

## REGULAR MEETING

**WENESDAY**

**7:30 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 2, 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: DOUG JUNECKO, GREG LOMBARDO, KENNETH HRESKO, DEBORAH THOMAS, ROBERT BETTERS, MARK TORTORICE**

**ABSENT: BRYAN MYERS**

Also present were, Mayor Hranics, Solicitor Patricia McGrail, Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager, Don Glenn, Engineer, Chief David Petruski and Junior Council Rebecca Matlos.

**MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 5, 2020 at 7:30 P.M. and for the Public Hearing on August 5, 2020 at 7:00 P.M."**

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

Mr. Tortorice announced an Executive Session was held this evening to discuss personnel issues.

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN:**

- 1. Donna Priselac 238 Chicora Street, East McKeesport is here this evening to reinforce hosts feeding cats and the code enforcement letter that went out to this person. She said this resident had already had the cats neutered. She stated hosts need to pull the food after feeding and she or her group will talk and educate the cat care taker in the future, however if the Borough cites them then Ms. Priselac stated she would not bring her resources into the Borough in the Spring for the Trap Neuter and release program. She asked in the future to hand out her phone number and literature and she will contact the residents who are feeding the cats.**
- 2. Brenda Keifer 1306 McClelland Drive, is here this evening to inquire on the status of 807 Glenn Avenue demolition. She also asked about a property on the corner of Pike and Barkley, 1215 Barkley. Mr. Junecko said it's on the list and awaiting funding.**
- 3. Celeste Soubeyrand 1003 Lysle Avenue, is here this evening about the property located at 1212 Elmwood Avenue, she asked if it's drop in shelter? Rental? She asked what it's going to be used for and will they be paying rent. Solicitor McGrail said they informed the Borough they are a rental property, we can not tell them they can not use this as a residence and that would not be permitted under the fair housing law. If there's a code violation we enforce. If you notify the Borough we will enforce our ordinances. They can use the residence for a rental for up to**

3 residents. If there's something more than three we will respond to that. Ms. Soubeyrand said they don't drive they are homeless and they are putting up a fence. The Solicitor stated this is housing for people going through transition. This is only for a place to live. There are no services being provided at this location. Sister Pgh has a facility in Swissvale for services. Mrs. Soubeyrand asked if they are paying rent. Solicitor McGrail said they indicated they will be paying rent, but we can't monitor how much they pay or live for free. The rental agreement would provide for the typical items under a lease. She asked what if it becomes a nuisance. The Solicitor stated it then would become a police issue and we will continue to enforce our ordinances. The community will need to notify the police if they see something. She then asked about the value of their homes. The Solicitor said we don't know that answer.

4. Ross Marker, 903 Rebecca Street, he asked about the water coming down the street. He stated he has rebuilt his wall twice due to the water coming down through the alley. Mr. Tortorice stated the alley is private. If it's coming from the neighbors then you will have to speak with the neighbors. Mr. Marker said the storm drains are an issue, they are clogged. Mr. Betters said McKeesport takes care of the storm sewers. Mr. Marker inquired about 901 Rebecca Street for an alternate entrance to get into her property. John Freund has inquired about putting the property up for sheriff's sale. The Solicitor said she spoke with him about the process.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

CHIEF PETRUSKI: Reported the officers are monitoring and enforcing traffic offenses.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Report in Workshop Session

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Hranics gave the monthly report: He asked residents to recognize Child passenger safety week September 20-26<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor had the following to report for August, 2020. The police had 102 calls in August, they were 15 traffic citations, 9 non-traffic citations, 3 assisting other departments and 20 calls assisting E.M.S., the balance of the calls were for various reasons such as animal complaints, disabled vehicle, disturbance, etc. The Mayor also reported the mileage on the 2013 Ford Taurus was 513 and no expenses, the mileage on the 2017 Ford Explorer was 1,451 and expenses were \$1,462.92, mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 1,500.00 and no expenses.

SOLICITORS REPORT: Solicitor Patricia McGrail, nothing that requires Council action at this time.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Myers was absent.

CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY/DEMOLITION COMMITTEE: Mr. Junecko, gave report on the demolition of 824 Romine, 1804 Stegman and 1015 Oakland Avenue. He said these

properties will be coming down very soon. Mr. Junecko announced the Port Vue Citizen's Committee will be having the fall yard sales on September 12, 2020 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 pm with a rain date for September 13, 2020. Mr. Junecko had the following motions:

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, " To authorize payment to Lawson Excavating in the amount of \$1,710.00 for Borough share of 2018 GTRP Grant, payment in the amount of \$12,231.25 for reimbursement draw down from 2019 CITF Grant by the Borough of Port Vue, payment in the amount of \$23,864.00, by Steel Rivers COG for reimbursement draw down from 2016 CITF Grant and payment if the amount of \$12,141.00 for reimbursement draw down from 2017 CITF Grant by Steel Rivers COG."

