

REGULAR MEETING

WENESDAY

7:30 P.M.

JUNE 1, 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

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on May 4, 2022 at 7:39 P.M.

RC-2 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

President Tortorice and Council person Debbie Thomas presented Brandon and the Vigilant Hose Co. a check from US Steel for additional dive equipment grant request. Mike Rhoades from US Steel couldn't be in attendance this evening to present the check.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN:

- 1. Margaret Mansfield 1028 Glenn Avenue, Liberty Borough is here this evening to inquire on the status of 824 Glenn Avenue. She said it's on the demolition list and now there's a for sale sign on it. Solicitor McGrail said he would have to notify any new owner the property is on the condemnation/demolition list with the Borough. She also said the property is going back on the condemnation/demolition list and is asking Council to take the action to do this. President Tortorice said they still can be cited for code enforcement issues as well. Mrs. Mansfield said they grass still hasn't been cut. She also wanted to bring the property of 807 Weldon Street to Council's attention. She stated there are rats down there because of the wood. Solicitor McGrail said if it's causing a public health hazard and public nuisance then we can send a code enforcement letter. General discussion on this matter.**
- 2. Danielle Junecko-is here this evening representing the committee for the firemen's fair. She provided all the details for the event and asked for any support she can get, specifically for the performing groups. The date for the event is Saturday, August 27th with a parade a 4:00 p.m. General discussion on this matter.**

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Hresko, gave in Workshop meeting. No changes.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Gave his report at the caucus meeting.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Hranics gave the Chief of Police report and the monthly statistics. He said the police will be enforcing curfew to curtail any issues. Curfew is 11:00 p.m. in the summer. Chief Petruski thanked Bob Betters and the Public Works department for keeping the Borough property looking good. The problems at Monroe and Upston Avenue have been curtailed by implementing saturation patrols.

The Mayor had the following report for May, 2022. The police had 159 calls in May, there were 14 traffic citations, 21 non-traffic citations, 16 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 2,315 and expenses were \$299.35, the mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 1,467 and no expenses. Mayor reported they collected \$221.00 in recyclables for the GLAD program. The funds will be used for a scholarship.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: Solicitor Patricia McGrail stated we've attempted to work with the property owner at 824 Glenn Avenue to enter into agreement to make repairs to the property. She stated this has not happened. She asked for Council to consider the condemnation and demolition of 824 Glenn Avenue.

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To Condemn and Demolish 824 Glenn Avenue Lot and Block 465-K-249."

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mr. Hresko gave report in the Workshop meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize payment to El Grande Industries Inc. for the completion of the 2021 Bituminous Paving Project in the amount of \$98,777.00 as recommended by Gon Glenn Engineering."

RC-4 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To accept the resignation of part-time Police Officer Jason Kracan effective May 9, 2022."

RC-5 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF STREET AND LIGHT COMMITTEE: Mr. Lombardo reported most of the paving has been completed. We are trying to concentrate on paving some alleys. Mr. Lombardo had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To adopt Ordinance No. 2022-650, of the Borough of Port Vue, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance 501, Chapter 295, Section 33, establishing prohibited parking on Coronado Road at Barkley Road.”

RC- 6 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To authorize and ratify emergency asphalt repairs by El Grande Paving in the amount of \$44,141.15 as recommended by Don Glenn Engineering.”

RC-7 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY/DEMOLITION COMMITTEE: Mr. Junecko stated KU Resources has provided the pricing for the asbestos testing for the demolitions. We will be awarding this evening and the properties are: 1822 Trimble, 1027 Lysle, 1109 Norwood, 920 Glenn, 1704 Stegman, 824 Glenn and 1617 Trimble and we will be reimbursed by the grant. Discussion on 924 Glenn Avenue. He also reported on the Summer Food Program has eliminated and will no longer operate on a grab and go plan. The meals will only be lunch and have to be eaten on site in social hall. If you or you know someone who would be interested in serving cold meals in the social hall Monday – Friday from 11:00 – 2:00 pm. You must be over 18 must have all legal clearances please contact Malisa in the office for additional details.

