

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, JUNE 18, 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, present; Nabors, absent; Norelli, present; Stecak, present; Trunzo, absent; Colecchi, present; Mayor DiMarco, present.

Rosemary Bradley questioned where the money is going to come from for the Police Station renovations.

Motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2024 made by DeVerse second by Stecak.  
YES – 5      NO – 0

Motion to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of May 30, 2024 made by Norelli second by Stecak.

YES – 5      NO – 0

**Committee Reports:**

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

Total Collections from MBM Collections for May	\$ 30,766.49
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent Real Estate tax	\$ 96,779.58
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for May	\$ 17,222.86
Year to date collections	\$ 141,035.05

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

Read Street Department report.

The Core Drilling on Summit is scheduled to start the week of June 24. Once this work is complete and the investigation is done, the Borough will be provided the recommendation for the remediation of this road. Summit has also been posted with signs for Local Traffic only.

Motion to proceed with the permitting process for PA DEP approval of a planned bypass for the Channeling Wall repair work made by DeVerse second by Norelli.

YES – 5      NO – 0

Motion to enter into an agreement with Edge AI for a monthly subscription, not to exceed \$2,000 a month for equipment rental to begin the televising of the Borough’s main sewer made by Kowalski second by DeVerse.

YES – 5      NO – 0

Motion to proceed with the televising of the Borough’s Main sewer to include inspection and PACP coding not to exceed \$2.50 per foot made by Norelli second by Kowalski.

YES – 5      NO – 0

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

Motion to donate \$150 to Mon Valley Back Pack Drive made by Stecak second by DeVerse.

YES – 5      NO – 0

Motion to close Eighth Street from Monongahela Avenue to Allegheny Avenue on June 30, July 28 and August 25 from Noon to 4:00 PM for mini car cruises made by DeVerse second by Norelli.

YES – 5      NO – 0

**Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors (read by Anthony Colecchi in her absence).**

Motion to award the following lowest responsible bids for the Police Station Renovations; Graham Construction in the amount of \$618,669.00; Plumbing Construction – Vrabel Plumbing in the amount of \$327,200.00; HVAC Construction – Hranec Sheet Metal in the amount of \$119,870.00; Electrical Construction – Uzmack Electric in the amount of \$106,655.00 made by Stecak second by Norelli.

YES – 5      NO – 0

The advertisement for the sale of 509 Seventh Street was published on June 4, 2024 and the bids were due today. There were no bids received.

Motion to advertise the sale of 509 Seventh Street following the bid process as directed by the Borough Code made by DeVerse second by Kowalski.

YES – 5      NO – 0

**Communications and Building Inspector – Councilwoman Meghan DeVerse**

The Mon Valley Back Pack Drive will be held on August 3 on the Honor Roll. They are currently asking for donations of small hand sanitizer bottles, small personal tissue packets and 24 count packs of crayons. Anyone interested in donating can drop donations off at the Borough office, Mon – Fri 8:00 AM -4:00 PM.

Occupancy Inspections and permits for the month of May are:

- 9 Certificates of Occupancy issued
- 1 Failed Occupancy Inspection
- 7 Conditional Permits Issued for Closings

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

No report given in his absence.

**Police Committee – Council President Anthony Colecchi**

The next Safety Meeting will be Thursday, June 27, 2024.

The Giant Eagle Mobile Market is just waiting on their final permits from the state and then they will begin coming to Glassport every Thursday from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

The Fishing Contest will be held on Sunday, July 14 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

I have organized a Blood Drive for Jasiah Jones, a local young man from a neighboring borough. He is need of blood transfusions during his cancer treatments. It will be held here at the borough building on July 1, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 7:0 PM.

I will be meeting with Allegheny Together along with Allegheny County Department of Community and Economic Development on Thursday. A report will be given at the next meeting.

**Police Report - Mayor Keith DiMarco –**

Police Report is available upon request.

There were 1,412 calls for service with 8,085 miles patrolled for the month of May, 2024.

The Dash Cams are installed and working properly.

Motion to lift the probation period effective immediately for Officer #5656 made by Stecak second by Kowalski.

YES – 5      NO – 0

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

Motion to authorize the appropriate Borough Officials to sigh the Tri-COG Land Bank Proposed Property Disposition paperwork for 626 Ohio Avenue made by DeVerse second by Norelli.

YES – 5      NO – 0

The following are properties that are now owned by the Land Bank and in the process of being listed for sale with an owner occupant:

310 N. Monongahela Avenue

316 5<sup>th</sup> Street

435 Iowa Avenue

626 Ohio Avenue

These are the properties that are awaiting Sheriff Sale:

843 Delaware

319 N Monongahela Avenue

311 Euclid Avenue

250 letters have been sent to the property owners regarding delinquent trash balances. If there is no response to the letter, these accounts will be turned over to a collection agency.

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

I have nothing to report on.

**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 DeVerse second by Kowalski.

YES – 5      NO – 0

Motion to approve and pay General Fund Bills for May in the amount of \$357,271.01 made by Stecak second by Norelli.

YES – 5      NO – 0

Motion to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund Bills for May in the amount of \$65,505.31 made by Norelli second by DeVerse.

YES – 5      NO – 0

Motion to enter into agreement with Waste management for Electronic Waste Recycling, with a cost of \$250 for a one-time delivery fee for the dumpster, \$699 for the dumpster and a monthly fee of \$20 made by Stecak second by DeVerse.

YES – 5      NO – 0

There will be a public hearing at 6:00 on July 16<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers to consider a consolidation of lots for parcel 557-B-18 at 2521 Washington Boulevard and 557-B-24 at 2529 Washington Boulevard.

Motion to advertise a request for proposals for funding of the renovations of the Police Department made by DeVerse second by Norelli.

YES – 5      NO – 0

Motion to authorize the Solicitor to take all action necessary regarding securing funding for the renovations of the Police Department, and approve all necessary Resolutions and/or the advertisement of any necessary Ordinances to secure the funding made by Norelli second by Stecak.

YES – 5      NO – 0

**Public Comments:**

All comments will be limited to three minutes.

Cheryl Maurice – I would like to see benches put on the main street for people who are walking and need to take a little break.

Michael Thomas – I have documents here from my attorney regarding the Residential Rental license fees from another borough I would like you to look at.

Kathy Emerick, Edward Emerick, Dodi Kellerman, Denise Johnson – Residents from the 400 block of Ohio Avenue with concerns about the juveniles in the area vandalizing properties and causing a lot of destruction in the area.

John Carlo Lies – My partner and I are looking to purchase the property at 716 Delaware Avenue and we are here to see what kind of permitting we need to do the necessary renovations and see if there is anyone we can partner with to make them.

Rosemary Bradley gave up her time to allow the residents from the 400 block of Ohio Avenue to continue their discussion.

Motion to adjourn made by Stecak second by DeVerse.

YES – 5      NO – 0

Submitted by:

Andrea Foster  
Borough Secretary

Approved by:

Anthony Colecchi  
President of Council