REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, June 20, 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 (by phone); Kowalski, present; Nabors, present; Norelli, present; Stecak, present Trunzo, present; Colecchi, present; Jr. Council Harmon, present; Mayor DiMarco, present.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Motion made by Kowalski second by Stecak to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of May 9, 2023.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Nabors to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2023.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Councilman Angelo Norelli

Delinquent taxes deposited in May, 2023 \$ 38,961.50

Delinquent taxes collected Year to Date are: \$103,906.10

Delinquent sewage for May, 2023 \$ 14,527.48 Delinquent sewage collected Year to Date is: \$ 89,276.47

Public Works – Street and Sewage Departments – Councilman Mark Stecak

Monthly Street Dept. report was read.

Cargill has acknowledged receipt of the Borough's intent to extend the existing contract for an additional one-year term. This will take the adjusted bid price for salt to \$85.85 per ton through June 30, 2024. The Borough has placed an order for 400 ton of salt for the 2023-2024 winter season.

People's Gas will be starting work on the 300 block of Erie at the end of June to replace their gas line.

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

The pavilion, concrete, ADA parking and ADA sign have been completed on the Ninth Street Park Project. The county will be in to inspect and we will be able to close out that grant. The next phase will be the fencing for the park and the small basketball court area.

Motion made by Norelli second by Handra to ratify the advertisement for the Fence Project for the Ninth Street Park. Bids to be opened July 5, 2023.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Trunzo to approve Payment #2 to BCS Construction in the amount of \$9,167.75 for completion of the Ninth Street Park Project.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors

There was a town hall meeting on Tuesday June 13, 2023 to discuss the condition of the Borough Building and the Public Works garages. Those in attendance received the information that caused Council to make the decision to find a temporary office space, demolish the Borough Building and rebuild. The garages will also be addressed during this project.

We have received the signed letter from Dr. Choi acknowledging our meeting and tour of his building he is offering to donate to the Borough to be used as a temporary office space. The Solicitor has received the title search back that the property is free and clear of liens. We will now be able to start the process of transferring the property to the Borough.

Handra – Shouldn't we be voting on this?

Colecchi – We did at the last meeting and you abstained four times.

Communications – Councilwoman Kate Handra

We had discussed at the Workshop for the Electronic Recycling Program and involving the school district in it. I went to the district and presented the program to them and they said they will discuss it at their next board meeting and stay in contact with me.

I also asked the school about the stadium property. Many people are asking me about it since it is located in Glassport. The following statement was put out: South Allegheny School District in cooperation with Glassport Borough put out a traffic study. This study was requested by Potential Business Partnership for the stadium property. This is all that can be released at the moment. More information will follow as it becomes available. This has been released by the Superintendent.

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

Senior Center – Bingo will be held on June 27, 2023 beginning at 12:30 PM The public is welcome to attend.

The center will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023 for the holiday.

Fire Department – There were 49 calls for the month of May, and 255 calls for the year.

The annual fair will be held on Friday July 14 and Saturday July 15, 2023.

Motion made by Handra second by Stecak to approve Citizen's Hose Company's request for their annual Fireman's Fair:

- Fri July 14 close down Allegheny Ave for the street fair from 7:00pm 11:00pm.
- Sat July 15 close down 1st through 7th Streets for the parade from 4:00pm 6:00pm.
- To close the 500 block of Monongahela from 5:00pm 12:00am for the street fair.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Jr. Council – Chazdine Harmon

SA's DaShawn Carter was named Most Positive Boys Multi-Sport Athlete in Western PA! It is a great honor for DaShawn to be recognized as one of the award winners in this year's Positive Athlete Western Pennsylvania program!

David McDonald was named Superintendent of South Allegheny School District. Mr. McDonald has spent 23 years in Education, with the last 13 in Administration. He is 100% invested in South Allegheny's future!

Congratulations to Bill Cleary: Bill is the FIRST & ONLY SA graduate to be inducted into the WPIAL Hall of Fame!

SA's Girls Volleyball Camp will be held from June 21 through July 31. All girls from Fifth to Eighth grade are invited to attend.

