

Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday September 19, 2023
7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by President of Council Anthony Colecchi.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Handra, _____; Kowalski, _____; Nabors, _____; Norelli, _____; Stecak, _____; Trunzo, _____; Colecchi, _____; Chazdine Harmon, Jr. Council, _____; Mayor DiMarco, _____

Public Comments (Agenda Items Only)

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2023.

Motion to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2023.

Committee Reports:

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Councilman Angelo Norelli

Total Collections from MBM Collections for August	\$ 17,370.84
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent Real Estate tax	\$169,791.03
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for August	\$ 26,491.76
Year to date collections	\$184,473.79

Public Works - Street and Sewage Departments – Councilman Mark Stecak

Read Street Department report.

Motion to enroll Brad Croys in a Wastewater treatment program to become a Licensed Sewage Plant Operator.

Crime Watch, Parks & Recreation, GDC – Council Vice President Dave Kowalski

Motion to close the 400 block of Monongahela Ave. for the Halloween Festivities on the Honor Roll Sat.

October 28 from 12-3:00 p.m.

Comment on Community Day

Comment on the Car Show

Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors

Dr. Choi said he is preparing to close the office officially in November. The Solicitor will be scheduling the closing prior to the December regular meeting. The Office will be making arrangements to move starting in January.

Communications – Councilwoman Kate Handra

Fire Department and Senior Citizen's Center – Councilman Paul Trunzo

Read Senior Center Report

Read Fire Department Report

Jr. Council, Chazdine Harmon

Police Committee, Safety Committee/Building Inspector – Council President Anthony Colecchi
The next Safety Meeting will be Thursday September 26, at 3:00.

Update on Allegheny Together. On September 6, there was a town hall meeting.

Motion to advertise for a full-time police officer.

The Police Report will be read by Mayor DiMarco.

Police Report - Mayor Keith DiMarco – Police Report is available upon request.

Borough Manager's Report – Elaina Skiba

Motion to accept and award the bid for the Multi-Modal Paving grant for 2022 to Tresco Paving in the amount of \$299,150.00. This is for the paving of the 600 and 700 blocks of Delaware.

CDBG50 grant applications have been submitted for demolition and paving.

GEDTF application is being submitted for paving.

LSA applications are being submitted for a drainage project and the Off-Road Vehicle Park.

The DCED grant for \$62,000 for the Ford Expedition secured for the Borough by Nick Pisciotano and the DCED grant for \$80,000 for the computers and IT upgrades to the Police Department secured for the Borough from Senator Jim Brewster have been closed out.

Motion to authorize Maiello, Brungo and Maiello to file a lien for unpaid sewage on 16 properties.

Motion to submit grant applications to the Community Benefit trust for the following:

- The purchase of scoreboards for the South Allegheny High School Baseball and Softball teams, not to exceed \$40,000.
- The purchase of a laptop and associated costs to be used by the Police Dept to access the surveillance camera located at 6th and Monongahela Avenue.
- The replacement of the Honor Roll fountain and all associated costs. Upgrades to the façade.
- Playground equipment for the 9th Street Park.
- Purchase of cameras for the 9th Street Park.

The Land Bank has sent confirmation that the following properties are through the Sheriff Sale process and now belong to the TRICOG Land Bank:

316 5th Street

435 Iowa

310 N. Monongahela

Solicitor's Report – Falco Muscante, Maiello, Brungo and Maiello, LLC

Motion to amend Fee Schedule Resolution 1(9-19-23)

Written Reports of Borough Officials:

Tax Collector – Jennifer Bell – Report available upon request.

Treasurer's Report – Elaina Skiba.

A copy of the Treasurer's Reports for July and August are available. Council received the reports at the Workshop meeting.

Motion to transfer \$45,000 from the Sewer Revenue Fund to the Sewer Flood Insurance Escrow Account. Bringing the balance to the suggested goal of \$100,000.

Motion to close the Sewer Flood Insurance Escrow Account and transfer the funds to a new Invest Account in order to earn more interest.

Motion to close the Sewer Fund Money Market Account and transfer the balance to an Invest Account. These accounts currently earn 5.248% versus the 3% being earned on the Money Market with First Commonwealth.

Motion to approve the Monthly Financial Reports.

Motion to approve and pay General Fund bills for August in the amount of \$257,673.76

Motion to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for August in the amount of \$ 50,671.41

New Business:

Motion to accept the Police Pension Fund, the Union Pension Fund and the Service Employees' Pension Fund, Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2024 Municipal Budget as defined by Mockenhaupt.

All departments must make arrangements withing the next two weeks to discuss their 2024 budgets. The office will have a preliminary budget ready for the middle of October.

Motion to adopt a Concurring Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for funds in the amount of \$254,651.10 with the RAAC, for Street Reconstruction, and designating An Lewis, Executive Director of the Twin Rivers COG to file all documents and forms between the Borough and the RAAC.

Motion to Adjourn