

## REGULAR MEETING

WENESDAY

7:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

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,  
KENNETH HRESKO, MARK TORTORICE,  
DEBORAH THOMAS, ROBERT BETTERS**

**ABSENT:   GREG LOMBARDO**

Also present were, Mayor Hranics, Solicitor Maura Perri, filling in for Solicitor Patricia McGrail, Malisa Migliori, Borough Manager, Don Glenn, Engineer, Jr. Council Person, Arriana Ewing is also absent this evening.

**MOTION:   Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on August 4, 2021 at 7:30 P.M. and the Special Meeting held on August 23, 2021 at 6:00 P.M."**

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

### **COMMENTS FROM CITIZEN:**

1. Bernie Ivory, 1702 Romine Avenue, thanked everyone for the stop sign and said we have a gold mine because of everyone sliding through the stop sign. She is requesting a police presence to monitor the traffic. She is here this evening about making Vermont Street one way. She proposes Vermont Avenue a one way coming down. She stated there's been no police officer monitoring the new stop sign. She also gave alternative routes for everyone if Council makes this a one way coming down.
2. James Surgeon, 1735 New York Avenue. He said he lives at the top of Vermont. He asked about the one way and provided information about a tractor trailer. Mr. Better said those are community buses and also delivery trucks. He commented on the no tractor trailer signs. Mr. Tortorice said we'll look into it. Mr. Better said there have been 3 citations issued in the past 2 weeks. He said the police are citing there.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Hresko said very busy with 15 hearings this past month and when the defendant doesn't show up they are automatically fined. Some are given extensions. 7 Citations were issued yesterday.

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

**MAYORS REPORT:** Mayor Hranics, had the following report:

The Mayor had the following to report for August, 2021. The police had 135 calls in August, there were 19 traffic citations, 17 non-traffic citations, 10 assisting other departments and 21 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 2013 Ford Taurus was 23 and no expenses, the mileage on the 2017 Ford Explorer was 2,528 and expenses were \$960.00, mileage on the 2019 Ford Explorer was 859 and expenses were \$70.00.

**SOLICITORS REPORT:** (Solicitor Patricia McGrail), Maura Perri had no report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY/DEMOLITION:** Mr. Junecko announced the Fall Festival on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. There will be hayrides, vendors, food truck, games, bouncy house and lots more. In the evening the Borough will host a band and festivities from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Daniels and McClain, the fire company will have a beverage tent, there will be a food truck and disc jockey Mark Nemeth.

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To authorize proposal for additional two alternates from Allegheny Fence in the total amount of \$3,220.00."

RC-3 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To accept Mockenhaupt Actuarial Valuation Report based on recommended changes."

RC-4 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To ratify payment to Original Tree Service in the amount of \$1,175.00 for tree removal overhanging on Romine Avenue for safety purposes."

RC-5 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Junecko moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To accept the low bid proposal from Minniefield Demolition Service for CDBG Year 47, total bid amount of \$21,000.00 for the demolition of 1726 Romine and 1448 Romine Avenue."

RC-6 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF POLICE/FIRE/PUBLIC SAFETY:** Mr. Hresko read the fire report for August and also gave the Jr. Council report on school activities.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "To adopt Resolution #2021-019, 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-7 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, “To approve and certify the review of the 2022 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 2022 Plan Year and 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation to be included in the 2022 budget is zero.”

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, “To adopt Resolution # 2021-020, a Resolution of the Borough of Port Vue, declaring the week of September 19<sup>th</sup> through September 25<sup>th</sup>, as Child Passenger Safety Week, 2021.”

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, “To ratify payment from the Fire Fund for two Hot Spot upgrades to 5G for the Vigilant Hose Co. 1, in the amount of \$499.98.”

**RC-10** Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, “To accept the resignation of Zachery Stumpf effective September 1, 2021.”

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

**FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Thomas, reported on the August tax collection current and delinquent, The finance committee will start working on the 2022 budget next month. She reported on the new occupancy inspection requirements along with the rental registration now being done by our building inspector Mark Lazzaro. She said all the information can be found on the Borough’s website, under resident resources.

