

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Glassport Borough Council was called to order by Anthony Colecchi, President of Council.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: DeVerse, present; Kowalski, present; Nabors, absent; Norelli, present; Stecak, present; Trunzo, present; Colecchi, present; Mayor DiMarco, present.

There was a budget meeting at 6:00 this evening. The next meeting will be November 26. These meetings were advertised in the Mon Valley Independent on November 5.

There were no public comments on Agenda Items.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Stecak to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2024.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

Motion made by DeVerse second by Kowalski to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of October 31, 2024

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Councilman Angelo Norelli

Total Collections from MBM Collections for October	\$ 19,108.81
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent Real Estate tax	\$215,483.90
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for October	\$ 53,755.04
Year to date collections	\$387,760.48

Public Works - Street and Sewage Departments – Council Vice President Mark Stecak

Street Department Report given.

They are continuing to televise the sewers. To date they have found 2 fully collapsed lines. We are waiting for the engineer’s recommendations on how to proceed.

Motion made by Kowalski second by DeVerse to advertise the sale of the 2000 Bucket Truck.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

Motion made by DeVerse second by Norelli to advertise the sale of the Scissor Lift.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

Crime Watch Parks & Recreation, GDC – Councilman Dave Kowalski

The Christmas Parade will be Saturday November 30. The parade starts at 6:00 and Light up will be immediately following the parade. Santa will have a treat for the kids.

Motion made by Norelli second by Stecak to donate \$100 to Glassport Lanes for Youth Bowling.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by DeVerse to donate \$100 to South Allegheny Boys Basket Ball Team.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

The Glassport Development Corp is looking for volunteers. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month here at the Borough Building at 6:00. If you would like to be involved with the events that take place in the Borough, please come to a meeting.

There was a meeting with the equipment operator, members of the GDC and myself regarding the Off-Road Vehicle Park. The grants and the next steps were discussed. The trails are coming along and a building, cameras and block were the main topics discussed. There will be updates moving forward.

Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors – Read by Anthony Colecchi in her absence

Council voted to advertise the sale of 102 7th Street. This ad was placed in the Mon Valley Independent on Saturday Sept 28. Bids were received on October 8 and November 12. There were no bids.

Motion made by Stecak second by Norelli to enter into an agreement with Neighborhood Realty Services to list 102 Seventh Street for sale.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

Neighborhood Realty Services has listed 509 7th Street and will begin showing the building.

The water service has been replaced at the Borough Building due to Allegheny County plumbing regulations. The service was changed from a 2” to a 4” line. The renovations at the Police Station are making progress. There are a few items that are delayed but they are hoping to be complete in late February early March.

Communications and Building Inspector – Councilwoman Meghan DeVerse

Council has received the Building Inspector Report. Occupancy Inspections and permits for the month of October are:

- 25 Certificates of Occupancy issued.
- 2 Conditional Certificates of Occupancy Issued.
- 3 Failed Inspections.

The Web site had 2,007 views in the month of October with a total of 24,000 views for the year.

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

The Senior Center received an Email about the grant monies on November 7. It stated that the monies should be received within 30 days.

Jamie Trunzo, Director of the Senior Center has been busy with the Age Friendly Neighborhoods Panel. There will be another meeting tomorrow at the JCC in Squirrel Hill with students from CMU to discuss communication barriers between boroughs and seniors.

The Center will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you from the Senior Center.

There were 51 fire calls for the month of October totaling 500 for the year.

The department will hold its annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 23rd starting at 2:00 PM at Club 22 Banquet Hall.

The Annual Santa treat will be held on Saturday, December 21 starting at 9:00 AM.

The Department would like to thank the Borough and its citizens for their continued support.

Police Committee, Safety Committee – Council President Anthony Colecchi

The next Safety Meeting will be on Thursday, November 21 at 3:00 PM.

The Giant Eagle Mobile Market continues to have a steady stream of customers weekly.

