

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, AUGUST 20, 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, absent; Nabors, present; Norelli, present; Stecak, present; Trunzo, absent; Colecchi, present; Mayor DiMarco, present.

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

Sealed proposals were accepted until 4:00 PM today for the purchase of the Public Works 2000 F250. There were no proposals received.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Stecak to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2024.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

Motion made by Nabors second by Norelli to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing regarding a Simple Subdivision of July 16, 2024.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by DeVerse to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2024

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

### Committee Reports:

#### **Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Councilman Angelo Norelli**

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| Total Collections from MBM Collections for July                              | \$ 26,107.11 |
| Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent Real Estate tax | \$164,185.91 |
| Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for July                                 | \$ 26,775.58 |
| Year to date collections   | \$216,479.79 |

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

Street report given.

#### **Crime Watch, Parks & Recreation, GDC – Councilman Dave Kowalski (Read by Athony Colecchi)**

Community day is August 24 on the Honor Roll from noon until 4:00 and a concert in the evening from 6:00 – 10:00. The 400 block of Monongahela will be closed during the event and will reopen for the concert at 6:00.

The Glassport Development's Annual Car Show will be Saturday Sept 7 from 11am – 5pm on Monongahela Avenue.

National Night out will be September 11 at 6:00 on the Honor Roll.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Stecak to donate \$100 to the South Allegheny Golf Boosters.

Roll Call: DeVerse, yes; Kowalski, absent; Nabors, yes; Norelli, yes; Stecak, yes; Trunzo, absent; Colecchi, abstain.

Yes – 4   No – 0   Abstain – 1   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

Motion made by Nabors second by DeVerse to donate \$100 to the South Allegheny Softball Cornhole Tournament.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

Motion made by DeVerse second by Norelli to donate \$100 to the Youth Kickball teams.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

### **Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors**

The Police Renovations are moving along. The demolition portion of the project is almost complete. The main focus right now is the installation of the fire alarm system throughout the entire building. The next phase is the plumbing work throughout the building.

The Borough is accepting bids for the roof replacement of the Borough building. The bids will be opened on September 10 at 10:00 and the contract will be awarded September 17 at the Regular Council Meeting.

Request for bids for the purchase of 509 7<sup>th</sup> Street were advertised on July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> with a deadline for submission of bids by August 13, 2024. No bids were received.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Norelli for the second advertisement requesting sealed bids for parties interested in purchasing 509 Seventh Street, parcel 558-C-201.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

### **Communications and Building Inspector – Councilwoman Meghan DeVerse**

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

- Certificates of Occupancy issued - 5
- Conditional Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 4
- Failed Inspections – 1

The Back Pack event that was scheduled for August 3 was rescheduled and will now be included as a part of Community Day on August 24 on the Honor Roll from noon until 4:00.

### **Fire Department and Senior Citizen's Center – Councilman Paul Trunzo (Read by Amy Nabors)**

Nick Pisciotano secured a grant for the Senior Center in the amount of \$20,000.00. This money is to do repairs and updates to the outside of the building, as well as the inside of the center.

Motion made by Norelli second by Stecak to award the bid to C. Mirabella Improvements in the amount of \$13,300 for the exterior of the Senior Center building and the interior ceiling.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

Representative Nick Pisciotto will also be hosting and Ice Cream Social at the center on September 10 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This has been rescheduled from July.

The center has secured a Podiatrist to come for foot care. He will come every nine weeks which is allowed by insurance. His next visit will be September 3 and is open to the public, but you must sign up at the center.

**Police Committee, Safety Committee – Council President Anthony Colecchi**

The next Safety Meeting will be Thursday August 29.

The Giant Eagle Mobile Market has been averaging 30 – 35 customers a week.

Tree Pittsburgh will have a booth at the upcoming Community Day. Tree planting on the swimming pool hillside will begin in the spring.

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

There were 1,265 calls for service in the month of July with 6,748 miles patrolled.

Code Enforcement sent 23 letters for code violations with 1 citation being issued.

**Borough Manager's Report – Elaina Skiba**

Updated the progress on the Long-Term Control plan for the Sewage Plant.

Upcoming grant applications are as follows:

- \$2,023,513.55 Multimodal Transportation Fund grant for sidewalk replacement of the 500, 600 and 700 blocks of Monongahela Avenue.
- LSA grant for a Brush Hog for the Public Works Department
- Clean Air Fund Grant for an electric Back Hoe.
- GEDTF (Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund) Grant for LED lights and Occupancy Sensing Controls
- Act 152 and CDBG grants for demolition

Update on the Land Bank:

**Properties being listed for sale:**

- 316 5<sup>th</sup> Street
- 311 Euclid
- 435 Iowa Avenue
- 310 N. Monongahela Avenue
- 626 Ohio Avenue

**Properties awaiting Sheriff Sale:**

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

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

Motion made by Nabors second by Norelli to authorize the appropriate Borough Officials to sign the settlement agreement with Myers Demolition and Excavation, LLC.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by DeVerse to approve a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the 12-hour shifts of the Police Department.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   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 Norelli to approve the Monthly Financial Reports.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

Motion made by Nabors second by Stecak to approve and pay General Fund bills for August in the amount of \$877,291.07.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by DeVerse to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for August in the amount of \$119,324.09.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

**New Business:**

Motion made by Nabors second by Stecak to authorize Borough Officials to sign Resolutions and paperwork for the upcoming grant applications.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

Motion made by Nabors second by Norelli to award the proposal for the Building Renovation Loan to First National Bank.

Roll Call: DeVerse, yes; Kowalski, absent; Nabors, yes; Norelli, yes; Stecak, yes; Trunzo, absent; Colecchi, yes.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by DeVerse to advertise the intent to adopt an Ordinance to approve a General Obligation Note for renovations to the Municipal Complex in an amount not to exceed \$1.8 million.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

Council please meet with the office staff to begin working on your 2025 Budget.

**Public Comments:**

Cheryl Maurice – Just wanted to thank everyone who helped with the 430-440 Erie Avenue situation, and to say what a pleasure it is having the Giant Eagle Mobile Market in town.

Edward Emerick – 400 Ohio Avenue. I am looking to see if the borough can enforce no bicycling on the sidewalks specifically in front of my house. This is becoming a real problem.

Kathy Emerick – 400 Ohio Avenue. We seem to keep having the same problems over and over again with one particular house on the block. What ever happened to the three strike you're out ordinance. We all keep calling 911, but nobody ever seems to talk to the parents. They always talk to the kids, but the parents need to know what is going on with their kids.

Richard Mattis – We just purchased a house at 2034 Washington Blvd. Rear. The house actually sits on Fairlee Drive, and we are looking to see if we can have our address changed to that since we are having issues with our mail and stuff being delivered to 2034 Washington Blvd.

I would also like to convey that your fire department does one hell of a job. I am a volunteer with Wilmerding for 27 years and you should be proud of your department. You have a good team of guys.

Motion made by Stecak second by DeVerse to adjourn.

Yes – 5   Absent – 2   Motion Carried

Submitted by:

Andrea Foster  
Borough Secretary

Approved by:

Anthony Colecchi  
President of Council