

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WENESDAY**

**7:30 P.M.**

**OCTOBER 2, 2024**

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 TORTOTICE,  
DEBORAH THOMAS, ROBERT BETTERS**

**Also present were, Solicitor Falco A Muscante, Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager, Joseph Dursa, Chief Petruski and Mayor Hranics.**

**Mr. Hresko announced the new Jr. Council person, and it's our 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Her name is Tigan Noll. Mayor Hranics swore her in and Council welcomed her aboard.**

**Mr. Tortorice announced an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel and legal issues.**

**MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 4, 2024."**

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

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN:**

- 1. Linda Buehrle 210 Dersam St. and she has concern over the dumpster being removed from 214 Dersam St. She wants to know what the next steps in the process are. Solicitor Muscante stated we have two different tracks the first is a magistrate hearing on October 23, 2024 at 10:00 am to cite them along with another process to have them clean up the property to make it livable or will proceed to condemnation. He said at any point they come into compliance then it will stop there. The Solicitor said everyone is given due process to remediate the problem. He explained there are two processes we are pursuing. Regarding the letter to be sent they will have 10 days to appeal it before Council. He said with each process there are steps to take, rights to appeal and these steps all take time. General discussion on this matter.**
- 2. Ellie Gray 213 Dersam St. and asking about timelines. She said after five years living here there was only one time trash has been put out.**
- 3. Brian Hunter 212 Dersam St., stated he lives right next door. He stated the stench that comes out of that home is horrible. He went on to say they put their clothes outside on the ground. He said when they turn on the air conditioning you can't open your windows, it's terrible. Mr. Hunter wants to make sure the house is remediated and cleaned to get rid of the stench that comes out. Mr. Tortorice reported that he had been in the home, he tried to help getting all the garbage out and get the volunteers but they didn't want the help after we started taking all the**

garbage out. Mr. Tortorice said there are some troubling issues. They need professional help. General discussion on this matter.

4. Mick, (George) Pikula-216 Dersam St. said it's really bad and the fumes from the house are absolutely awful. Mick stated his concern over that house catching fire, because if it does his will go up too because it is so close. General discussion on this matter.

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:** Chief Petruski reported there was a burglary at the shopping center and asked anyone if they may have seen anything to call in to report the information or observed any suspicious activity to call. General discussion on this matter. General Discussion on this matter.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:**

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Joe Dursa gave his report at the caucus meeting.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** Falco Muscante said there was discussion during executive session. He also reported the continuing negotiations with Teamsters on the public works and police contacts and hopefully we'll have these on the agenda for November meeting approval. He also said that he's working on the final Comcast agreement.

**MAYORS REPORT:** Mayor Hranics gave the following statistics:

The Mayor had the following for September, 2024. The Police had 101 calls, 12 non-traffic citations, 20 traffic citations, 4 assisting other departments and 3 calls assisting E.M.S., the balance of the calls were for various reasons such as animal complaints, disabled vehicles, distances, etc. The Mayor also reported the mileage on the 2021 Ford Explorer was 938 and no expenses, the mileage on the 2023 Ford Explorer (3501) was 1,174 and expenses were \$224.84, and the 2023 Ford Explorer (3500) 1,242 and expenses were 224.84. He also so checking the fuel consumption log the hybrids are much more efficient. He also thanked Mr. Tortorice and the manager for diligently putting together a grant for an electric police vehicle.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE:** Mr. Hale gave the fire report for September. He also said the form with the fund drive is very important because it identifies issues with properties when responding to a fire. This information is put into a database. Mr. Hale thanked everyone involved and including Council, Malisa, Senator Brewster and Represtative Nick Pisciotano for their support on the new squad truck.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify donation in the amount of \$500.00 to the Mon Yough Trail Council."

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To ratify all departmental and inter-governmental transfers during the month of September, 2024 as presented."

**RC-4 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To accept the monthly reports for September 2024 as presented.”**

**RC-5 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Betters gave the following report:  
Report on the status of the new truck will hopefully be ready by the end of November and ready to go for the snow season.**

**Fall Clean up-October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 3 pm.**

**Borough Annual Light up Night December 6<sup>th</sup> at Rec area**

**Citizen Committee announcements:**

**Truck or Treat-October 26<sup>th</sup>, Romine parking lot 1-4 pm**

**Halloween, Trick or Treat will be Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 pm**

**Legion Kids Christmas December 7<sup>th</sup>-PV Social Hall**

**MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To have the Solicitor prepare the petition to exonerate back Real Estate Taxes for Tax Year 2021 and previous for Lot and Block #465-A-252 Vigilant Hose Co. #1 of Port Vue.”**

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

**Abstained: Mr. Hale**

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To authorize payment to Mission Specific for fire helmets in the amount \$566.67 from the Fire Fund.”**

**RC-7 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters**

**Abstained: Mr. Hale**

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To authorize payment to Flashover Fire Apparatus & Equipment Co. for turn out gear for the Fire Department in the amount of \$6,972.31 from the Fire Fund.”**

