

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, March 21, 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; Trunzo, present; Colecchi, present; Jr. Council Harmon, absent; Mayor DiMarco, present.

Motion made by Handra, second by Norelli to add a motion disciplining employee 1234 because of a situation that was brought to our attention this evening.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by Kowalski to approve the Special Voting Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2023.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Nabors to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2023.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by Nabors to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2023.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Councilman Angelo Norelli

Delinquent taxes deposited in February, 2023	\$ 9,203.24
Delinquent taxes collected Year to Date are:	\$ 17,766.12
Delinquent sewage for February, 2023	\$ 31,767.57
Delinquent sewage collected Year to Date is:	\$ 43,039.89

The Finance Committee met with First Commonwealth Bank on March 1 to discuss some of our problems.

Public Works – Street and Sewage Departments – Councilman Mark Stecak

Update on the Ohio Avenue project. Peoples is scheduled to be completed the second week of April and then the restoration will begin. They will keep us updated as they move forward. The new project on Fifth Street from Indiana Ave. to Cypress Alley will begin on March 20. There is no time frame for completion.

Monthly Street Report given.

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

The contracts for the work at the Ninth Street Park have been signed and uploaded to the DCNR portal. We should receive the Notice to Proceed from the county in the next few weeks.

Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors

Council has discussed other options to relocate the office due to the condition of the Borough Building. We will be looking at other possibilities in the upcoming weeks. If any options are acceptable but do not have room for storing files, we will need to order a POD and have records stored in them temporarily off site. The PODs are stored indoors at a facility in Trafford.

Communications – Councilwoman Kate Handra

I have no report this evening.

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

There were 41 calls for the month of February.
A fire drill was held at the retirement residence.

2023 dues are still being collected at the Senior Center. Dues are \$10 per year.

The Center was able to work with Nick Pisciotano’s office to get one day of tax preparations. Approximately 18 people were assisted.

County Controller Cory O’Connor will be visiting the Center on Tuesday April 4.

Bingo will be held on Tuesday March 28th at 12:30 PM. Bingo is open to the public.

Chazdine Harmon – Junior Council

No report due to her absence.

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

The next Safety Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 3:00 PM. The topic for the meeting will be Ladder Safety since March is Ladder Safety Month.

The .gov emails for the police department are up and running and the department is now using @glassportpapd.gov as their email address.

We have been approved for the Allegheny Together Project. The kick off meeting will be held on March 27. This will be a giant step forward for Glassport.

Police Report – Mayor Keith DiMarco

There were 1, 024 calls during the month of February, 2023.

Office Krol will be attending the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Class in Harrisburg.

Motion made by Norelli second by Stecak to discipline employee 1234.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

The written and oral promotional tests were held for the positions of Sergeant and Lieutenant on Friday, March 17, 2023. Chief DeVerse and I have recommended appointing Officer Castro to Sergeant and Sergeant Breisinger to Lieutenant.

Motion made by Kowalski second by Norelli to appoint Officer Castro the position of Sergeant.

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

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by Nabors to appoint Sergeant Breisinger to the position of Lieutenant.

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

YES – 6 NO – 0 ABSTAIN - 1 Motion Carried

Handra stated that she abstained because she knows Lieutenant Breisinger personally and they hang out together.

Borough Manager – Elaina Skiba

The database for the property owners has been completed and sent to Turtle Creek Valley COG. They are working on the final details and this should be completed soon. We are hoping to have the billing up and running in the next few weeks.

There was a meeting the DEP and the Allegheny County Health Department on March 9, 2023. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Long-Term control Plan and Permitting for the Sewage Plant. The Borough was told that within the next five years we must televise all 20 miles of our lines, rate any defects that are a 4 or 5, repair said defects and then submit a compliance report. We will need to bid this project out with different options.

A Statement of Financial Interest has been given to all elected officials.

I would like to thank Senator Brewster and Representative Pisciotano for their support in a grant that was submitted for the Off-Road Vehicle Park. We were awarded \$56,065 for: Signage, Block Building; Swing Gate; Security Cameras and Hози Block.

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

Motion made by Norelli second by Trunzo to adopt, retroactive to March 1, 2023, Ordinance No. 1223 establishing a Municipal Services Fee for the Collection of Solid Waste.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Norelli to adopt Resolution No. 1 (3/18/23), Municipal Services Fee Resolution.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Norelli to adopt changes to the Fee Schedule Resolution.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Stecak to adopt a Resolution Establishing Guidelines for Attendance at Conferences and Events.

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 Nabors to approve the list of delegates attending the ALOM Conference as presented pending accommodations.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Written Reports of Borough Officials:

Jennifer Bell, Tax Collector – Report available upon request.

Rosanna DiMarco, Treasurer – Report available upon request.

Motion made by Nabors second by Stecak to approve the Monthly Financial Reports for February, 2023.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Nabors second by Norelli to approve and pay General Fund Bills for February, 2023 in the amount of \$329,750.31.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by Norelli to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for February, 2023 in the amount of \$60,837.13.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

New Business:

We are continuing to take interest forms for the Whole Home Repair program. The program is scheduled to open this spring. Allegheny County is scheduled to be awarded \$12 million dollars and the COG is collecting the interest forms for our residents to help prequalify anyone interested. All applicants must own their home and fall within the income guidelines. Please reach out to the office for an interest form or if you have any questions.

On February 23, 2023, members of the Borough met with PFM, KLH engineers and two interested parties regarding the possible sale of the Sewage Plant. There were presentations given by all and tours of the plant and pump stations. These Management Meetings are just another step in the due diligence of looking into the sale of the plant. Before Council makes any decisions, there will be another Town Hall meeting to present the residents with the information.

We have received the Liquid Fuels allocations for 2023 in the amount of \$131,712.58.

Steve Leshnock – 825 Ohio Avenue

I have lived in my house on Ohio Ave. for 20 years. When I first moved in, the water pressure was so high that I had to put a pressure regulator on my line. Now, there is no pressure coming in and the volume of the water has dropped to about 3 gallons per minute. It takes forever to fill up any kind of container. All of my neighbors have the same issue.

Dave Kowalski made a presentation to Bryce Epps for scoring the most points in the history of South Allegheny Basketball.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Stecak to adjourn.

YES – 7 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Andrea G. Foster
Borough Secretary

Anthony Colecchi
President of Council