

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY

7:30 P.M.

MAY 6, 2020

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: BRYAN MYERS II, DOUG JUNECKO,
KENNETH HRESKO, GREG LOMBARDO,
DEBORAH THOMAS, ROBERT BETTERS,
MARK TORTORICE**

Also present were, Mayor Hranics, Solicitor Patricia McGrail, Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager, Don Glenn Engineer and Chief David Petruski, Charles Sethman Jr. Councilman

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on March 4, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.

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

Mr. Tortorice announced there was no Executive Session held this evening.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Received one letter from the Public Utility Commission on behalf of Pennsylvania American Water Company, a notice of a proposed waste water increase. The increase is 72% the first year and an additional 7% the following year. We will send a letter objecting to the increase. We negotiated with McKeesport for no rate increase from April 2016 the sale of the Sewer System through December 31, 2018.

McKeesport then sold to PAWC. Mr. Tortorice said we will continue to advocate to be a voice for the residents of the Borough.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Ms. Migliori, reported on the amount of code enforcement letters sent out. She also gave report on the commercial establishment, Uni Mart on the opening regarding all the inspections and occupancy of the business. She reported they have complied with all the requirements for the electrical issues and have been approved for the permits. Allegheny County was also notified to do their inspections. I anticipate their opening very soon.

CHIEF PETRUSKI: Nothing additional other than Workshop Session.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Don Glenn gave his report at the work session. He added the paving contracts for the 2020 paving program have been executed, waiting on the asphalt plants to open and the contractor getting it scheduled. The contractors are also back on site on the recreation center. The contractor will be putting the roof on the

bump out portion of the building, then they will be moving to the interior. The electrical contractor is back on site working on interior lights and plugs. CDBG 46 funding was accepted in the amount of \$20,000.00 to use as matching funds for the Liberty Way reconstruction. Another grant GEDTF was applied for the ingress and egress of the new recreation building and Liberty Way being the entry road into the Borough.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Hranics gave the monthly report:

The Mayor had the following to report for March, 2020. He thanked everyone involved including the fire company for going through out the Borough with the Easter Bunny. The police had 96 calls in March, there were 12 non-traffic citations, 14 traffic citations, 3 assisting other departments and 30 calls assisting E.M.S. ,the balance of calls were for various reasons such as animal complaints, civil dispute, criminal complaint, disabled vehicle, disturbance, etc...The Mayor also reported the mileage on the 2013 Ford Taurus was 520 and expense in the amount of \$158.14 the mileage on the 2017 Explorer was 2,166 and no expenses, the mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 142 and no expenses.

The police had 84 calls in the month of April, there were 3 non-traffic citations, 1 traffic citation, 2 assisting other departments, 22 calls assisting E.M.S., the balance of the calls were for various reasons such as animal complaints, civil dispute, disturbance, juvenile complaint, etc. The Mayor also reported the mileage on the 2013 Ford Taurus was 541 and no expenses, the mileage on the 2017 Ford Explorer was 1,809 and expenses in the amount of \$305.00, the mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 942 and no expenses. Mr. Tortorice thanked the Mayor, Chief and fire company for a great job and the community really enjoyed the parade with the Easter Bunny.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Solicitor Patricia McGrail, she said there are 4 properties, 1719 and 1721 Johnson Street and 1726 Romine Avenue Front and Rear we want to proceed with legal clearances for condemnation however the recorder's office is just starting to open up. She said we will proceed and be looking at August to get these scheduled. She also reminded Council the Public Works and Police contracts expire at the end of the year. She also differed to questions on enforcing the Governor's orders on complaints to Chief Petruski. He said he received on how to enforce and he stated it's the same guide lines from the State Police.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Myers, thanked all those involved in attaining the grant for the generator for the recreation center from US Steel. He also recognized and thanked Don on everything he does and has done for the Borough, even with the passing of his wife and everything he has over the years. He also said we will continue to follow the Governor's orders and CDC recommendations regarding the opening of the recreational areas in the Borough and we will keep the residents updated.

Mr. Tortorice also thanked Don Glenn for being the best engineer Port Vue Borough has every had and everything he does for the Borough.

MOTION: Mr. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To ratify concurring Resolution No. 2020-007, that the Borough of Port Vue does hereby formally request a grant from the Redevelopment Authority Allegheny County through the Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund for the Recreation Facility access, Storm water Management and Paving Project in the amount of \$328,604.00 with Steel Valley Council of Governments as administrator.”

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous - _ Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Myers moved seconded by Mr. Hresko’ “To accept grant funding as requested from U S Steel in the amount of \$55,000.00 for a generator and construction for the new Recreation Facility.”

RC-4 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF STREET COMMITTEE: Mr. Lombardo,

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To adopt Ordinance No. 2020-634, of the Borough of Port Vue, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania further amending Ordinance 501, Chapter 295, Section 33, establishing prohibited parking on Washington Boulevard at Dersam Street 25’ in an Easterly direction of travel.”

