## **REGULAR MEETING**

## WENESDAY 7:30 P.M. NOVEMBER 2, 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, ROBERT BETTERS, DEBORAH THOMAS

Also present were, Solicitor Patricia McGrail, Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager, Don Glenn, Engineer, David Petruski, Chief of Police, Officer Chris Adams and Jr. Council Person, Kate Atkins.

An Executive Session was held to discuss personnel and legal issues.

<u>MOTION:</u> Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on October 5, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.

RC-2 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

An Executive Session was held to discuss personnel and legal issues.

## **COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

- 1. <u>Charity Eikey</u> 1323 Beverly Road, is here this evening in support of the crossing guards. She stated her son is special needs student and was told they were going to eliminate the guards. She said it would be very dangerous and she uses the stop at Washington and McCelland. She said she has witnessed a car going around a stopped school van. She said there are times when he's emotional and this could have been a situation. She asked for Council to please reconsider this.
- 2. Amanda Opalko 1715 Gray Street, is here this evening to discuss the US Steel settlement for clean air. She gave an accounting of Port Vue Borough's US Steel grant close out. She asked for information on the citizen review committee and legal advisement. She also stated some of these funds were put towards the recreation center and isn't available to the youth in the community. Mr. Tortorice said the correct amount we spent was \$534,000.00 and all the projects were advertised and approved at Council meetings. He stated the people on the board are Borough residents and Council members and we have no control over the rules and regulations. He gave Ms. Opalko the information for the next US Steel Board meeting to be held on November 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln Borough Fire Company. General discussion on this matter and possible future purchases with the funding.
- 3. <u>Alyssa Morrow-Trimble Avenue</u>, is here this evening in support of the crossing guards. She said it's terrifying at the fire hall how people and has heard Council is eliminating the crossing guards and then heard we aren't. Mr. Tortorice said they will continue through the rest of the school year. Ms. Morrow said they are absolutely

necessary to the community. Mr. Tortorice said there are school crossings all over the Borough, but we can't afford to place a guard at every stop. He went on to say there's legislation now that the school board can reimburse or pay half the cost of the school guards and recommended for her to go the school board and request for them to assist in funding of the school guards.

4. Trevor Osgood-1801 New York Avenue, is here this evening to give an update to the status of progress. He said Mr. Lazzaro would not be available until next week. He said he's making good progress and has purchased more supplies to fix the porch and the repairs to the electric. He said the dumpster is full since the last meeting. He also said he has a contract from Mitchell Sparks the contractor. Mr. Tortorice asked about the sale of the property in August to Mission Homes LLC. He stated that's his company. Mitch Sparks said he's the contractor and has a vested interest. He also said it could be two units instead of single-family unit. Mrs. McGrail asked if he's a partner, he said no. She asked if he's a license contractor and what is his number. He said he didn't have that information on him and that he would provide it to Malisa. Mr. Tortorice reiterated that Mr. Osgood was to be in contact with the building inspector once a week to provide updates. Mr. Tortorice explained we need to know exactly the improvements made between last month and this month. He said the front porch is almost done and then they are going to face it. He then stated it wasn't done properly so he took it off and had to redo it. Mr. Sparks said they are concentrating on emptying and cleaning the inside. He went on to say they are working on financing and they are planning on working on it more in the next few weeks. Mr. Osgood also said he was robbed and some tools were taken causing more of a delay. Mr. Tortorice asked if the utilities are on so they can continue to work. Mr. Osgood said no.

<u>CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:</u> Ken Hresko reported he had 21 hearings today. He mentioned the new code enforcement/ticketing program.

**CHIEF PETRUSKI**: No report

**ENGINEERS REPORT**: Gave his report at the caucus meeting.

## **MAYORS REPORT:**

The Mayors written report had the following report for October, 2022. The police had 112 calls, 7 non-traffic, 25 traffic citations, 7 assisting other departments, 13 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 1,850 and no expenses, the mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 1,539 and no expenses. He also mentioned there were 0 officer call offs during the month of October.

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

<u>SOLICITORS REPORT:</u> Solicitor Patricia McGrail, reported she has notified the property owner at 1611 New York Avenue, the property is back on the demolition list since there's been no progress.

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

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To renew Borough Employee Health Insurance through Mockenhaupt Benefit Services for coverage from January 1, 2023 to December 1, 2023."

