

## REGULAR MEETING

WENESDAY

7:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 4, 2023

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 Falco A Muscante, Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager, Don Glenn, Engineer, Chief David Petruski, Mayor Hranics, Jr. Councilperson.

Executive was held to discuss personnel and legal issues.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting on September 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

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

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN:**

1. Tracy Koon-1807 Trimble Avenue, is here this evening to discuss PVCC upcoming events. She announced they are having a trunk or treat on Saturday, October 21, 23 from 4-6 pm at Romine parking area. She also asked Council to work in conjunction with the Borough officials with the Annual Light up Night festivities in the recreation center. She along with the committee are planning to do a craft. She also said she's planning another activity for May 18, 2024, Touch a Truck event for the kids.
2. Christine Baker-900 Upston Avenue is here this evening about the curb not being high enough and the water comes down the property. It's located at the curb and Lee Alley. Council agreed to have the Road committee along with the engineer to review the area and have ElGrande address it when he comes back in to complete the paving.
3. Kathy Trumpe-1491 Romine Avenue is here this evening to register her complaint about fireworks from the neighbor. She said on September 25 very loud boom and it happens quite often. She said she finds the pieces of fireworks scattered on her property. Mr. Tortorice told her to contact the police when this happens to call 911.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Hresko gave report on hearings held and the code enforcement status. He also announced the code enforcement hearing appeal board is meeting this month on a few the non-compliant properties.

**JR. COUNCIL PERSON:** Suha Joe gave the South Allegheny School district sport and upcoming event schedule for October.

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

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

The Mayor had the following report for September, 2023. The police had 109 calls, 13 non-traffic citations, 23 traffic citations, 16 assisting other departments and 8 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 2019 Ford Explorer was 1,313, the mileage on the 2021 Ford Explorer was 1,878.

The Mayor had the following report for October, 2023-He announced that Trick or Treat will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6-8 p.m.

**CHIEF PETRUSKI-** Provided a report of the traffic study completed over the past month on Elmwood Avenue for speeding and stop sign compliance. He also followed up with animal complaint on New York Avenue and traffic detail Romine & Gumbert for vehicles not stopping at the stop sign.

**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 previously gave his report.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To ratify distribution of Foreign Fire Insurance Tax to Vigilant Hose Company No. 1 Relief Association in the amount of \$16,071.24."

**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 amend fee schedule Resolution No. 2023-020, to update Recreation Fees to Resolution No. 2023-024."

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To ratify payment to Auto Zone in the amount of \$535.73 for Fire Vehicle Repair."

**RC-5** 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 authorize payment to Penn Service Smithton for Fire Freightliner Maintenance and Inspection in the amount of \$529.23 from the Fire Fund.”**

**RC-6            Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mr. Tortorice,  
                  Abstained: Mr. Hale - Motion Carried**

**CHAIRMAN OF STREET AND LIGHT COMMITTEE: Mr. Lombardo gave the following report:** ElGrande will be coming back sometime this month to complete the 2023 paving.

Discussion on traffic study regarding request and petition to make Elmwood one way from Washington to Romine Avenue in a Northerly direction.

We will be taking the boom mower to auction to see what we can get for it and use it towards the purchase or supplement the boom mower grant request.

**MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, “To send the New Holland T6020 Tractor with Mower SN:101496 to Quarrick Equipment & Auctions Inc. to be auctioned on October 5, 2023.”**

**RC-7            Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To ratify concurring Resolution No. 2023-025, authorizing Glenn Engineering to make application to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County, (RAAC), for funding in the amount of \$935,477.00 for 2023 Street Paving through the Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund.’**

**Rc-8            Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, “To add a motion to the Agenda.”**

**RC-9            Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY / DEMOLITION COMMITTEE: Mr. Junecko gave the following report:** Still waiting on Allegheny County and results from Asbestos for David Woodhouse to proceed with last two demolitions:.

The GEDTF demolition status:

824 Glenn-next waiting, now in removal stage from Allegheny County

1704 Stegman waiting, now in the removal stage from Allegheny County

Fall flu clinic hosted by Mars and UPMC will be at the Borough Building on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 11-2

Carpets in the Borough Building are scheduled to be cleaned this weekend.

Diane in the office is proceeding with training and testing to become a Notary

As you can see from the agenda the house that caught on fire at 842 Elmwood has been repaired, inspected and sold. The fire escrow will be returned to the original owner.

**MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To authorize donation to South Allegheny Softball Boosters in the amount of \$250.00."**

**RC-11 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To ratify purchase and installation of 3 Ton Lennox Minisplit Akir Conditioning Unit for Council Chambers from Prontotech LLC in the amount of \$4,800.00."**

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

**MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To approve and deposit State Aid Funding in the amount of \$18,434.81 into the General Municipal Pension Fund for payment of the 2023 reimbursement of the Teamsters Pension Plan for December 2023 with any excess to be returned to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."**

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

**MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify concurring Resolution No. 2023-027, authorizing Glenn Engineering to make application to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County, (RAAC), for funding in the amount of \$160,500.00 for Public Safety through the Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund."**

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

**MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify reimbursement of Fire Escrow according to Act 98 of 1992 in reference to address 842 Elmwood Street in the amount of \$27,655.73 to Katelyn Binns as recommended by Mark Lazzaro, Building Inspector."**

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

**CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE / BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mrs. Thomas, she gave the following report:**

September 2023 current real estate collections: \$9,773.15.