RC-5 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To ratify payment to Ray’s Tree Service for emergency tree removal in the Borough Right of Way at 1234 Romine Avenue in the amount of \$2,000.00.”

RC-6 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY/DEMOLITION COMMITTEE: Mr. Junecko, reported the bids are in from Steel Rivers Council of Governments CDBG for the demolition project, 1804 Stegman, 1015 Oakland Avenue and 824 Romine Avenue. He said this should be starting soon, he also thanked Mr. Tortorice for getting the masks for the Borough.

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To ratify amendment to the Teamsters Public Works Contract to adjust schedule, in response to COVID 19 precautions.”

RC-7 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, “To ratify special cleaning services for the Borough Building, Police Department and Police Vehicles in the amount of \$1,413.00.”

RC-8 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify payment to Tortorice Auto, reimbursing emergency personal protective equipment in the amount of \$2,299.98."

RC-9 Yeas: Mr. Myers, Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters

Abstained: Mr. Tortorice - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mrs. Thomas, no change in report.

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr Junecko, "To ratify Resolution No. 2020-006, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of March."

RC-10 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2020-008, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of April."

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

Abstained: Mr. Tortorice - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF POLICE/FIRE/PUBLIC SAFETY: Mr. Hresko, thanked the fire company for their support with the Easter and Birthday parade. He said they even did his mother's birthday and she was very excited. He gave the fire report for March and April. He thanked the Fire Company for everything they do for the Borough and they keep doing more every time you talk to them.

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To appoint, Shawn Chapman, Sam Yurich and Joshua Anderson as Deputy Coordinators for Emergency Management as requested by Coordinator Brandon Hale and contingent upon background and FBI checks."

RC-12 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Lombardo, "To ratify hiring of part time Police Officer Amber Price on March 17, 2020."

RC-13 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Myers, "To ratify SCBA Flow Testing and Maintenance in the amount of \$2,745.00 from the Fire Fund."

RC-14 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF SANITATION: Mr. Betters, reported on trees that were removed at 1234 Romine Avenue. There were 3 large dead Pine trees in the Borough right of way. Property owners were in danger of the trees coming down on to their property. He went on to report the public works department will be working on revamping the War Memorial and to make it low maintenance. He said we will be relocating some rose bushes as well. Lastly, he reported on the rescheduling of bin days. Bin Days will be held on May 30th and 31st from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. He said there will also be electronic and television recycling and the cost is \$5.00 per item. All restrictions and safety will be in place for the event, to keep residents and employees safe.

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko “To accept the monthly reports, for March and April, 2020 as presented.”

RC-15 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To ratify all departmental and inter-governmental transfers during the months of March and April, 2020.”

RC-16 Yeas: Unanimous _ Motion Carried

Charles Sethman, Jr. Councilperson-updated information on the Borough signs. He said the program to create the design and logo at home, but he wanted to encourage and involve the other students as well. He said he’s working on getting the signs done on the program and requested the Borough logo.

Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager-Publicly thanked the Mayor, President, Council, Solicitor, Engineer and staff for all their support and leadership through with all the challenges, changes, implementation and hard decisions we had to make through the evolving pandemic. She also reported on attending a FEMA webinar to recoup expenses incurred due to the Covid 19.

Mr. Tortorice Council President, publicly expressed great thanks to all the residents, officials and staff for their cooperation and understanding through this pandemic. We are all working hard here at the Borough to maintain the same level of assistance as we have in the past and to still provide all the services the Borough offers to the residents. We are still conducting business as usual the only difference at this time is there is no face to face contact. You are able to call or email the Borough offices with any questions or needs. The Borough website is updated daily with all the Borough happenings.

He said we will continue to remain closed until the restrictions are lifted and will follow the Governor’s orders along with taking Allegheny County’s lead. We will do this to keep you and our staff safe and healthy. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Allegheny County has rescheduled Election day to June 2, 2020, they have requested to consolidate all polling places to one polling place and are looking at all alternatives to be able to vote safely. They are to get back to us and advise how it will be handled.

Real Estate taxes can be mailed or placed in the drop box located at the Police Department.

Mr. Tortorice reported the outdoor marquis is in the process of being fixed. The company who made the sign is out of business and now we have another company coming in next week to make the necessary repairs.

He also reported Council will give a full report on the Fun To Be A Kid Day event at the next meeting.

Stay, safe, stay healthy, wear your masks and follow the CDC and Governor's orders.

Mr. Junecko recognized Solicitor McGrail's birthday, council ended with singing, Happy Birthday.

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "Motion to adjourn."

RC-17 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted by:


Malisa M. Migliori
Borough Manager

Approved by:


Mark D. Tortorice
President of Council