

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, AUGUST 15, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Handra, absent; Kowalski, present; Nabors, present; Norelli, present; Trunzo, absent; Colecchi, present; Jr. Council Harmon, absent; Mayor DiMarco, present.

No Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Motion made by Stecak second by Nabors to approve the minutes of the Special Voting Meeting of July 11, 2023

YES – 5 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Kowalski to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2023.

YES – 5 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Stecak to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2023.

YES – 5 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Councilman Angelo Norelli

Total Collections from MBM Collections for July	\$ 20,290.65
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent real estate tax	\$156,272.77
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for July	\$ 22,689.16
Year to date collections	\$157,982.03

Public Works – Street and Sewage Departments – Mark Stecak

Monthly Street Report given.
Monthly Sewage Report given.

No bids were received for the wall replacement in Lemon Alley. We will wait and put this back out for bid in late winter.

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

On August 20 Kickball will hold their end of the year picnic at the ballfield. Everyone is invited to come.

Community Day will be held on Saturday, August 26.

Noon – 5:00 We will have activities for children and adults

3:00 – Honor our First Responders

6:00 – 10:00 we will have performances by two bands on the Honor Roll.

The Car Show will be held on Saturday, September 9 from 11:00 – 5:00. The American Legion will be having a pancake breakfast starting at 8:00.

Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors

The Title Search has come back for 102 Seventh Street and everything is in order. We will be getting in touch with Dr. Choi to see when he would like to schedule a closing on the property.

We have received the Architect agreement for the new Borough Building with the changes from the Solicitor’s office. We are still waiting for the Construction Manager Agreement.

Communications – Councilwoman Kate Handra

No report in her absence.

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

No report in his absence.

Jr. Council, Chazdine Harmon

No report in her absence.

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

The next Safety Meeting will be on Thursday, August 24 at 7:00 AM.

Allegheny Together will hold a Town Hall Meeting on September 6 at 6:00 PM at the Borough Building. There have been 193 surveys submitted so far and the portal is still open.

Police Report – Mayor Keith DiMarco

There were 1093 calls for service for the month of July, 2023.

Borough Manager’s Report – Elaina Skiba

Bids were opened for the GEDTF Grant on July 18, 2023. El Grande Industries was the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$83,753.75.

Motion made by Stecak second by Nabors to award the project to El Grande Industries in the amount of \$83,753.75.

YES – 5 NO – 0 Motion Carried

The next Community Benefit Trust meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 24. Glassport has no new applications to submit, but we will however be closing out seven applications.

The Ninth Street Park Fencing contract has been sent out and they should be coming out soon to start the project.

The Walking Track Grant that originally came in at \$120,000 was revisited by the new engineers and it actually came in at approximately \$64,000. The additional funds needed will come out of the Trust and we can then proceed with putting this out for bid.

The Multimodal Transportation grant for paving – the specs are being created right now and will be going out for bid. The bids will be opened August 31, 2023.

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

Motion made by Norelli second by Kowalski to adopt Resolution #1 8-15-23 which is to Opt-In for CDBG and HOME Programs for Fiscal Years 2024, 2025 and 2026.

YES – 5 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Written Reports of Borough Officials:

Tax Collector – Jennifer Bell

Report available upon request.

Treasurer’s Report – Elaina Skiba

The Treasurer’s report for July is not available due to not receiving all of the account statements. It will be sent out electronically to council and the Mayor, once the accounts are reconciled and will be available to the public at next month’s meeting.

Motion made by Norelli second by Stecak to approve and pay General Fund bills for July in the amount of \$596,140.01.

YES – 5 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Nabors second by Norelli to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for July in the amount of \$68,674.81.

YES – 5 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Public Comments:

Linda Chrisman – I have complained to Elaina about my neighbor and I showed her and Mayor DiMarco pictures of all of the garbage in my neighbor’s yard. The grass is up to my knees. I have asked the owner to cut it, but he said there is nothing wrong with it. There are also people parking in front of my driveway. This has been happening for 20 years.

Colecchi – Chief DeVerse said he is aware of the problem and it is being handled.

Kowalski – Anyone who has a complaint needs to call 911 so there is a trail of what is going on.

Motion to adjourn made by Stecak second by Norelli.

YES – 5 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Submitted by:
Andrea G. Foster
Borough Secretary

Approved by:
Anthony Colecchi
President of Council