September 2023 delinquent collections not available as of meeting time.

Repayment of State Aid interest earned is in the process of being calculated by the actuary Mockenhaupt.

We are approaching budget time. The Budget committee will be meeting this month to put together a preliminary budget. If you have any budget requests please let Malisa know.

Meit health insurance renewal is up 1.75% for 2024 but was decrease last year 1%.

Borough Insurances, we received our current carrier's proposal for the mid November renewal and it has come in \$17,000.00 less than last year. We still have one more from the Christi Agency due in another week.

As you can see from the agenda, we are submitting for Vigilant Hose Co. 1 request for the area wide USS Steel funding for various equipment for the rescue dive team in the amount of \$19,940.00.

**MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2023-023, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of September, 2023."**

**RC-16 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. Hale, "To authorize Keystone Collections to file 235 Real Estate Liens for 2020 in the amount of \$14,100.00."**

**RC-17 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify request to US Steel in the amount of \$19,940.00 for Vigilant Hose Co 1 for Rescue Dive Equipment and Mobile Radio System."**

**RC-18 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION: Mr. Betters gave the following report:** Public works attended a workshop today sponsored by Allegheny League of Municipalities, it covered MS4/Sanitary O&M Trainings

- Asset Management Operations
- New Paving BMPs
- Coordinate PA
- Safety/PP

Pickleball court lined and sealed, we could only accommodate one court due to space. The net is placed and ready to play!

Fall clean up is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. TV's \$5.00, residents only

Leaf clean up to start in November, call the Borough building with your address and have the leaves raked up to the curb.

Recreation center rentals and income update: To date we've received \$2,625.00 and rentals are brisk. Many of the teams/organizations are pending and we expect an additional \$7,725.00 coming in.

Trick or Treat, Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 6-8 pm

PVCC Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 4-6 pm, Romine Parking lot

**MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To ratify payment to Everline Coatings and Services in the amount of \$3,175.00 from Capital Reserve Fund."**

**RC-19 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify payment to Westmoreland County Community College in the amount of \$4,300.00 for Vigilant Hose Company for exclusive training package from the Fire Fund."**

**RC-20 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. Junecko, "To ratify payment to Rays Spring Shop in the amount of \$2,472.80 from the Fire Fund for Squad repairs."**

**RC-21 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 ratify concurring Resolution No. 2023-028, authorizing Glenn Engineering to make application to the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County, (RAAC), for funding through in the amount of \$147,255.00 for Fire Department Equipment through the Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund."**

**RC-22 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko,  
Mr. Tortorice, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters**

**Abstained: Mr. Hale - Motion Carried**

**CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE: Mr. Hale gave the fire report for September 2023. In addition, he gave Council report:**

Current Garbage collections report for September: not available as of meeting time

August current garbage collections \$1,558.00

August Delinquent garbage collections: \$1,724.54

Thank you to Council for the opportunity to make application for the USS Steel area wide funding for the dive team equipment.

Vigilant Hose Co. 1 Annual Fund Drive

See agenda for the motions regarding repairs and training.

Just a reminder Fall Clean up will be this weekend, October 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 at PVAA parking lot.

**MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To ratify all departmental and inter-governmental transfers during the month of September, 2023."**

**RC-23 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To accept the monthly reports for September, 2023 as presented."**

**RC-24 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To award Big's Sanitation DBA Earthwise Environmental Solutions of PA, LLC for three (3) year Garbage Collection proposal from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026."**

**RC-25 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Betters advertise ordinance #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-26 Yeas: Unanimous-Motion Carried**

**MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To add a temporary one-way sign for 30 days at Elwood and Washington or Romine Avenue.**

**RC-27 Yeas: Unanimous-Motion Carried**

**Mr. Tortorice thanked the public and Council for the support of the Community and had the following announcements:**

Thank you to the Erkel family and deepest sympathies.

Thank you to South Allegheny School District and Dave McDonald for coming and speaking to Council this evening.

Thank you to the representatives from Bigs and Earth Wise

Discussion: LSA Grant for public works equipment: Boom Mower, chipper and paint machine. The boom mower is going to auction.

USS Steel has asked to use one of the recreation areas to film a commercial, (unity outreach). One of the employee's is a second-generation steel worker and they want to do a commercial about the history and family.

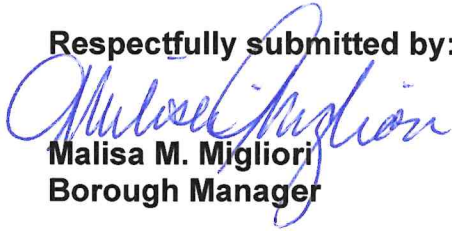
Still working through the tree designee

Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting this evening and thank you for your continued support.

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

**RC-28      Yeas: Unanimous-Motion Carried**

**Respectfully submitted by:**



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

**Approved by:**



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