

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, JULY 16, 2024

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

There were no public comments on the agenda items.

Motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2024 made by Stecak second by Norelli.

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

Motion to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2024 made by DeVerse second by Nabors.

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Councilman Angelo Norelli

Total Collections from MBM Collections for June	\$ 42,583.46
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent Real Estate tax	\$ 138,078.80
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for June	\$ 48,669.16
Year to date collections	\$ 189,704.21

Council has received a copy of the 2023 audit. There were no findings or issues during the audit. The Auditors were happy with the results.

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

Read Street Department report.

Crime Watch, Parks & Recreation, GDC – Councilman David Kowalski

Motion to close the 400 block of Monongahela Avenue on Saturday, August 24 for Community Day made by Nabors second by Stecak.

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors

The pre-construction meeting for the renovations to the police side of the Borough was on Friday, July 12. The architect met with all of the contractors and the Borough. Everything is in order and the work is scheduled to start immediately.

Motion to have the property at 102 Seventh Street, parcel #558-C-201 appraised made by Trunzo second by Norelli.

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

No bids were received for 509 Seventh Street, parcel #558-C-201 with the previous advertisements. We will now advertise with no minimum bid amount.

Motion to advertise the request for sealed bids for interested parties in purchasing 509 Seventh Street, parcel 558-C-201 made by Stecak second by DeVerse.

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

Communications and Building Inspector – Councilwoman Meghan DeVerse

Occupancy Inspections and permits for the month of June are:

- 5 Certificates of Occupancy issued
- 3 Failed Occupancy Inspection
- 1 Building Permit

There were 2,284 web site views for the month of June with 22,640 views year to date.

Fire Department and Senior Citizen Center – Councilman Paul Trunzo

The Firemen will hold their annual fair this coming weekend, July 19th and 20th.

There were 49 calls for the month of June, 2024.

The Allegheny County Health Department came in for an inspection of the Senior Center. Everything was in order. There were only two areas of recommendation, the ceiling tile in the kitchen area and the lack of self-closing doors on the restrooms. Both of these issues are being looked into.

Nick Pisciotano will be hosting an ice cream social at the Center on Thursday, July 25th.

Police Committee, Safety Committee – Council President Anthony Colecchi

The next Safety Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2024.

The Giant Eagle Mobile Market has been a huge success. I do have some \$5.00 of \$20.00 coupons if anyone is interested. They are literally a supermarket on wheels.

The Workman’s Compensation audit has been completed and submitted for the 5% discount on the premium.

Police Report – Mayor Keith DiMarco

There were 1,401 calls for service for the month of June with 5,257 miles patrolled.

Code Enforcement sent out letters to 37 properties and nine properties received citations.

The fishing contest had to be postponed due to the conditions of the rising water level of the river. We no longer have a riverbank. Unless something should change, we will not be able to hold a fishing contest.

Borough Manager’s Report – Elaina Skiba

Motion to ratify the advertising of the 2023 Borough Audit made by Norelli second by DeVerse.

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

Motion to pay off the tax anticipation note made by Nabors second by DeVerse.

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

Motion to approve a grant application from the Community Benefit Trust for the balance of the Trust account to be used for renovations to the Municipal Building made by Nabors second by DeVerse.

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

I had a meeting with the school district regarding possible computer classes for adults in the school district and providing a space for this program here in the borough building. Council has agreed to donate the space. Once there is more information, I will provide that to everyone.

The TCVCOG has mailed 235 delinquent letters for trash collection. Depending on the response from these letters, Council will decide the next step for collecting these delinquent accounts.

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

There was a public hearing at 6:00 this evening to consider a simple subdivision of parcel 557-B-18 at 2521 Washington Blvd. and 557-B-24 at 2529 Washington Blvd.

Motin to approve the simple subdivision of parcel 557-B-18 at 2521 Washington Blvd. and 557-B-24 at 2529 Washington Blvd. made by Stecak second by Trunzo.

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

Motion to authorize the appropriate Borough officials to sign the simple subdivision drawing for parcels 557-B-18 and 557-B-24 made by Norelli second by DeVerse.

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

Motion to approve the advertisement for financing proposals for the police department renovations at the new Municipal Complex made by Trunzo second by Stecak.

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

Motion to authorize MBM to file petitions for Tax Exemption status for the new Municipal Complex, the Senior Center, the Patterson Property and the Police Station made by Nabors second by Trunzo.

Yes - 6 No - 0 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 there are copies on the desk for the public.

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

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

Motion to approve and pay General Fund bills for June in the amount of \$317,543.68 made by Trunzo second by DeVerse.

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

Motion to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for June in the amount of \$48,798.46 made by Norelli second by DeVerse.

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

New Business:

A letter of interest was submitted to the County regarding having a Community Garden located at the old St. Cecilia church property.

Public Comments:

Michael Thomas addressed the papers he brought in last month regarding the fees for the Residential Rental License, and he inquired if the garbage bill could be included in with the taxes.

Solicitor Falco Muscante addressed the Residential Rental License matter assuring him that our fees are in line.

Anthony Colecchi addressed the garbage bill issue stating that this is something council is taking under advisement.

Kathy Emerick addressed the problem with the kids on the 400 block of Ohio Avenue. She thanked the Mayor and chief for looking into this matter stating that they do not see half of the kids that they used to see. She is just concerned about the house across the street from her and the children being left alone a lot.

Anthony Colecchi stated that every time she sees this happening to just call the police.

Motion to adjourn made by Paul Trunzo second by Amy Nabors.

Yes - 6 No - 0 Motion Carried

Submitted by:

Andrea Foster
Borough Secretary

Approved by:

Anthony Colecchi
President of Council