

help us out in any way they can. They also have constituent assistance with several programs to assist. She said they are opening a new satellite office out of the Clairton Municipality office.

Council asked what they can do about the excessive sewer rates. Discussion on summer water usages of water that doesn't get treated and used for outdoors. General Discussion on this matter. We want to know why and how they can increase the rates by 115%.

Mr. Betters said we are the second highest sewage rates in the United States. Ms. McGill said she will be looking into federally funded infrastructure bills.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Hresko gave report in the Workshop session.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Gave his report at the caucus meeting.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Hranics gave the following statistics:

The Mayor had the following report for October, 2023, the mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 2,411 and expenses were \$1,300.79, the mileage on the 2021 Ford Explorer was 1,148.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Chief was absent and will have two reports for next month.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: Solicitor Falco A Muscante gave report in Executive Session.

CHAIRMAN OF POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mr. Hresko stated he had hearings for code enforcement. He had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas "To authorize and ratify payment to Penn Service Station in the amount of \$1,000.60 for Squad repairs 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 Mr. Lombardo, "To ratify and authorize the Police Car Cameras from Axon on the Sourcewell Contract No. 010720-AXN, in the amount of \$24,489.20 with the option to extend the contract over a five (5) year term."

RC-4 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To ratify IBIS Emergency Vehicles Quote No. Q70300287 and Q70300294 in the total amount of \$31,964.00 for the upfit of the two (2) new police cars, under Co-Starts contract No. 012-E23-318."

RC-5 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To ratify the agreement between the Borough of Port Vue and Vigilant Hose Company No. 1, for the Fire Squad Purchase Project through the Commonwealth Financing Authority and the Local Share Assessment Program.”

**RC-6 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice,
 Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters**

Abstained: Mr. Hale

CHAIRMAN OF STREET AND LIGHT COMMITTEE: Mr. Lombardo had the following motions:

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To adopt Ordinance No. 2023-661, an Ordinance of the Borough of Port Vue, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further amending Ordinance 501, Chapter 295, Section 33, establishing prohibited parking at New York Avenue from Barkley Road to McClure Road in an Eastbound Direction.”

RC-7 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, “To advertise an Ordinance of the Borough of Port Vue, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further amending Ordinance 501, Chapter 295, Section 16, establishing One Way Direction from Elmwood Avenue, Washington Boulevard to Romine Avenue, in the Northerly direction of travel.”

RC-8 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY / DEMOLITION COMMITTEE: Mr. Junecko gave the following report: Allegheny County finally gave the permissions to proceed with the final demolition work at 824 Glenn Avenue. Allegheny County is still waiting on the air quality reports before demolition can be finished at 1704 Stegman Avenue.

The GEDTF demolition status:

CDBG 50 will proceed to applications, the resolutions are on the agenda this evening.

We have also put together applications for the next round of the LSA grant. The resolutions are on the agenda.

The Citizen’s Committee announced the winners of the best decorated house for Halloween: 1st place 834 Elmwood Avenue, 2nd place 1300 Barkley and 3rd place, 1314 Coronado. Thanks to all who participated.

ACBA General Assembly Meeting and Holiday gathering: Thursday, December 14th 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Center 985 Providence Blvd. Pittsburgh. Also, bring a toy for the donation to the Tots presents from Police. Please RSVP to Malisa no later than Nov. 24th.

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To renew Borough Employee Health Insurance through Mockenhaupt Benefit Services for coverage from January 1, 2024 to December 1, 2024."

RC-9 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify Insurance Proposal from EMC Insurance Proposal for the Borough Insurances for 2024."

RC-10 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To approve Resolution No. 2023-030, formally requesting second round of Local Share Account Funding for John Deere Boom Mower In the amount of \$224,110.00."

RC-11 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To approve Resolution No. 2023-031, formally requesting Local Share Account Funding for a Vermeer Chipper Machine Model BC 1000XL, in the amount of \$68,040.00."

RC-12 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To ratify concurring Resolution No. 2023-035, formally requesting CDBG 50 funding for demolition in the amount of \$46,000.00."

RC-13 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE / BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mrs. Thomas gave the following report: October 2023 current real estate collections: \$5,666.18.

October 2023 delinquent collections not available as of meeting time.