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

The next Safety Meeting will be Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 3:00 PM.

The Allegheny Together Committee did a walkthrough of the business district on May 22. The next meeting will be held on July 5, 2023.

Police - Mayor Keith DiMarco

There were 1123 calls for the month of May, 2023.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Nabors to advertise, test and hire a full-time police officer.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Borough Manager's Report – Elaina Skiba

Motion made by Kowalski second by Stecak to ratify the Authorized Official Resolution, to request a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant in the amount of \$244,600.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Off-Road Vehicle Park.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Stecak to ratify a Letter of Commitment for the GTRP grant for the Borough Share of \$50,000.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

The COG was in the borough office on Friday, June 16 helping people submit applications for the Whole Home Repair Program. They had about 25 to 30 people attend. The deadline for these applications is June 30.

Solicitor's Report - Falco Muscante, Maiello, Brungo and Maiello, LLC

Motion made by Norelli second by Nabors to advertise with the intent to adopt an Ordinance establishing a Fats, Oils and Grease Program to limit discharge into the sanitary sewer system.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by Trunzo to adopt Ordinance No. 1224 amending Ordinance 1077 as amended by Ordinance 1029 to prohibit parking on the South side of Eighth Street between Maryland Avenue and Peach Alley.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Stecak to adopt Ordinance No. 1225 amending Ordinance 1212 restricting truck traffic on certain streets.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Nabors to advertise with the intent to adopt an Ordinance amending the Peddling and Soliciting Ordinance regarding permitted hours and days and imposing permit fees.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Norelli to advertise with the intent to adopt an Ordinance revising the sewer rates, including imposing and operating and maintenance fee, subject to the receipt of a supporting engineer analysis.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Written Reports of Borough Officials:

Tax Collector - Jennifer Bell

Report available upon request.

Treasurer's Report – Elaina Skiba

Report given for the months of April and May, 2023. Reports available for the public.

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

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Kowalski to approve and pay General Fund bills for May in the amount of \$254,290.65.

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

Colecchi – I am abstaining because some bills were paid to a family member.

Motion made by Stecak second by Handra to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for May in the amount of \$67,684.79.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

New Business:

Michael Wilbon has asked for use of the Honor Roll on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. He plans to hand out backpacks filled with supplies to the kids. He is looking to have food, games and other entertainment. He is asking that the block be closed off during this event.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Kowalski to approve the 400 block of Monongahela Ave. be closed from Noon – 3:00PM on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Nabors to ratify the Slums and Blight Resolution between Glassport Borough and Allegheny County Economic Development, through the Community Development Block Grant for the demolition of 701 Delaware Avenue.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Handra to ratify the Concurring Resolution between Glassport Borough and Allegheny County Economic Development formally requesting \$120,000 of CDBG funds for the demolition of 701 Delaware Avenue.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Nabors to enter into an agreement with Mark Kapsha to maintain the electronic sign and the Borough website for a monthly stipend of \$125.00.

Handra – Why are we going to pay someone when we had someone doing it for free?

Colecchi – That is a question that has to be answered in Executive Session.

Handra – Ok. I will bring the logs and everything my attorney obtained from the website.

Motion made by Handra to table this matter. There was no second to table this motion.

Original motion made by Kowalski second by Nabors to enter into an agreement with Mark Kapsha to maintain the electronic sign and the Borough website for a monthly stipend of \$125.00.

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

6 – Yes 1 – No Motion Carried

Handra – Bull Shit.

Kowaslki - What did she say?

Handra – I didn't say anything.

Motion made by Norelli second by Trunzo to advertise the GEDTF project, bid to be opened July 18, 2023.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Stecak to ratify the advertisement for part-time seasonal help, applications were due Monday, June 19.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Nabors second by Norelli to ratify the hiring of two part-time seasonal employees to start on June 20, 2023 with an hourly rate of \$14 an hour for eight weeks.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

A presentation was made to Carl Inks for 45 years of involvement with the Fishing Contest for the children in the Borough.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Nabors to adjourn.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Submitted by: Approved by:

Andrea G. Foster Anthony Colecchi
Borough Secretary President of Council