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo "To ratify the termination of Employee #02541 effective July 31, 2020 and to approve the terms of the Settlement Agreement."

RC-4 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To ratify payment to Jeff Winters in the amount of \$7,384.00 for the Council Table upgrades."

RC-5 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion - Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Better, "To award Nemeth Contracting the installation of new freeze board and re-hang the existing gutter on the Public Works Garage in the amount of \$999.00."

RC-6 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To start condemnation proceedings for 1483 Romine Avenue, Parcel ID #383-S-117, 308 Laredo Street, Parcel ID #383-s-263, 1818 Tacoma Avenue, Parcel ID #465-A-265, 1109 Norwood Avenue, Parcel ID #383-J-180, and 920 Glenn Avenue, Parcel ID #465-J-215."

RC-7 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To ratify the filing of CDBG 47 pre-application with Steel Rivers COG by Glenn Engineering for Glenn Avenue Creek Embankment Project, street reconstruction of Johnson/Cove and demolition of 1726 Romine Avenue Front and 1726 Romine Avenue Rear."

RC-8 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, “To ratify new Council Insurance to Guardian Insurance.”

RC-9 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Better, “To authorize the sale of the 2007 GMC truck to the City of McKeesport in the amount of \$30,000.00.”

RC-10 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF POLICE/FIRE/PUBLIC SAFETY:** Mr. Hresko gave the fire report for August 2020. He had the following motions:

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, “To adopt Resolution No. 2020-015, to amend certain provisions of the Pension Plan, Annuity, Insurance and Benefit Fund or program applicable to the Police Employees of Port Vue Borough.”

RC-11 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To approve and certify the review of the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Plan which is considered to be fully funded and no contributions are required to be made to the Police Pension for the 2021 plan year and the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation to be included in the 2021 budget is zero.”

RC-12 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To adopt Resolution No. 2020-016, September 26<sup>th</sup>, as Child Passenger Safety Week 2020.”

RC-13 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, “To ratify payment to Glenn Engineering in the amount of \$5,202.79, to be used as Local Match and required by Greenways, Trails, Recreation Program for the Recreation Building.”

RC-14 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To authorize repairs to the small roof at PVAA, materials only, not to exceed \$1,000.00.”

RC-15 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Thomas gave the monthly real estate tax collection for August 2020 total is \$22,854.80 compared to last year we are up \$9,966.20. She reported we requested proposals for Borough auditing services to three reputable auditors and we only received one, from our current auditor Mark Turnley CPA.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To adopt Resolution No. 2020-014, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of August, 2020.”

**RC-16** Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters

Abstained: Mr. Tortorice - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To accept the Audit Proposal from Mark Turnley, CPA for 2021, 2022 and option year 2023 for \$6,750.00, (each year), inclusive of DCED reparation and Filing each year.”

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

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To authorize Glenn Engineering to proceed with U.S. Steel Benefit Trust Projects.”

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

**CHAIRMAN OF SANITATION:** Mr. Betters gave the August Keystone monthly report. Current collections are \$5,486.00, delinquent \$303.60 and collections are up \$809.60 from last August. He announced we will be having Bin Days, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with electronic recycling. Each item is \$5.00 and you must show proof of residency.

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

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

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

**RC-20** Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, “To authorize the purchase of 13 Padlocks for PVAA.”

**RC-21** Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF SANITATION:** Mr. Betters gave the Keystone monthly garbage report. He had the following motions:

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

**RC-22** Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To accept the monthly reports for August 2020 as presented."**

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

Mr. Tortorice thanked staff, Council and residents for their cooperation and understanding as we navigate through the green phase of the Covid pandemic. He thanked the Borough Manager for applying and receiving \$80,000.00 in CARES Act funding for Borough expenses related to Covid. The website and sign are updated daily. He also thanked the Borough Engineer and said he'll be working on getting the US Steel projects ready for proposals and bidding process.

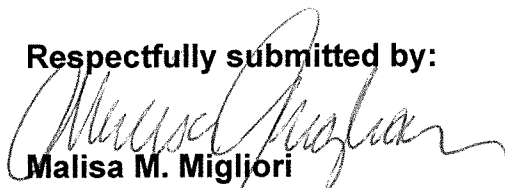
He appointed a Code Enforcement Committee, with Kenneth Hresko as Chairman and Greg Lombardo and Robert Betters as the committee members. He said Kenneth will be assisting the Borough Manager and Police with all code enforcement issues.

Mr. Tortorice thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening.


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

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

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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

**Approved by:**

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