

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, April 18, 2023**

The regular monthly meeting of Glassport Borough Council was called to order by Anthony Colecchi, President of Council.

Pledge of Allegiance

Brief Moment of Silence for Joanne Massaro. She was very active in the Community.

Roll Call: Handra, present; Kowalski, present; Nabors, absent; Norelli, present; Stecak, present (by phone) Trunzo, present; Colecchi, present; Jr. Council Harmon, present; Mayor DiMarco, present.

There were no public comments on the Agenda Items.

Motion made by Norelli, second by Trunzo to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2023.

6 – Yes      0 – No      Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Norelli to approve the Safety Committee Meeting of March 30, 2023.

6 – Yes      0 – No      Motion Carried

**Committee Reports**

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

Delinquent taxes deposited in March, 2023	\$ 7,565.58
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Delinquent taxes collected Year to Date are:	\$ 23,920.67
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Delinquent sewage for March, 2023	\$ 11,333.25
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Delinquent sewage collected Year to Date is:	\$ 54,373.14
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The Finance Committee met with First Commonwealth Bank on April 3 for an update from our last meeting. The office will be doing training for ACH debits and interest rates were discussed for our investment accounts. At this time the bank is working with us and we are satisfied with the changes that have taken place.

The auditors will be in the Borough Council Chambers on Monday and Tuesday, April 24 and 25 to conduct the Annual Borough Audit.

**Public Works – Street and Sewage Departments – Councilman Mark Stecak**

Street Sweeping on Monongahela Ave. has started. The even side will be swept on Thursday and the odd side on Friday.

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

Spring Cleanup will be on Saturday, May 6. Dumpsters for the residents will be placed at Sixth & Allegheny Ave. They will be clearly marked with the items that **WILL NOT** be accepted for pick up. Volunteers will be able to pick up supplies at the Borough Building at 9:00AM. Depending on how many volunteers there are, we will provide a light lunch at 12:30.

There was work done at the Ninth Street Family Park. Concrete was poured for the walkway and in the pavilion and the Handicap signs were hung.

**Buildings - Councilwoman Amy Nabors read by Anthony Colecchi in her absence.**

We have been getting proposals for the asbestos survey and property survey for the Borough Building. We are still looking for companies to do the core drilling. Once all of the prices are in, Council will be able to vote on the information.

**Communications – Councilwoman Kate Handra**

I have no report.

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

The Fire Department answered 47 calls during the month of March.

The department would like to thank the Borough for permitting them to use houses deemed for demolition to train in.

County Controller Cory O’Conner visited the Senior Center on Tuesday April 4. A representative from Cory’s office came into the center today to review costs of Gas and Electric bills; they were able to assist a few members in lowering their costs.

Bingo will be held on April 25 at 12:30 PM. Bingo is open to the public.

The Center is available to rent for Graduation Parties, Showers, etc.

**Chazdine Harmon – Junior Council**

Elementary Principal Mr. Michael Calvert was named the 2023 Pittsburgh Penguins Most Valuable Principal. From over 100 principal nominations, Mr. Calvert was selected as one of 15

Regional Building Administrators across Allegheny County to be honored by the Pittsburgh Penguins, the Grable Foundation, and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. Mr. Calvert was recognized at the March 14<sup>th</sup> Penguin's Game and received a customized Pens Jersey and a \$1,000 donation to the SA Elementary School.

On April 29 the Second Annual Tony Strong Basketball Clinic will be held at the High School from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This event will be open to all children grades Kindergarten through Twelfth.

Ms. McClintok will hold her final Choral Concert this evening. She will be retiring at the end of this year after having spend 20 plus years in education. We wish Ms. McClintok all the best on her retirement.

**Police Committee, Safety Committee/Building Inspector – Council President Anthony Colecchi**

The next Safety Meeting will be on Thursday, April 27 at 3:00 PM.

Myself, Councilwoman Nabors and our Borough Manager met with Allegheny Together. We are in the process of setting up the First Committee to get things started.

Motion made by Handra second by Norelli to adopt Resolution #1 (4/18/23). This is to enter into a partnership with Allegheny Together to work on the revitalization of the Business District.

6 – Yes      0 – No      Motion Carried

**Police Report – Mayor Keith DiMarco**

The Department had 1,110 calls for the month of March, 2023.

The Body Cameras are scheduled to go live on April 24, 2023.

Chief DeVerse has secured another grant for the Police Department in the amount of \$106,000. This will be used to pay for the truck, scales and other equipment needed for Officer Krol to use once he is done with his Penn Dot Training.

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

Motion made by Kowalski second by Norelli to ratify entering into an agreement with Hufnagel excavating Inc. to repair a collapsed portion of our sewer line at Ninth and Ohio Ave. The bids were between \$7,500 and \$19,995.00. Hufnagel submitted the bid for \$7,500.

6 – Yes      0 – No      Motion Carried

Turtle Creek Valley COG has mailed bills out for trash. The payment of \$100 will be due on or before June 20. This is for service from March 1 through June 30. The next bill will be \$75 for the period of July through September.

I am currently working on a Utility Fair for our residents. The date is to be determined.

I spoke with our contact at Peoples Natural Gas. While they are doing the reconstruction after their line replacement on Fifth Street, they have agreed to pave Fifth Street to Erie Ave. in turn the Borough will pave the portion of the 700 block of Delaware where they did work. Also, since I had already secured the grant for the paving of the 600 and 700 block of Delaware, instead of them doing the road reconstruction where they were just working, they will reimburse the Borough what it would have cost for them to do that work.

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

Motion made by Norelli second by Trunzo to approve the terms and lease agreement for the property at 842 Monongahela Avenue, subject to the final review and approval of the solicitor, and authorize the proper Borough Officials to sign the lease agreement.

6 – Yes      0 – No      Motion Carried

**Written Reports of Borough Officials:**

Jennifer Bell, Tax Collector – Report available upon request

Rosana Di Marco, Treasurer – Report available upon request.

Motion made by Norelli second by Kowalski to approve the Monthly Financial Reports for March.

6 – Yes      0 – No      Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Kowalski to approve and pay General Fund bills for March in the amount of \$269,326.02.

6 – Yes      0 – No      Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Norelli to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for March in the amount of \$59,622.50.

6 – Yes      0 – No      Motion Carried

**New Business:**

Motion made by Trunzo second by Norelli to accept a letter of resignation from Treasurer Rosanna DiMarco. She is resigning her position as of May 1.

6 – Yes      0 – No      Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Norelli to ratify the hiring of Glenn Engineering as the Borough Engineer effective April 5.

6 – Yes      0 – No      Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Handra to donate \$150 to Saints Joachim and Anne Parish Community Festival.

6 – Yes      0 – No      Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Norelli to donate \$250 to Citizen’s Hose Co. #1 for a tee sponsor for their annual Golf Outing.

6 – Yes      0 – No      Motion Carried

We are continuing to take interest forms for the Whole Home Repair program. The program is scheduled to open this spring. Allegheny County is scheduled to be awarded \$12 million dollars and the COG is collecting interest forms for our residents to help prequalify anyone who is interested. All applicants must own their home and fall within the income guidelines. Please reach out to the office for an interest form or if you have any questions.

Due to the Primary Election on May 16<sup>th</sup>, our Workshop and Regular Meetings will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Handra to Adjourn.

6 – Yes      0 – No      Motion Carried

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Andrea G. Foster  
Borough Secretary

Anthony Colecchi  
President of Council