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize the repairs in the amount of \$4,650.00 to Elvis Electric for repairs to the electrical panel and separate electrical line to run the compressor payable from the Fire Fund."

RC-4 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To ratify insurance proposal from EMC for the Borough Insurances for 2023."

RC-5 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>CHAIRMAN OF STREET AND LIGHT COMMITTEE:</u> Mr. Lombardo reported the public works are getting ready for winter. Salt is being ordered and heavy equipment coming out. He reported the sidewalks on Romine Avenue are done and the public works did a great job. He announced we will be honoring veterans this month and the Legion has some plans. Mr. Lombardo had the following motions:

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To ratify payment to Hopkins Excavating in the amount of \$495.00 for concrete sidewalk repairs on Romine Avenue."

RC-6 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To ratify concurring Resolution No. 2022-033, formally requesting CDBG 49 funding for street reconstruction of Block and Dover Alley and Crossland Avenue in the amount of \$61,389.00."

RC-7 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY/DEMOLITION COMMITTEE: Mr. Junecko reported the demolition hearing is now scheduled for 1817 Trimble Avenue to December 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. He reported on the ACBA annual dinner meeting will be held on December 1, 2022 and tomorrow they are having the election of officers. He announced South Allegheny Band parents are requesting a donation. We will address this next month. He thanked Council for their input on the new garage and road department is working on getting it level.

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To ratify concurring Resolution No. <u>2022-034</u>, formally requesting CDBG 49 funding for demolition in the amount of \$46,000.00."

RC-8 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To set public hearing for condemnation of 1817 Trimble Avenue, Lot and Block 465-A-201 for December 7, 2022 at 7:00 P.M."

RC-9 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To authorize and ratify the sale of the Mad Vac Trash Vacuum, Model 101 D, Serial 2007 in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the City of McKeesport in "as is condition."

RC-10 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To ratify Resolution No. <u>2022-035</u>, 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-11 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE:</u> Mrs. Thomas reported on the current real estate collections for October in the amount of \$7,580.36. The delinquent for October weren't available as of meeting time. Mr. Tortorice thanked the budget committee and Debbie Thomas as chair for putting together a balanced budget and decreasing over last year by \$81,000.00.

<u>MOTION:</u> Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To adopt Resolution No. <u>2022-036</u>, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of October, 2022."

RC-12 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>MOTION:</u> Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To accept the 2023 Tax Anticipation Proposal from First Commonwealth Bank fixed at 4.95% interest rate."

RC-13 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>MOTION:</u> Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To display and advertise the 2023 draft budget as circulated, with Budget Ordinances for Real Estate and Fire Tax."

RC-14 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMEN OF RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Betters reported on leaf collection started this week. He asked to blow to the street and contact the Borough offices with your address. He reported on Light up Night at the recreation center on Friday, December 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Hresko, "To ratify payment to Pittsburgh Cycle Center in the amount of \$584.60 for Quad maintenance and repairs from the Fire Fund."

RC-15 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize purchase and low bid of the non-permanent stand-alone garage with insulation in the amount of \$16,632.80 from High Quality Steel Structures"

RE-16 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To authorize payment to Flashover Fire Apparatus & Equipment Co. in the amount of \$1,225.45 for the light tower terminal on the 1995 Freightliner."

RE-17 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE: Mr. Hale gave the fire report for October. Mr. Hale reported the garbage collections for October were not available by meeting time. September collections were \$4,992.00 and delinquent \$1,764.80. He reported and thanked Malisa for assisting in getting the much needed grant from Walmart in the amount of \$1,500.00 for an inflatable life boat for rescues. He thanked Malisa and Walmart.

He mentioned the fire department will be selling the Christmas trees again and they'll be one of the only departments selling them. He also asked for residents to return the forms with the information. This enables the fire company to know exactly who is in the home and what they are looking at. He announced the Santa drive through the Borough please watch the website for the date. He also wanted to speak to the US Steel funding for the boat the fire company received. He sent out a big thank you to the guys that put in the time to get certified, trained and the lives that have been saved.

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To ratify all departmental and inter-governmental transfers during the month of October, 2022."

RC-18 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

<u>MOTION:</u> Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To accept the monthly reports for October, 2022 as presented."

RC-19 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To Adjourn"

Mr. Tortorice, thanked the budget committee for working diligently to come up with a balanced budget. He also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Malisa M. Migliori
Borough Manager

Approved by:

Mark D. Tortorice President of Council