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, “To authorize demolition of 1617 Trimble Avenue and 1215 Barkley Road.”

RC-8 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, “To table the Demolition of 1611 New York Avenue for 90 days.”

RC-9 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, “To authorize KU Resources to complete asbestos surveys in the amount of \$550.00 for seven (7) properties as requested by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County and to be reimbursed by the Gaming Economic Development and Tourist Fund Grant.”

RC-10 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mrs. Thomas gave the following report: April current real estate collections: \$126,846.61 Delinquent: April \$8,882.55 May collections weren’t available as of meeting time.

The 2021 Borough audit is has been completed and this evening we have the final report and financials. Please take time to review and if you have any questions let me know. Council President and Manager had the exit phone conference. I will let Mr. Tortorice report on that. Once again, we have no findings or material representations. We are very fortunate to have a sound fiscal operation.

The State Auditor has completed the 2 year Liquid fuels audit and there were no findings and no misrepresentations.

The Tax Anticipation Note was paid off on May 31, 2022.

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2022-019, Authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of May, 2022."

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

Abstained: Mr. Tortorice - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To accept and ratify the 2021 Audit, Financial Statements and Legal Advertisements by Mark C. Turnley CPA."

RC-12 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION: Mr. Better gave the following report: The public works department prepared for Memorial Day service and hung all the vet banners. He also explained how we hang the banners and where the next ones will be placed. He clarified for the record on where the new banners are placed.

Still working on Fun To Be A Kid Day venue. The movie selected for Movie night on Friday, July 29, is the Addams Family 2, movie to start at dusk.

We're planning a great day full of fun, give aways, games, lunch and much more. Thank you to the vendors who have already donated and we anticipate additional donations and a grant to be forthcoming. The Borough signs are in progress, hopefully not much longer.

Discussion on the tennis courts and basket ball courts.

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize Steel Rivers Council of Governments to approve the invoice from El Grande Industries Inc. for the street reconstruction of Joy and Johnson Streets in the amount of \$45,922.50 from the allocated CD 47-3.10.5 and as recommended by Don Glenn Engineering"

RC-13 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Better moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To ratify the hiring of seasonal employees Chase Nicomatti and returning Timothy Borkowski."

RC-14 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE: Mr. Hale gave the fire report for May 2022. He also reported: Garbage collections report:

April current collections \$18,460.00 and delinquent were \$2,525.18.

May's collections were not available as of meeting time.

Report on hydrant testing, no results as of yet and they are still working on it. He said we still haven't heard back from MAWC for the results.

US Steel Grant for additional dive equipment funded in the amount of \$18,054.20, additional thanks for Council support and to Mike Rhoades in conjunction with USS Steel for the dive equipment.

This month the Borough employee's will receive CPR and AED training on June 29, 2022.

June 18th is the fire company boot drive and following will be 60th anniversary of the building 3:30-6:30 p.m. He stated they will be having an open house and demos of the drones. July 9, 2022 is the guest bartending at the Port Vue Pub.

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To accept the monthly reports for May, 2022 as presented."

RC-16 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

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

RC15 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

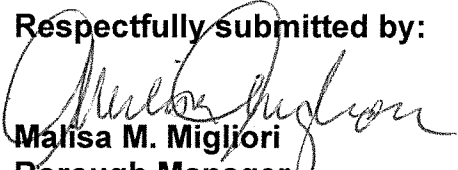
Doug Junecko recognized the Borough workers for doing a great job on the field and the entire area.

Mr. Tortorice recognized Malisa the Manager and the staff for doing an excellent job and an unremarkable audit. He asked for everyone to come out and support Fun To Be A Kid Day and if you want to make a donation your name/business will be put on the back of hundreds of t-shirts.

He also reminded everyone there will not be a meeting in July. We will meet again August 3, 2022. He wished everyone a healthy and safe summer,

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