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, “To ratify the filing of CDBG 48 pre-applications with Steel Rivers Council of Government by Glenn Engineering for Glenn Avenue Creek Embankment Project, Street reconstruction of Block Alley-Brushton to Crossland, Crossland Avenue-Myer to Port Vue Avenue and Dover Alley-Brushton Avenue to Pine Street, Block Alley-Vermont to Brushton Avenue, Dover Alley-Vermont to Brushton Avenue and demolition of 1818 Tacoma Avenue, 1820 Tacoma Avenue, 1706 New York Avenue and 1109 Norwood Avenue.”

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

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, “To adopt Ordinance #2021-640, of the Borough of Port Vue, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania further amending Ordinance 401, Chapter 295-23, of the Port Vue Code of Ordinances, providing for the addition of a stop sign at the intersection of Rec Way and Romine Avenue.”

RC-13 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To advertise an Ordinance for a stop sign on Romine Avenue at intersection of Rec Way."

RC-14 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To advertise a prohibited parking sign at Straw Alley turn around."

RC-15 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mrs. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Hale, "To advertise Tri-Cog Land Bank Ordinance."

RC-16 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF RECREATION:** Mr. Betters, reported on recreation. He said we are very close in getting the rec center open. He also mentioned we received a proposal from Barrier Protection for the pin pad security system. From last meeting the follow up on Monroe Avenue is the public works department cut the bad areas and re patched. He reported there's been some additional vandalism at the comfort station again. We have surveillance there and we got the individuals responsible. Next, he reported the above the ground diesel tank will be in next week. Mr. betters had the following motions:

**MOTION:** Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To approve payment for epoxy flooring by Mihalek Painting for the Recreation Center from the US Steel Project Fund in the amount of \$3,970.00 as recommended by Glenn Engineering."

RC-17 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To authorize reimbursement to Vigilant Hose Co. 1 in the amount of \$472.50 for towing of the 1995 Freightliner Fire Rescue truck."

RC-18 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Betters moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To authorize payment to E. J. Lowery in the amount of \$2,770.00 for alternator repairs to the 1995 Freightliner Fire Rescue Truck."

RC-19 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Betters moved seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To accept the monthly reports as presented."

RC-20 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**CHAIRMAN OF SANITATION:** Mr. Hale reported the current garbage collections for July 2021 is \$3,244.00 and the delinquent was \$3,483.00. August collections weren't available as of meeting time. There were some complaints through out the Borough regarding missed garbage collection. The office staff contacted Bigs and they said several of their workers have Covid and they are very short staffed. To date all issues have been resolved. Fall Clean up is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and will be held at PVAA parking lot. The PVCC yard sales are scheduled for October 2, 2021 and he thanked Steve Hvozdik, Chairman for the Citizen's Committee for organizing the event.

**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Junecko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2020-018, authorizing the payment of bills and wages incurred during the Month of August, 2021."

RC-21 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mr. Hresko, "To adopt Resolution No. 2021-021, amending fee schedule Resolution No, 2017-009, to increase Occupancy Permit Fee for residential to \$75.00 and commercial to \$100.00."

RC-22 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**MOTION:** Mr. Hale moved, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, "To ratify all departmental and inter-governmental transfers during the Month of August, 2021."

RC-23 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

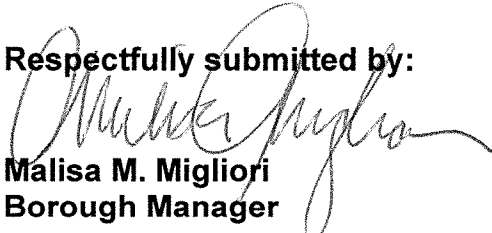
**MOTION:** Mr. Hresko moved, seconded by Mr. Betters, "Motion to adjourn."

RC-24 Yeas: Unanimous - Motion Carried

**Borough Manager report:** Malisa thanked Council, Joan and Diane for covering for her while she was on vacation. Additional reporting at the next meeting regarding the new occupancy and rental registrations. Future reporting next month on 2018 tax liening. Malisa also reported all mechanical device permitting for 2021 has been collected. There are also two dimensional zoning hearings scheduled for Friday September 10, 2021.

Mr. Tortorice said we had to skip Fun to Be a Kid day this year due to the pandemic, but we're happy to be having the Fall Fest for the community. He thanked everyone for coming wished everyone to be safe.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Malisa M. Migliori  
Borough Manager

Approved by:

  
Mark D. Tortorice  
President of Council