

REGULAR MEETING

WENESDAY

7:30 P.M.

MAY 4, 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, Chief David Petruski, Mayor Hranics. Jr. council person Arianna Ewing.

Executive was held to discuss personnel and legal issues.

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve the minutes for the Condemnation Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. and the Regular Council Meeting on April 6, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.

RC-2 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

RECOGNITION OF ARIANNA EWING JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON. Council presented her with a plaque. Mr. Hresko thanked her for all her efforts, for helping the Borough with our events and then read the plaque. Mr. Tortorice thanked her for all her assistance. Mr. Junecko congratulated her and continued success.

Council recognized Officer Robert Palestra for meeting the one-year probation period for the Port Vue Police Department. Officer Palestra thanked Council and said he will continue giving his best effort to public safety and the residents.

Mr. Tortorice recognized Vigilant Hose Company 1 for their dedication and service and US Steel for funding of additional dive equipment. He said Mr. Rhoades could not make the meeting this evening, however the dive team and Mr. Hale are here to thank and recognize US Steel for the grant in the amount of \$18,054.20 for the dive equipment. Mr. Hale expressed his gratitude and gave further description of the equipment they are funding and thanked US Steel, Council and his divers. He also personally thanked Mr. Tortorice and Mrs. Thomas the US Steel Board members. Mr. Hale gave recognition to the divers and asked them to come up to be recognized.

1. Abdalla Grime-824 Glenn Avenue is here this evening to speak with the Solicitor.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN:

2. Balise Cooper-Groover Street and hill slide complaints. He started by saying he was here 15 years ago about the road. He said he spoke with Bob. He stated there's a big hump and he and the neighbor can't use their garage. He then

provided pictures. He circulated the pictures and provided verbal descriptions. He stated the Borough has done nothing about this 15 years ago. He stated McKeesport has come up and repaired the sewer grate. He said it's coming from Grover Avenue from the garage behind his. Water is coming off the hillside too and wants to know when we are going to repair it. He also said there's a wall the Borough owns that if it falls on his property needs to be taken care of. He said he has documented proof of all of this.

3. Michael Crossen 917 Romine Avenue is here this evening to discuss property at 905 Romine Avenue and wants to be sure everything is done the right way. The residents in that area have worked very hard to make their properties look good.
4. Jason Togyer and Denise Ritter-909 Romine Avenue, he also agrees with Mr. Crossen. He said he's lived here for over 4 years and finally are starting to see property values rise. He just wants to make sure all permits are properly secured through Planning or Zoning for what is being done at 905 Romine Avenue.
5. Stephen and Linda Fillipsie 902 Romine Avenue, is here this evening to discuss what is going on at 905 Romine Avenue. He said he lives directly across from this address and was away for awhile and when they returned there was a shack on a carport there. He was told they bought the property to work on their vehicles. He's concerned that this is going to turn into a business or autobody. He said it looks like a shack. He's also concerned over property values decreasing and people hanging out. He wants to be sure it's zoned properly and all permits are secured. Linda Filipsie asked if anyone here knows what's going on with this property. She stated she contacted the police because her driveway was being blocked and they didn't ask if they could block the driveway. They were loading a backhoe onto a truck. She also said the police officer wasn't happy with her for calling the police over this problem. Chief Petruski said he was the responding officer and that was totally different. He can only speak to their interaction with the call and not hear say. Mr. Tortorice said no one can block your driveway.
6. Jacquie Bryner 910 Romine Avenue, is here this evening to support the neighbors. She said there's no permits and it's a big mud hole. She said when she did an addition on her home she had to get a survey of the neighbors.

Mr. Tortorice said we will look into this matter along with the solicitor and will have answers soon.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Hresko, said it's that time of the year and the grass is growing. He said there were a few hearings today and some letters to go out.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Chief Petruski asked for everyone to take a moment to acknowledge and recognize all police officers. He said National Police is May 15th-21st, 2022 in Washington D.C. The Services end with the Annual Peace Officers' Memorial Service on May 15th.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Gave his report at the caucus meeting.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Hranics gave the following report:

The Mayor had the following report for April, 2022. The police had 124 calls in April, there were 23 traffic citations, 15 non-traffic citations, 14 assisting other departments and 5 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 1,760 and no expenses, the mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 694 and expenses were 325.89.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: Solicitor Patricia McGrail reported there will be public hearings next month, June 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for demolition. She also reminded Council there's a motion on the agenda for 824 Glenn Avenue demolition.

