

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, DECEMBER 19, 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, present; Kowalski, present; Nabors, present; Norelli, present; Stecak, present; Trunzo, present; Colecchi, present; Jr. Council Harmon, present; Mayor DiMarco, present.

No Public Comments on Agenda Items.

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

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Nabors second by Trunzo to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2023.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

Delinquent Taxes/ Sewage and Administration – Councilman Angelo Norelli

Total Collections from MBM Collections for November	\$ 9,627.03
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent Real Estate tax	\$ 201,435.55
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for November	\$ 20,616.59
Year to date collections	\$ 284,370.96

Public Works – Street and Sewage Departments – Councilman Mark Stecak

Monthly Street Dept. report given.

Motion made by Kowalski second by Norelli to hire Ryan Galiyas to fill the vacancy on the Public Works Department.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

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

Light up Night was Saturday, November 25th. It was a huge success. Thank you to all who organized this and the people that volunteered to work.

I would just like to add that a few years back this lady sitting right here, (referring to Borough Secretary Andrea Foster) wanted to have a Christmas Parade. This was all her idea. She has started and carried on a tradition and I would like to thank her for that.

Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors

Motion made by Trunzo second by Stecak to amend the agreement with Draw Collective regarding the billing for the renovations at 12 Monongahela Ave., pending the Solicitor’s review.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Communications – Councilwoman Kate Handra

The Holiday House Decorating Contest is going on right now. The sponsors are: Glassport PNA, Mosquito Authority, Glassport Diner, Mama Pepinos and myself.

I also sent Anthony the numbers in writing for the electronic waste bid proposition.proposal.

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

There were a total of 43 calls for the month of November and 533 for the year.

Santa treats will be this Saturday, December 23rd beginning at 10:00 AM.

We would like to thank everyone who helped and supported our annual Thanksgiving dinner for the seniors.

The Senior Center held their Christmas Party for members on Friday, December 15th.

The Center will be closed the week of December 25th and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Junior Council – Chazdine Harmon

The South Allegheny Band will hold their Annual Holiday Concert tomorrow at 7:00 PM in the high school auditorium.

Two S.A. juniors, Cameron Colecchi and Teagan Noll, were recipients of Seton Hill University’s Women in Science awards for STEM. Teagan and Cameran were each awarded a \$104,000 tuition voucher to attend Seton Hill University.

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

The next Safety Meeting will be Thursday, December 21st at 1:00 PM. It will be the annual Safety Committee Training with Ray Adams from Encova.

On December 8th I attended the Allegheny Together Summit in East Pittsburgh. Glassport was recognized by Allegheny Together and Allegheny County Economic Development for our time and energy and commitment to the program.

I also submitted the first stages of the Creative Arts Grant. Should we be awarded the grant, Glassport will have art displayed in the Business District to make the area more attractive to current and potential businesses.

Police Report – Mayor Keith DiMarco

Motion made by Handra second by Kowalski to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding between Glassport Borough and Teamsters Local No. 205 for the Glassport Police Department employees, changing the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement regarding the hours worked and the pay cycle.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

The department had 1,359 calls for service for the month of November.

Borough Manager’s Report – Elaina Skiba

Motion made by Nabors second by Handra to award the demolition of 439 Monongahela Ave. to Minnifield Demolition Services, LLC in the amount of \$73,500.00.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

This is partially funded from an Act 152 Grant in the amount of \$67,000. The Borough Share will be \$6,500.00.

Motion made by Norelli second by Handra to authorize the Solicitor to provide notice of default to Myers Demolition for failure to comply with the contract terms regarding contract completion and reservation of any and all legal rights of the Borough due to said default, including a claim for liquidated damages, action against the performance bond and/or rebidding of the project. This is for the demolition of 725 Ohio Avenue and 743 Vermont Avenue. It will be rebid in January.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

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

Motion made by Nabors second by Trunzo to advertise the intent to adopt the 2024 Salary Ordinance.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by Nabors to adopt Resolution #1 (12-19-23) to remove the one-month discount when paying the trash for the entire year.

Roll Call: Handra, no; Kowalski, yes; Nabors, yes; Norelli, yes; Stecak, yes; Trunzo, yes; Colecchi, yes.

YES – 6 NO – 1 Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Stecak to approve Resolution #2 (12-19-23) 2024 Tax Levy, tax millage rate will remain at 15.49 mills.

Roll Call: Handra, no; Kowalski, yes; Nabors, yes; Norelli, yes; Stecak, yes; Trunzo, yes; Colecchi, yes.

YES – 6 NO – 1 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 it is available for the public.

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

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Stecak to approve and pay General Fund bills for November in the amount of \$1,122,170.40.

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

YES – 1 NO – 0 ABSTAIN – 1 Motion Carried

Colecchi abstained because some bills were paid to his company.

Motion made by Handra second by Norelli to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for November in the amount of \$161,294.04.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

New Business:

Motion made by Norelli second by Trunzo to accept the proposal from Brentwood Bank for the Tax Anticipation Note, pending solicitor review.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Nabors to adopt Resolution #3 (12-19-23) Tax Anticipation Note, pending solicitor review.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Trunzo to adopt Resolution #4 (12-19-23) authorizing the proper Borough officials to sign all necessary documents at the closing of the property at 102 Seventh Street.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Stecak to adopt Resolution #5 (12-19-23) increasing the Residential Rentals from \$50 to \$125 per unit effective January 1, 2024.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Stecak to advertise the Regular Meeting dates for 2024.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Norelli to advertise the Organization Meeting for January 2, 2024.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Trunzo to adopt the 2024 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$4,000,122.00.

Roll Call: Handra, no; Kowalski, yes; Nabors, yes; Norelli, yes; Stecak, yes; Trunzo, yes; Colecchi, yes.

YES – 6 NO – 1 Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Handra to adopt the 2024 Sewer Revenue Fund Budget in the amount of \$996,000.00.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

At this time the Borough of Glassport and the Glassport Development Corporation would like to recognize John D'Angelo for his past, present and future achievements.

John was presented a plaque for his accomplishments.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Handra to adjourn.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Andrea G. Foster
Borough Secretary

Anthony Colecchi
President of Council