The PA Council of the Arts is continuing working on a sign that will be placed near the old stadium. The anticipated completion date will be in the Spring of 2025.

Tree Pittsburgh will be conducting a planting project in the spring. We need to update our current Shade Tree Ordinance.

The Police Report will be read by Mayor DiMarco.

Police Report - Mayor Keith DiMarco

The Police Report is available upon request.

Motion made by Trunzo second by DeVerse to ratify the termination of employee #11824.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Stecak to hire three new patrolmen to replace the officers who have recently left the department.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

There were 1452 calls for service for the month of October with 125 Juvenile incidents that resulted in four arrests.

Code Enforcement sent notices to 33 properties with three citations being issued.

Borough Manager’s Report – Elaina Skiba

Update on the Land Bank:

The following are properties currently being listed:

- 435 Iowa Avenue
- 310 N. Monongahela Avenue
- 316 5th Street
- 626 Ohio Avenue

Acquired at Sheriff Sale:

- 401 Euclid Avenue

Properties waiting for Sheriff Sale:

- 843 Delaware Avenue
- 319 N. Monongahela Avenue
- 311 Euclid Avenue

A state grant application for \$1 million was submitted for funds from the Local Share Account Fund. Thank you to our State Representative Nick Pisciotano who was able to secure us \$850,000 for continued renovations and updates to our new building. We couldn’t do most of what we have done in town without Representative Pisciotano’s support.

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

Motion made by Trunzo second by Kowalski to adopt Resolution No. 1 (11/19/24) approving acquisition of Parcel No: 558-H-055 to Harold Case through the Vacant Property Recovery Program.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by DeVerse to adopt Resolution No. 2 (11/19/24) approving acquisition of Parcel No. 558-H-049 to Harold Case through the Vacant Property Recovery Program.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by DeVerse to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding between Glassport Borough and Teamsters Local No. 205 for the Glassport Police Department employees changing the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement regarding salaries and certain benefits.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Trunzo to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding between Glassport Borough and Chief DeVerse changing the terms of his Agreement regarding holiday pay for hours worked.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

Written Reports of Borough Officials:

Tax Collector – Jennifer Bell – Report available upon request.

Treasurer’s Report – Elaina Skiba.

Council has received the Treasurer Report and there are copies on the desk for the public.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Stecak to approve the Monthly Financial Reports.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Kowalski to approve and pay General Fund bills for October in the amount of \$659,098.65.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

Motion made by DeVerse second by Stecak to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for October in the amount of \$495,587.35.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

New Business:

The Holiday Dinner for the Steel Rivers COG will be on December 5. Tomorrow is the last day to RSVP.

Public Comments:

Michael Thomas - Has three single family houses next to each other and would like to put a dumpster between the three for them to use.

Colecchi – Stated that our ordinance states that all single family dwellings much have borough garbage pickup.

Bob March – Where are we at with looking into putting a basket ball court somewhere in the borough.

Colecchi – We are still looking into that. We have a few properties that we are looking at.

Mike Tamok – I am just looking to see if there is an update on 1010 Vermont.

Colecchi – I took the Zoning Officer up there and it is definitely an issue. They were sent a 30-day letter which will expire on the 22 of this month. After that legal action will be taken.

Cynthia Dean – Ms. Dean had issues with the garbage not being picked up at 1031 Indiana Avenue and an abandoned vehicle behind the property with an expired inspection sticker on it.

Finally, I received a notice about the trash in my yard. The bags are not trash, they are recyclables. We cannot find any place that we can take them too. I am trying to save the environment so I will not put them out in my regular trash. We are old and have health issues and we just need more time to take care of this situation.

Motion made by Trunzo second by DeVerse to adjourn.

Yes -- 6 No – 0 Absent -- 1 Motion Carried

Submitted by:

Andrea Foster
Borough Secretary

Approved by:

Anthony Colecchi
President of Council