

Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday October 17, 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)

There was an executive session held on Wednesday September 27th at 5:00 to discuss real estate matters.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2023.

Motion to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2023.

Committee Reports:

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Councilman Angelo Norelli

Total Collections from MBM Collections for September	\$ 9,996.94
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent Real Estate tax	\$ 179,787.97
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for September	\$ 50,477.47
Year to date collections	\$ 234,983.32

Finance Committee – We will be meeting with Brentwood Bank on Wednesday October 25 to discuss what they have to offer the Borough. We are looking for better interest rates and no fee checking accounts.

Public Works - Street and Sewage Departments – Councilman Mark Stecak

The paving of the 600 and 700 blocks of Delaware has started. This project is tentatively scheduled to be finished in two weeks.

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

Many residents took advantage of the free flu shots were provided to the residents on Wednesday October 11. Thank you to McKeesport Ambulance Service and Rite Aid for doing this.

Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors

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 Oct 26 at 1:00. Bill Miller of the McKeesport Ambulance Service will be conducting a CPR Training class for the Public Works employees.

Update on Allegheny Together.

The Police Report will be read by Mayor DiMarco.

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

Motion to hire two full-time officers pending results of the oral exams and background investigations.

I have been in contact with National Fitness Campaign and hoping to have some information on equipment for the 9th Street Park. They also offer a grant opportunity to apply toward the project.

Borough Manager's Report – Elaina Skiba

Whole Home Repair update.

- 8% of the projects have been funded.
- 30 projects have been completed
- This program has made it through the State House and waiting to pass the Senate to keep this funding going.
- Looking for answers from Action Housing
- They are opening the program again starting Oct 16. I am waiting on instructions from Action Housing before I can put the information out to our residents. I do know updated income information will be requested for applications already submitted.

15 letters were mailed notifying residents with delinquent sewage that their properties would be liened by the Borough if the balances were not paid. Of those, 2 accounts, totaling \$4,375.65 have paid or made arrangements. On Friday, letters were sent certified mail to those who haven't responded. Anyone not responding in two weeks will be turned over to the Solicitor to have the lien filed on the property. The total of the delinquent accounts is \$35,787.42.

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

Motion to enter into an Agreement of Sale with Stonehenge Properties, LLC and Wendell H Stone Company, Inc. for the purchase of 12 Monongahela Avenue, to include the buildings, structures, equipment, furnishings and other improvements.

Written Reports of Borough Officials:

Tax Collector – Jennifer Bell – Report available upon request.

Treasurer's Report – Elaina Skiba.

The Treasurer's report has been sent to Council for review and there are copies for anyone who would like one. Please let me know if there are any questions.

Motion to approve the Monthly Financial Reports.

Motion to approve and pay General Fund bills for September in the amount of \$ 234,134.35

Motion to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for September in the amount of \$ 64,326.16

New Business:

Motion to advertise a budget meeting to be held on Monday October 30 at 6:00.

Information from the Board of Elections. Poling places for the November 7th election have changed to the following:

- Districts 1, 2, and 5 will vote at the PNA
- District 3 will remain at the Senior Center
- Districts 4 and 6 will vote at Queen of the Rosary

Motion to submit an application to the Community Benefit Trust for \$120,000 to pay for a portion of the renovations, rehabilitation and contents of 12 Monongahela Avenue, for the relocation of the Borough Offices, the Police Station, the Senior Center and possibly a central location to hold functions for the Youth of the Borough.

We will be working on grant applications for LSA and RCAP which will be submitted in November.

Motion to Adjourn