

REGULAR MEETING

WENESDAY

7:30 P.M.

September 6, 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:

Mr. Tortorice asked for a moment of silence to remember our beloved Mayor Erkle who passed away last week at the age of 97.

**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 Jo Suha.

Mr. Tortorice announced that Executive session 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 August 2, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

RC-2 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN:

1. **Deborah Davis** 834 Elmwood Street. She is here this evening about the petition for the excessive spending on Elmwood Street. The lower end of Elmwood from Washington down to Romine Avenue. She said there's so many kids and cars have been hit. She is asking for help to address this issue. She would like Council to do something here. Mr. Tortorice said we need to do a traffic study there and come back to the Board with the results. He also said the speed bumps are illegal and the speed limit is 25 mph. That's the speed limit on all the roads in the borough. He said we will have more at the next meeting. She said it's 24/7. He told her to contact the police when this is happening. She said it's a dangerous road. General discussion on this matter.
2. **Kaye Henderson** -1334 Coronado Rd. is here this evening on behalf of her mother Dorothy Henderson regarding the ongoing complaints about the neighbors at 1336 Coronado. She said loud music, cars, motorcycles, driving vehicle around without insurance, vehicles not inspected and the vehicles smell terrible. It comes into her house. Her mother has had problems with him for 30years. Mr. Tortorice said the ordinance provided doesn't have anything to do with this ordinance. She also said there's a problem with dogs that are being kept outside. She said they are tethered to a tree. Mr. Tortorice said to contact the police they will have animal control handle the problem.
3. **Amy Chapko**- 1594 Romine Avenue, said they are altering the vehicles and are not street legal and not inspected but this isn't what she's here about tonight. Mr.

Tortorice asked Chief Petruski to look into it. She's asking for them to be good neighbors. She said the vehicle has not been towed. She said everything is on the cameras they have. The Chief said he would check it out and for them to call the police when this is going on.

4. Another resident spoke -he resides at the corner at Elmwood and Hunter. There's an issue at the Legion and people driving past a school bus and running stop signs. Mr. Tortorice said we now to address with the police and we will direct the police to the different stops on different days.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Hresko reported delinquent invoices were sent out and we are receiving payment and also said he attended hearings today.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Chief Petruski reported the status of the new vehicle outfit. Not all the equipment is in and there are other departments ahead of us. All of our equipment has been ordered but not in yet.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Gave his report at the caucus meeting.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Hranics gave the following statistics:

The Mayor had the following report for June, 2023. The police had 124 calls, 13 non-traffic citations, 21 traffic citations, 9 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 Explorator was 1,722 and expenses were \$101.51, the mileage on the 2021 Ford Explorer was 1,680 and expenses were \$1,067.32

The Mayor had the following report August, 2023.

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

SOLICITORS REPORT: Solicitor Falco A Muscante gave his report during Executive Session and has nothing additional at this time to report.

CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE / BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mrs. Thomas gave the following report: August 2023 current real estate collections: \$22,316.07.

Delinquent: August 2023 delinquent collections not available as of meeting time.

We will be replacing the tax collectors pc, to be able to run the new Windows 11.

Repayment of State Aid will be made this month and the return of the interest earned is in the process of being calculated.

The manager will be starting the Teamster's pension audit on Monday. We are also working on insurance proposals prior to the mid November renewal.

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2023-019, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the month of August 2023."

**RC-3. Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko,
Mr. Tortorice, Mrs. Thomas**

Abstained: Mr. Hale, Mr. Betters - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To accept the Police and non-uniformed compliance audit for years 2018-2022 and to return \$3,041.00 from the Police Pension Fund in excess State Aid as recommended."

RC-4 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. "To approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for the discipline for employee #0249."

RC-5 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve the Last Chance Agreement with employee #0249."

RC-6 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, To accept the proposal for replacement of the Tax Collector personal computer and Windows 11 from Shiloh Services in the amount of \$885.00."

RC-7 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION: Mr. Betters gave the following report:

Thanks to all the firemen and volunteers for a successful Firemen's fair and parade.

Public Works have been working on street line, cross walks and stop sign painting.

PVCC yard sales September 9th 8 am to 4 pm

Polaris is being repaired under warranty

Fall clean up is scheduled for October 7th and 8th.

Tennis courts are being transformed into pickleball courts with 2 coats of seal and line painting.

Price for portable nets \$460.00

Attached is the recreation center usage cost for months 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To adopt Resolution No. 2023-022, a Resolution of the Borough of Port Vue, declaring the week of September 17th through September 23rd, 2023, as Child Passenger Safety Week."

RC-8 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To authorize Don Glenn Engineering to make application to the Local Share Account Grant Program for fire equipment in the amount of \$674,660.00 and Borough share of \$43,874.00."

RC- 9 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. Hresko, "To re-advertise the Turf Machine and Golf Simulator for the Local Share Account Grant Program."

RC- 10 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To amend Fee Schedule Resolution No. 2023-020, to include all Rental Registration Fees."