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

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize payment to Dukane Radiator & Sheetmetal Solutions, LLC for radiator repairs to the Mack truck in the amount of \$1,995.00 from the Fire Fund."

RC-3 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice,
 Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters

 Abstained: Mr. Hale - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To ratify payment to Slack Overhead Doors in the amount of \$1,640.00 for repairs to Vigilant Hose Company garage door, from the Fire Fund."

RC-4 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice,
 Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters

 Abstained: Mr. Hale - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To accept Officer Robert Palestra as full time Police Officer and for successfully meeting the twelve month probation period."

RC-5 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF STREET AND LIGHT COMMITTEE: Mr. Lombardo reported we are working on the restoration of streets by the water company and reminded residents that the paving projects from last year are to start by the end of May to beginning of June.

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Ordinance No. 2022-649, of the Borough of Port Vue, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further amending Ordinance 501, Chapter 295, Section 16, establishing

One Way direction at Vermont from Dover to Romine Avenue West to East direction of travel.”

RC- 6 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, “To advertise an Ordinance to establish No Parking on Coronado at Barkley Road.”

RC-7 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY/DEMOLITION COMMITTEE: Mr. Junecko reported on the GEDTF grant and to proceed with the asbestos testing. This will need to be completed by the Municipality and then we will be reimbursed by the grant. He also reported the Borough will be hosting the Summer Food Program, stay tuned for further details. He thanked public works for doing a great job on the social hall restroom remodel. He announced the PSAB conference is in Hershey, May 22-25th.

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, “To authorize demolition of 824 Glenn Avenue, Lot and Block 465-K-249.”

RC-8 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, “To seek proposals for asbestos surveys eligible for GEDTF Grant Reimbursement for 1822 Trimble, 1027 Lysle, 1109 Norwood, 920 Glenn, 1704 Stegman, 824 Glenn and 1617 Trimble Avenue.”

RC-9 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mrs. Thomas gave the April real estate tax collections in the amount of \$111,745.75. Delinquents were not available as of meeting time. She announced the 2021 Borough Audit has been completed and Council President and the Manager will meet with the auditor for the exit conference. The Liquid Fuels audit will commence on Monday and last the tax anticipation loan will be paid off by the end of May or beginning of June.

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To adopt Resolution No. 2022-016, Authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of April, 2022.”

RC-10 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. Betters, “To adopt Resolution No. 2022-018, to recognize National Police Week 2022, May 11th- May 17th, 2022 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those Law Enforcement Officers killed in the line of duty while protecting or communities and safeguarding our Democracy.”

RC-11 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION: Mr. Betters reported on clean up days at PVAA and went through 5 bins and scrap metal. Also, we had a Fun to Be A Kid Day meeting this evening. It will be our 26th anniversary and will be held on Sunday, July 31, 2022. We are also planning movie night on Friday, July 29th at dusk. We are working on new Borough signage coming into the Borough, stay tuned. He also reported CSX will be working on a culvert underneath River Road. He congratulated Robert Palestra for meeting his one year probation and thanked the road crew for a good job on the rest rooms.

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To adopt Resolution No. 2022-017, authorizing the Borough of Port Vue to authorize Glenn Engineering to make application in the amount of \$188,218.00 to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Financing Authority for a Walking Trail at Romine Park and designate Don Glenn, Borough Engineer and Borough Manager to execute all documents and agreements to facilitate and assist in obtaining the grant."

RC-12 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To ratify classified advertisement seeking part time Police Officers."

RC-13 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE: Mr. Hale gave the April monthly fire report. He reported there's no results to date from MAWC on the hydrant testing. He stated the garbage collection report wasn't ready as of meeting time. He thanked US Steel and Mike Rhoades for the dive equipment grant. He thanked Officer Adams for directing traffic during a fire.

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


RC-14 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried


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

RC-15 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Mr. Tortorice thanked everyone for coming. He also reported on the LSA Grants, we've been contacted to get additional information. Hopefully we'll be awarded. He also announced Fun To Be A Kid Day.

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