

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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, absent; Stecak, present; Trunzo, absent; Colecchi, present; Mayor DiMarco, present.

The time change for this meeting was advertised in the Mon Valley Independent on Friday, February 14, 2025.

There were no Public Comments on the Agenda Items.

Council held an executive session on Thursday, February 11, 2025 to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Kowalski to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2025.

Yes – 4 No—0 Absent—3

Motion made by DeVerse second by Stecak to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2025.

Yes – 4 No—0 Absent—3

Motion made by Stecak second by DeVerse to approve the Special Voting Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2025.

Yes – 4 No—0 Absent—3

Committee Reports:

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Councilman Angelo Norelli

Total Collections from MBM Collections for January	\$10,220.04
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent Real Estate tax	\$10,220.04
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for January	\$17,317.77
Year to date collections	\$17,317.77

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

Monthly Report given.

The DEP has been back to the Public Works garage to inspect the fuel pump. There were a few items that failed, but can be addressed easily. They want us to conduct a tank top inspection that could require excavation. McRo Construction has done the work on our Underground Storage Tanks and feels this is unnecessary. He will be working with the DEP on our behalf.

KLH has been asked to provide a professional Sanitary Sewer Rate Study. This will be an analysis to determine what the sewage rates should be given the issues we have and what we will need to address after we know the results of the ratings of the lines. The cost of this proposal is not to exceed \$5,000.

Motion made by Kowalski second by DeVerse to approve the Sanitary Sewer Rate Study provided by KLH not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Yes – 4 No—0 Absent—3

Crime Watch Parks & Recreation, GDC – Councilman Dave Kowalski

Youth Bowling continues every Saturday morning. There are about 25 children and the kids and parents really enjoy themselves.

We have received the CDBG-49 grant contract for the walking track at the 9th Street Park. Given the amount of time that has gone by, we will need to see if we are still able to do a project up there with the funds that were awarded given the increase in costs of material over the last few years.

Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors

No report given in her absence.

Communications and Building Inspector – Councilwoman Meghan DeVerse

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

- Certificates of Occupancy issued - 5
- Conditional Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 4
- Building Permits – 2
- Expired Temporary Occupancies – 2

Senator Pisciotto's satellite office is here every Wednesday from 9-4. They are here to help with any state related matters or questions such as Penn DOT issues, rebates from the state, unclaimed money, unemployment issues and much more.

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

No report given in in absence.

Police Committee, Safety Committee – Council President Anthony Colecchi

The next Safety Meeting will be Thursday February 27th at 3:00.

Update on Allegheny Together – The sign has begun production. It is on schedule and should be ready by May or June.

Update on the Giant Eagle Mobile Market – We have been having a steady stream of customers on a weekly basis.

Update on Tree Pittsburgh – Wrote a letter of support for this program. They are currently in Washington D.C. requesting more funding for their projects.

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

There were 1,281 calls for service in the month of January, with 49 Juvenile incidents. There were 7,326 miles patrolled for the month.

Borough Manager's Report

KLH Engineer has asked the ACHD for an extension to come into compliance with the inspection for the NPDES Permit. We have had repeated Fecal Coliform exceedances and need an Operational Evaluation Study. This will determine if incomplete nitrification is occurring that is leading to chloramine formation and increased chlorine demand. The cost of this 12-month study is approximately \$10,000. There are a few other minor issues for compliance as well, however this issue is the only one with a substantial cost associated with it. The DEP has approved this study.

Motion made by Stecak second by DeVerse to approve the Operational Evaluation Study as proposed by KLH Engineer in the amount of \$10,000.00.

The Borough has received a \$50,000 grant through the GEDTF for the conversion of the lights in the Borough office side of the building to LEDs. This will include LED lights, occupancy sensing controls and exit signs.

Motion made by Kowalski second by Stecak to advertise the light conversion project for the Borough Building.

Yes – 4 No—0 Absent—3

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

Motion made by Kowalski second by Stecak to approve Shawn DeVerse to post water shutoffs for delinquent sewage accounts, not to be conducted during scheduled working hours, with a stipend of \$20.00 per posting.

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

Yes – 3 No—0 Abstain – 1 Absent—3

Motion made by DeVerse second by Stecak to approve the Structure Lease Agreement for AT&T's antennas on the rooftop of the Borough Building and equipment in the interior space pending Solicitor review.

Yes – 4 No—0 Absent—3

Motion made by DeVerse second by Kowalski to authorize the Solicitor to send the notice to terminate the Borough's contract with PFM.

Yes – 4 No—0 Absent—3

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 Stecak second by Kowalski to transfer \$300,000 from the Sewer Fund Money Market account to a 3-month CD with Brentwood Bank with a fixed interest rate of 4.25%.

Yes – 4 No—0 Absent—3

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

Yes – 4 No—0 Absent—3

Motion made by DeVerse second by Kowalski to approve and pay General Fund Bills for January in the amount of \$862,831.37.

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

Yes – 3 No—0 Abstain – 1 Absent—3

Motion made by Kowalski second by Stecak to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund Bills for January in the amount of \$44,289.72.

Yes – 4 No—0 Absent—3

New Business:

Motion made by DeVerse second by Kowalski to approve Resolution No. 1 (2/18/25) authorizing the acquisition and subsequent disposition of parcel 467-R-123, 508 Cypress Alley, to Thomas Mullen through the Vacant Property Recovery Program.

Yes – 4 No—0 Absent—3

All elected officials have received their ethics forms. Please complete and return them to Andrea.

There will be a Town Hall Meeting in Council Chambers on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM to discuss the possible sale of the Sewage Plant.

Public Comments:

Andrea Norelli – Questioning why properties have to pay for trash removal if they are vacant.

Toni Cregan - Following up with the pooling of the water in front of her house.

Has anyone ever thought about looking into forming a Municipal Authority for the Sewage Plant? There is so much more access to funding if the Sewer was an Authority rather than selling it to a private company.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Stecak to adjourn.

Yes — 4 No—0 Absent—3

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Andrea Foster
Borough Secretary

Anthony Colecchi
President of Council

ABSTENTION MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2/18/25
TO: GLASSPORT BOROUGH SECRETARY
FROM: Anthony Colecchi, COUNCIL PERSON
RE: MEETING DATE: 2/18/25

Pursuant to Pennsylvania's Public Official and Employee Ethics Law, I hereby declare that I am required to abstain regarding the following issue motion:

motion to pay general fund bills

My reason/conflict for abstaining on the above is as follows:

Bills paid to my company - Colecchi's Lock & Safe, INC

Anthony Colecchi

SIGNATURE OF COUNCIL PERSON

Note: Section 3(J) requires the following procedure:

Any public official or public employee who in the discharge of his official duties would be required to vote on a matter that would result in a conflict of interest shall abstain from voting and, prior to the vote being taken, publicly announce and disclose the nature of his interest as a public record in a written memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting at which the vote is taken, provided that whenever a governing body would be unable to take any action on a matter before it because the number of members of the body required to abstain from voting under the provisions of this section makes the majority or other legally required vote of approval unattainable, then such members shall be permitted to vote if disclosures are made as otherwise provided herein. In the case of a three-member governing body of a political subdivision, where one member has abstained from voting as a result of a conflict of interest and the remaining two members of the governing body have cast opposing votes, the member who has abstained shall be permitted to vote to break the tie vote if disclosure is made as otherwise provided herein.