RC-11 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PUBLIC SAFETY, FIRE AND AMBULANCE: Mr. Hale gave the fire report for August and also reported the following: Current Garbage collections report for August : not available as of meeting time

July current garbage collections \$3,864.00

July Delinquent garbage collections: \$2,000.00

He thanked everyone who helped out or volunteered in any way to the success of the firemen's fair. He also wants to continue with sale of Christmas trees. He said the department will be attending training end of September. He announced the fire company also received funding through the McKeesport Hospital Foundation for an automated CPR machine.

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

RC-12 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To accept the monthly reports for August 2023 as presented."

RC-13 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To amend Resolution No. 2023-016 Compensation to Resolution No. 2023-018."

RC-14 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, "To ratify the computer back up software for the police department from Shilos Services in the amount of \$1,095.00."

RC- 15 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF PROPERT / DEMOLITION COMMITTEE: Mr. Junecko had 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 on asbestos results from Allegheny County

1704 Stegman waiting on asbestos results from Allegheny County

As you can see from the agenda, we are in the process of upgrading the computers for both the administration and police departments.

We are also upgrading the telephone system to ring central which is a savings of \$3,313.00 per year.

Thanks to the firemen, volunteers and elected officials for a great firemen's parade and fair.

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To accept proposal from Everline Coatings in the amount of \$3,175.00 to double seal coat and line court area for pickle ball."

RC-16 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To authorize Resolution No. 2023-021, the sale of the 2014 Reeves Tar Kettle 2, Model No. R150 with Electric Brakes, to El Grande Industries in the amount of \$1,995.00."

RC-17 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To approve and ratify the subdivision of Lot #2, Tortorice Plan of Lots as recommended by Don Glenn Engineering and the Planning Commission."

**RC-18 Yeas: Mr. Hale, Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo,
Mr. Hresko, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Betters**

Abstained: Mr. Tortorice - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To accept proposal from Shiloh Services for the administration new server, external storage and windows licensing in the amount of \$9,365.00."

RC- 19 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr, Junecko moved, seconded by Mts. Thomas, "To accept proposal from Avaya/Advent for Ring Central Telephone Service and new telephones for administration and police department in the amount of \$150.00 per month for two (20 Years and \$50.00 per month for 24/7 service, training and maintenance."

RC-20 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

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

Request to paint sidewalks as a fund raiser for South Allegheny girls softball, general discussion on this matter. Council thinks a monetary donation would be a better idea.

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To ratify the filing of CDBG 50 pre-applications with Steel Rivers Council of Governments by Glenn Engineering for street reconstruction of Block Alley-Brushton to Crossland, Crossland Avenue – Myer to Port Vue Avenue and Huber Street from Chontos to Harris Street and demolition of 1817 Trimble Avenue, 1719 and 1721 Johnson Street and 1611 New York Avenue."

RC-21 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, :To authorize Don Glenn Engineering to make application to the Local Share Account Grant Program for Public Words equipment in the amount of \$255,393.00 and Borough share of \$43,874.00."

RC-22 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Lombardo moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To **table to advertise an Ordinance establishing One Way on Elmwood Avenue from Washington Boulevard to Romine Avenue in a Northerly Direction of travel." He said we will table this ordinance until a traffic study has been completed. Mr. Hresko also said there's an ALOM and PSAB conference in Erie for who ever hasn't attended a conference. He also thanked the firemen.**

RC-23 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

CHAIRMAN OF POLICE/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Mr. Hresko gave the following report: he said if you're having any problems with cats. He said he along with Mr. Betters attended a workshop on humane animal issues.

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To approve the 2023 Police Rates from C&D Towing Service for towing and storage."

RC-24 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To appoint Robert Betters as an alternate for the Code Enforcement Appeal Board."

RC-25 Yeas: Mr. Hale, Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Tortorice

Abstained: Mr. Betters – Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To ratify payment to Penn Service Scottdale for Fire Squad repairs in the amount of \$1,125.43 from the Fire Fund."

RC-26 Yeas: Mr. Junecko, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Hresko, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Tortorice, Mr. Betters

Abstained: Mr. Hale - Motion Carried

MOTION: Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To proceed with Code Enforcement Appeal Board Hearings for the properties: 1309 Romine Avenue, 1889 Romine Avenue, 1204 Washington Boulevard and 201 Liberty Way and authorizing Borough Officials to takee"

RC-27 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Mr. Tortorice thanked everyone for coming out. He said we would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends to our former Mayor Erkel. He was 97 years old and prior to the next Council meeting on October 4, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. to do a tree and plaque dedication. Also the family requested donations to be made payable to Fun To Be A Kid Day.

The Pligit Contingency fund has been reinvested for 9 months at 5.87% and will yield \$\$45,000.00.

Mr. Tortorice also thanked the firemen and praised the work and training they do. We are putting in for LSA grant to hopefully get a new boom Mower, chipper and paint machine.


The boom mower we might take to auction in October if we continue to have mechanical problems with it.

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

Respectfully submitted by:


Malisa M. Migliori
Borough Manager

Approved by:


Mark D. Tortorice
President of Council