Thank you to the budget committee and due diligence in coming up with a balanced budget. From last year to this year the budget has decreased by \$46,505.00.

As you can see from the agenda, we will be advertising the ordinances and posting the draft budget for review.

For your information the interest rate for the Tax Anticipation Loan has increased to 6.15%

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2023-028, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of October, 2023."

RC-14. Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mrs. Thomas

Abstained: Mr. Hale, Mr. Tortorice, Mr. Better - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To accept the 2023 Tax Anticipation Proposal from First Commonwealth Bank fixed at 6.15% Interest Rate."

RC-15 Yeas Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To display and advertise the 2024 draft budget as circulated, with Budget Ordinances for the 2024 Real Estate and Fire Tax."

RC-16 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To ratify proposal from Shiloh Services in the amount of \$1,200.00 for three (3) year Fire Wall upgrade for the Administrative Offices."

RC-17 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION: Mr. Better gave the following report: Public works will be picking up leaves through out the Borough. Please call the Borough at 412 664 9323 and give your address. Please do not bag, just rake to the curb.

After Veteran's Day we will be taking the banners down and storing for the winter.

Pickleball court is completed. The net is placed and ready to play!

We filled up the salt bins and are ready to go anticipating the first snow fall!!

Recreation center rentals and income update: To date we've received \$5,925.00 and rentals are brisk. Many of the teams/organizations are pending and we expect additional revenue coming in.

Light up Night will be on Friday, December 1, 2023 from 6-8 at the recreation area.

MOTION: Mr. Better moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve Resolution No. 2023-029, formally requesting Local Share Account Funding for Battleship Boat for Vigilant Hose Co #1 in the amount of \$210,256.00."

RC-18 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Better moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To approve Resolution No. 2023-032, formally requesting Local Share Account Funding for Vigilant Hose Co #1 for Jaws of Life, Fire Hose and Scuba Gear, in the amount of \$82,214.00."

RC-19 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, “To ratify concurring Resolution No. 2023-034, formally requesting CDBG 50 funding for Street Reconstruction of Huber Street from Chontos to Harris Street, Crossland Avenue from Myer to Port Vue Avenue and Block Alley from Vermont to Brushton Street in the amount of \$97,335.00.”

RC-20 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, “To ratify Resolution No. 2023-036, slums and blight for vacant and dilapidated structures located within the Borough of Port Vue and whereas such structures constitute a health and safety hazard to residents.”

RC-21 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE: Mr. Hale gave the monthly fire report for October and the following: Current Garbage collections report for September: \$4,998.00

September Delinquent garbage collections: \$\$2,266.63

October collections are not available as of meeting time.

Please be advised garbage contract has been approved for the next three years with Bigs Sanitation/DBA Earthwise. The garbage bills have significantly increased due to the increase of the haulers. You will see the increase reflected in the January 2024 billing. WE, as Council will continue to work together to provide the lowest and best service available to the residents.

He also announced the following:

Vigilant Hose Co. 1 Annual Fund Drive

See agenda for the motions regarding repairs and training.

Veteran’s Day, November 11, 2023, Thank a Veteran.

Looking forward to Light Up Night, Friday, December 1, 2023 from 6-8 p.m

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To accept the monthly reports for October, 2023 as presented.”

RC-22 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To ratify all departmental and inter-governmental transfers during the month of October, 2023.”

RC- 23 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To approve Resolution No. 2023-032, formally requesting Local Share Account Funding for a Sherwin Williams Paint Machine in the amount of \$7,460.00.”

RC-24 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To approve the assignment of the current Garbage Contract from Bigs Sanitation to Earthwise dated October 2, 2019 through the remainder through 12-31-2023.”

RC- 25 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried


MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To approve the assignment of the new Garbage Contract from Bigs Sanitation to Earthwise dated January 1, 2024.”

RC-26 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Mr. Tortorice thanked everyone coming out to the meeting. He also thanked Debbie Thomas the Budget chairperson and committee for their support and not raising taxes. He also said it’s remarkable to decrease the amount of spending versus increasing the taxes. He thanked Congresswoman Lee’s aides for coming to the meeting tonight. He thanked the Fire Company for everything they do. He thanked everyone for their support.

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

Respectfully submitted by:



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Approved by:



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President of Council