**RC-8 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice, Mrs. Thomas,**

**Mr. Betters**

**Abstained: Mr. Hale**

**Motion Carried**

**FINANCE / BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mrs. Thomas gave the following report:**  
**2024 current real estate collections:**

**Current real estate collections for September: \$1,084.77**

**Delinquent real estate collections for August \$7,808.04**

**Delinquent real estate collections for September not available at this time.**

**We have a motion this evening for Keystone to file 162 delinquent real estate tax liens from 2021 in the amount of \$9,720.00.**

**The Budget Committee will be meeting this month to start the draft budget.**

**The Manager submitted a grant application to the Clean Air Fund for an electric police vehicle.**

**MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To adopt Resolution No. 2024-023, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of September, 2024.”**

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

**Abstained: Mr. Hale, Mr. Tortorice, Mr. Betters**

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To make application to the Community Benefit Trust for fund reallocation in the amount of \$29,978.50 from Project PV 09-2024 for the final payment of the upfit for 2024 Chevrolet 3500 HD Fire Squad.”**

**RC-10 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice,  
Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters**

**Abstained: Mr. Hale**

**Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, “To ratify payment to Swab Wagon Company, Inc. for final payment on the Fire Squad in the amount of \$50,165.50 from the Capital Reserve and to be reimbursed in the amount of \$20,187.00 from the Local Service Grant and \$29,978.50 from Community Benefit Trust Fund.”**

**RC-11 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice,**

**Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters**

**Abstained: Mr. Hale**

**Motion Carried**

**PROPERTY / DEMOLITION COMMITTEE: Mr. Junecko gave the following report. Allegheny County Boroughs Association-annual election of officers Thursday, November 7, 2024 at the Comfort Inn RIDC Park.**

**Allegheny County and Western PA Assoc. of Twp. Sheraton Erie Bayfront Oct.24-27<sup>th</sup> deadline to register is October 10.**

**Fall clean up this weekend, Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 3 pm at PVAA, we will also have the electronic recycling available and TV's are \$5.00 with proof of residency.**

**As you can see from the agenda, we are proactively seeking funding for three properties through Act 152 for demolition.**

- 1. 1889 Romine Ave.**
- 2. 1215 Barkley**
- 3. 1801 New York**

**Thanks to the Negotiation Committee for working diligently on the new contracts.**

**MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve the Municipal Credit Card Application through First Commonwealth Bank."**

**RC-12 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve the Municipal Credit Card use Policy Employee Agreement for the use of the Municipal Credit Card."**

**RC-13 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To authorize Keystone Collections to file 162 Real Estate Liens for 2021 in the amount of \$9,720.00."**

**RC-14 Yeas: Unanimous Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve and deposit State and Funding in the amount of \$56,860.60 into the General Municipal Pension Fund for payment of the 2024 reimbursement of the Teamsters Pension Plan with any excess to be returned to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."**

**RC-15 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To ratify concurring Resolution No. 2024-025, Slums and Blight Resolution as structures identified for demolition, (1889 Romine Avenue, 1215 Barkley Road and 1801 New York Avenue)**

through Act 152, Allegheny County Economic Development, Properties will undergo all condemnation proceedings and are in declaration of the property as public nuisance, in a hazardous / dangerous condition and constitute a health and safety hazard to the residents of Port Vue Borough.”

RC-16 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To make application to the Community Benefit Trust in the amount of \$5,901.76 for street reconstruction of Hunter Street and Pickwick Alley.”

RC-17 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To authorize payment to Auto Zone in the amount of \$293.89 for battery and brackets for 1995 Mack truck from the Fire Fund”

RC-18 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**POLICE / CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE:** Mr. Hresko reported and updated code enforcement. He also said that 1204 Washington Blvd. will be cleaned up by the public works department. Mr. Better has some concerns about taking large equipment up there with the other structures.

**MOTION** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To ratify concurring Resolution No.2024-024, authorizing Glenn Engineering to make application to the Allegheny County Economic Development, ACT 152, in the amount of \$60,000.00 for demolition.”

RC-19 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “ratifying distribution of Foreign Fire Insurance Tax to Vigilant Hose Company No. 1 Relief Association in the amount of \$16,313.68.”

RC-20 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice,  
Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Better

Abstained: Mr. Hale

Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To table Police Contract.”

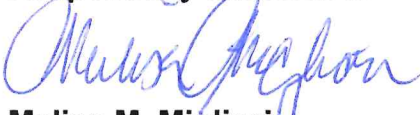
RC-21 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Mr. Tortorice announced the Borough is now using a new state contract program to purchase tires. By using this program through the new supplier, Flynn Tire. This will save on each police car \$800.00 for four tires. This is the same for the tires on all Borough vehicles.

He thanked everyone for attending this evening.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To Adjourn"

Respectfully submitted:



**Malisa M. Migliori**  
**Borough Manager**

Approved by:



**Mark D. Tortorice**  
**President of Council**