's quiet right now since it's winter time.

CHIEF PETRUSKI:

ENGINEERS REPORT: Joe Dursa gave his report at the meeting.

MAYORS REPORT: He reported on the new part time officers detail and he gave the statistics for the month:

The Police had 73 calls, 5 non-traffic citations, 6 traffic citations, 10 calls assisting other departments, 6 assisting E.M.S., the balance of the calls were for various reasons such as animal complaints, disabled vehicles, disturbances, etc. January, 2023. The Mayor also reported the mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 0 and no expenses, the mileage on the 2021 Ford Explorer was 434 and expenses were \$20.00. The 2023 Explorer 3500, mileage 635, 0 repairs, 2023 Explorer 3501, mileage 1,723, repaired battery cable under warrant no charge.

Mr. Tortorice also added that we have the 2 new hybrid Explorers in rotation. The cars are equipped with cameras in the front and back and they are the latest police cars on the market.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Mr. Muscante commented on the memorandum of understanding regarding the part time wages and also stated the motions for the condemnation hearings are on the agenda.

CHAIRMAN OF POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mr. Hresko had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To authorize payment to Shiloh Service Inc. for the purchase of (2) new Panasonic Toughbook Laptops for the new police in the amount of \$7,020.00."

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To ratify payment to Auto Zone for the auto parts for the 2016 engine and 2006 Squad in the amount of \$332.47 from the FIRE FUND."

RC-4 Abstain: Mr. Hale
Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To authorize payment to KUSH KUSTOMS LLC for maintenance and inspection on the 2016 SPARTAN in the amount of \$1,240.12 to be paid from the Fire Fund."

RC-5 Abstain: Mr. Hale
Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To authorize the sale of the 2019 Ford Explorer to the City of McKeesport in the amount of \$25,000.00."

RC-6 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF STREET AND LIGHT COMMITTEE: Mr. Lombardo reported public works have been out patching holes and if you see any call the Borough building and report it. He had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To award El Grande Industries the 2022 GEDTF-068 grant for the paving of Morton and Lysle alleys in the amount of \$50,108.25 as recommended by Glenn Engineering."

RC-7 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Motion: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify legal advertisement for part time police officers."

RC-8 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY/DEMOLITION COMMITTEE: Mr. Junecko, thanked the public works department for a great job keeping the roads clear in the snow. He had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To accept the 3 year audit proposal for Borough auditing services for 2024, 2025 and 2026 from Auditor Mark C. Turnley."

RC-9 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To enter into memorandum of understanding with Teamsters Local 205 to increase part time police wages to \$24.25 per hour."

RC-10 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To condemn and demolish lot and block# 465-A-347, 1889 Romine Avenue, contingent upon, inspection from Building inspector and compliance of Borough codes with in 30 days."

RC-11 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To condemn and demolish lot and block# 466-D-192, 1612 Trimble Avenue."

RC-12 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mrs. Thomas gave the following report: January 2024 current real estate collections: 0

Total collected for the 2023 delinquent real estate taxes: \$37,485.90

The 2023 uncollected Real Estate has been turned over to Keystone Collections in the amount of \$105,136.16.

Current Real Estate Taxes will be mailed out the last week of March

The annual Borough Audit will begin mid February.

Port Vue Borough will host the next Community Benefit Trust meeting on February 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. We also have a grant application for review by the Board for upgrades at the Recreation Center with air conditioning, replacing turf flooring and curtain fencing.

Mrs. Thomas had the following motions:

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Resolution no. 2024-003 authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of January, 2024."

RC-13 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mrs. Thomas
Abstain: Mr. Betters, (Jenn's Cleaning) Mr. Hale, (#21 & #22 fire fund expenses), Mr. Tortorice, (Tortorice Auto)
Majority Carries

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To authorize and ratify tax collector Lori DiMarco to turn the 2023 unpaid real estate taxes over to Keystone collection in the amount of \$105,136.16."

RC-14 Yeas: Unanimous-Motion carried

CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Betters announced Easter egg hunt on March 23rd at 10:00 am at the recreation center. Candy bags have been ordered and Greg is supplying the orange drinks. He said the salt bins are filled and nothing left over from last year. He said he and Joe met with Pro-Line on Riverview. This is the company doing the replacement gas line for Peoples. They are causing damage to the road and they agreed to pave the intersection and when the construction is completed they will take a look and see if the entire road will be paved. He spoke briefly on the golf simulator and hope to have it up and running for the fall. Spring cleanup on 27-28 of April. He mentioned trees over hanging on Rebecca. He had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To accept the proposal from Precision Fencing for fencing around the golf simulator machine in the amount of \$2,500.00 as recommended by Glenn Engineering."

RC-15 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To authorize payment to Foresight Sports for the golf simulator Ace Package Sim in a box in the amount of \$29,799.00 with reimbursement from the LSA Grant.”

RC-16 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To accept the Proposal from Jaypro for the netting over the golf simulator in the amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 as recommended by Glenn Engineering.”

RC-17 Yeas: Unanimous – Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE: Mr. Hale gave the condensed fire report for January, he also stated the new garbage bills will be mailed out this month. He also asked to keep the vacant lot across from the Fire Hall as additional parking for the department. Mr. Tortorice said we’ll have the solicitor look into it.

Mr. Hale had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To ratify all departmental and inter-governmental transfers during the month of January 2024.”

RC-18 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Thomas, “To accept the monthly reports for January 2024.”

RC-19 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Hresko, “To Adjourn.”

RC-20 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted by:


Malisa M. Migliori
Borough Manager

Approved by:


Mark D. Tortorice
President of Council

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