

REGULAR MEETING

WENESDAY

7:30 P.M.

JANUARY 4, 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,
ROBERT BETTERS, DEBORAH THOMAS**

Also present were, Solicitor Falco A. Muscante, Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager, Don Glenn, Engineer, Chief Petruski, and Jr. Council Person, Kate Atkins.

Council President Tortorice wished everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

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

RC-2 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

1. John Borkowski: 1127 Portsmouth Drive, he asked if there's an ordinance for no parking on Portsmouth Drive. Mr. Tortorice said there was something years ago but it hasn't been enforced because years ago people only had one vehicle and now they're multiple vehicles per family. He said 25 mph is too fast and maybe one side parking would help. General discussion on this matter and possible traffic study of the area. Mr. Borkowski inquired about an ordinance for neighbors trees on his property. Mr. Tortorice said anything on his property he can cut it down.
2. Kevin Wygonic-705 Manning Avenue, is here this evening about the air quality in Port Vue Borough. He asked if there's anything we can do? Can we get together with the other bordering municipalities to do something. Mr. Tortorice said the mill is controlled by Allegheny County Health Department. They are spending money to update their controls to get to standard qualities.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Ken Hresko reported

CHIEF PETRUSKI: Reported on new body cameras.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Gave his report at the caucus meeting. No changes.

MAYORS REPORT:

The Mayors written report had the following statistics for December, 2022. The police had 104 calls, 3 non-traffic, 11 traffic citations, 9 assisting other departments, 6 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 1,829 and no expenses, the mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 1,398 and no expenses.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: Solicitor Falco Muscante was introduced as the new Borough Solicitor at the first meeting in Port Vue. General discussion on quality-of-life or also the code enforcement ordinance. He said he received a request by a neighbor wanting to purchase 423 Pasadena. General discussion on this matter. Discussion on providing the resident with information on the Allegheny County Vacant Property Program.

CHAIRMAN OF POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mr. Hresko said we are in the process of going over a new ordinance for code enforcement. We'll keep you updated as it progresses. He congratulated and wished all the new officers and trustees at the fire company good luck for the new year.

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To adopt Resolution No. 2023-003, of the Borough of Port Vue, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, fixing the salaries and remuneration for Mayor, Council Members, Tax Collector and Appointed Officers and Employees; and fixing the rate of compensation for Labor, for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023."

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Better, "To accept the 2023 Vigilant Hose Company No. 1 Officers, Trustees and Directors."

RC-4 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To Table the motion to remit annual contribution to Tri-Cog Land Bank, based on 5% of the 2021 Delinquent Real Estate Tax in the amount of \$4,548.80."

RC-5 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF STREET AND LIGHT COMMITTEE: Mr. Lombardo congratulated Carl Inks for meeting his probationary period and thanked Bob Better and the public works department for doing a great job over the holiday. He said we received notification of a decrease in the price of salt for the month of December.

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To authorize payment to Precision Fencing in the amount of \$3,067.00 for the fencing around the above ground fuel storage tank."

RC-6 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Motion: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To ratify the hiring of Carl Inks as of January 1, 2023 as full time Public Works Employee for successful completion of the probationary period and drug and alcohol testing."

RC-7 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY/DEMOLITION COMMITTEE: Mr. Junecko, reminded everyone about the ACBA annual dinner on February 4th which is also the same night as the comedy club hosted by the Fire Company. He said the PSAB annual awards are this month and if you want to be considered you must complete the paperwork in the book and submit it back to Malisa. He welcomed Solicitor Falco.

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To Table the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-002, a Resolution of the Borough of Port Vue, Allegheny County, which amends the fee schedule Resolution adding in citation fee in the amount of \$50.00"

RC-8 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To Table the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-654, property maintenance, an Ordinance of the Borough of Port Vue, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing a ticket system to address Code Enforcement violations as a means to reduce the cost of issuing citations and attending hearings before the District Justice for property maintenance code violations; repealing prior inconsistent Ordinances and parts of Ordinances; providing for a severability clause; and containing an effective date."

RC-9 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To appoint the firm of Maiello, Bruno & Maiello, LLP as solicitor for the Borough and authorize the proper Borough Officials to sign the engagement letter as presented."

RC-10 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mrs. Thomas had the following report for January: December 2022 current real estate collections: \$15,272.79

Delinquent: December's delinquent collections: Not available as of meeting time.

Delinquent: November's delinquent collections: \$10,726.50.

On this evening's agenda we are making application through the Community Benefit Trust for funding of 2 Police hybrid vehicles, reimbursement of the recreation/public works steel garage and a utility terrain vehicle.

Welcome to the Borough's new solicitor Falco Muscante with Maiello, Maiello and Brungo.

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To adopt Resolution No. 2023-001, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of December, 2022.”

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

Abstained: Mr. Tortorice, Tortorice Auto - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To make application to Community Benefit Trust Project Fund for reimbursement of the Recreation and Public Safety Steel Garage.”

RC-12 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Betters thanked the public works crew for all their hard work. He congratulated Kate Atkins for being acknowledged in the Boroughs Association monthly magazine. He also congratulated Vigilant Hose Company trustee’s and officers for 2023.

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To make application to Community Benefit Trust Project Fund for two (2) Hybrid Police Vehicles.”

RC-13 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To make application to Community Benefit Trust Project Fund for a Utility Terrain Public Safety Vehicle.”

RC-14 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To make application to Community Benefit Trust Project Fund for an Asphalt Vibratory Roller.”

RC-15 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE: Mr. Hale read the fire report for December 2022. He thanked everyone for attending the officer installation and said how much his crew appreciates the support of Council. We are looking into advanced life support services for the fire company and to help out with the strain on the ambulance service. He asked for reimbursement to two invoices from the Fire Fund. One is squad repairs from last month and the air compressor installed \$1,655.00. He also thanked Council for donating the tables and chairs donated to the fire company.

He provided the garbage collection report:

Current Garbage collections report for November: \$7,958.00

Delinquent garbage collections for November: \$9,891.81

December collections not available as of meeting time.

2023 Garbage bills will go out mid-January, as a reminder if you pay the full year in full by March 31, you receive a \$10.00 discount.

He announced the fire company's comedy night on Saturday, February 4th, 2023.

Congratulations and thank you to all the 2023 Vigilant Hose Co. officers installation.

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

RC-16 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

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

RC-17 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Mr. Tortorice turned it over to Kate Atkins, Jr. Council person, she gave her monthly report.

Mr. Tortorice thanked and welcomed the new Solicitor, Falco Muscante. He thanked the police, fire and ems for all their services and dedication. He commended the fire company for all their efforts, dedication and services. He said the fire fighters are all volunteer and we are very lucky to have. He thanked the public works department for all their hard work over the holiday. He thanked them for coming out and working on Christmas Eve on a water break. He said they are available around the clock 24/7 to provide services when needed.


He wished everyone a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

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

Respectfully submitted by:


Malisa M. Migliori
Borough Manager

Approved by:


Mark D. Tortorice
President of Council