

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

There were no Public Comments on the Agenda Items.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Norelli to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2024.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Stecak to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2024.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

**Committee Reports:**

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

Total Collections from MBM Collections for April	\$ 2,451.55
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent Real Estate tax	\$ 35,872.55
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for April	\$ 23,442.10
Year to date collections	\$ 123,812.19

I also have the list of Delinquent Garbage Accounts that we will start working on next.

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

Read Street Department report.

Motion made Kowalski second by Nabors to hire Cody Deliman for part-time seasonal, temporary employment at \$14.00 an hour.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

There are a number of repairs and issues that need to be addressed at the Sewage Plant:

- Champion Brand Air Compressor and Motor:    \$4,543.10
- Grundfos Booster Pump and Motor:            \$5,623.79
- Replace/Repair Channeling wall                \$40,000.00 (quote from 2021)

We are waiting on the updated cost estimate for the Channeling Wall at the Sewage Plant and then the work will be advertised for bid.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Trunzo to advertise for bids for the repair of the Channeling Wall.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

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

National Night Out will be held on at the Honor Roll on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. All are welcome to attend.

**Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors**

Motion made by Stecak second by Kowalski to approve the quote from Tobey Karg for work to four of the Roof Top Units at the Borough Building at a price of \$9,490.00.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

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

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

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

Occupancy Inspections and permits for the month of April were:

- 3 Certificates of Occupancy issued
- 1 Failed Occupancy Inspection
- 8 Conditional Certificates of Occupancy for Closing issued

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

Fire Department – There were 60 calls for service for the month of April, 2024, and a total of 255 for the year.

The Annual Street Fair will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> this year. The Battle of the Barrel will be on Friday and the Annual Parade on Saturday with a start time of 5:00 PM

Club 22 and Club 139 will be hosting a Pirate Game Bus Trip on August 3, 2024. Anyone can sign up at the club if they would like to attend.

Senior Center - The Center received their Non-Profit (501c3) paperwork on May 14, 2024.

We have 3 bids for the work to be done on the outside of the building and the ceiling inside. Jamie is working with Nick Pisciotano’s office to see if any funding or assistance is available. There is a local company willing to donate several squares of the siding.

There will be a bus trip to The Rivers on Wednesday June 12, 2024. Sign up at the Center.

Motion made by Kowalski second by Stecak to close the 500 block of Monongahela Avenue and the 500 block of Oak Way, Friday, July 19, 2024 from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM and July 20, 2024 from 4:00 PM to Midnight for the Fire Department’s annual fair.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

**Junior Council – Chazdine Harmon**

Our High School Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Ramsey, shared their passion for music with the residents of the Retirement Residence of Glassport, creating a heartwarming and memorable experience for all, bringing joy and music, spreading positivity, and fostering a sense of community.

The Chorus Concert will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the High School Auditorium. We have four Seniors in the class this year.

Tonight is Steel Center’s Senior Recognition Ceremony for our SA students enrolled in their Career & Technical Education programs. Among the SA students being recognized tonight are Abby Horwat (Outstanding Senior Award for Baking & Pastry) Nevaeh Marshall (Challenge Program Award for STEM) & Baine Dickey for (Veterinarian Excellence Award). The Class of 2024 is one of the largest graduating senior classes ever at Steel Center.

**Police Committee, Safety Committee – Council President Anthony Colecchi**

Motion made by Kowalski second by Nabors to advertise the Police Station Renovations at the Municipal Complex for bids. This ad will run for three weeks. The bid opening will be Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

The next Safety Meeting will be Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 3:00 Pm.

I met with Allegheny Together a few weeks ago and their funding has been extended so they will continue to work with the borough. We will meet with them, Pittsburgh Glass and the Allegheny County Economic Development in mid June.

The Giant Eagle Mobile Market will be coming into town in the coming weeks. They are looking to be here on Thursdays, and they are looking for a minimum of 30 customers per week.

Mayor’s Report – Read by Anthony Colecchi in the Mayor’s Absence

The Department had 1,411 calls for service for the month of May, 2024.

There were 11 non-traffic citations, 135 Traffic citations issued along with 33 Criminal arrests. There were also 133 Juvenile incidents.

The LPR cameras are installed and working perfectly.

Code Enforcement – Nine properties were sent 10-day warning letters. Three properties have had numerous citations filed against them.

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

Motion made by Norelli second by Stecak to approve paying Myers Demolition for the work at 743 Vermont Avenue and 725 Ohio Avenue based off of the recommendation by Glenn Engineering. This is an Act 152 Grant and the payment amount is \$28,600.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

We are still working on the Mansfield Bridge to make it a safer area for vehicles to use.

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

Motion made by Nabors second by DeVerse to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between Glassport Police Department and South Allegheny School District.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Norelli to adopt Resolution 1 (5-21-24) authorizing the transfer of the property at 558-K-113 to the South Allegheny School District in consideration of the cost of demolition.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by Norelli to accept the insurance policy limits of \$10,000.00 from Progressive Insurance for property damage to the Mansfield Bridge ramp railing and authorize the proper officials to sign the release.

7 – Yes    0 – No    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 made by DeVerse second by Stecak to approve the Monthly Financial Reports.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Norelli to approve and pay General Fund bills for April in the amount of \$373,258.51

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

Motion made by Nabors second by Trunzo to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for April in the amount of \$221,423.73.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

**New Business**

Motion made by Stecak second by DeVerse to ratify a notice to proceed given to Ackenheil Engineers for Core Drilling and investigating the land slide on Summit Avenue

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

Signs have been ordered that will limit heavy vehicles on Summit and Waste Management has been notified to avoid that area with the large vehicles.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Nabors to pay No Sweat Services \$23,100 for the Lemon Alley Retaining Wall project, based off of Glenn Engineering’s recommendation for satisfactory completion. This will be paid with funds from the Community Benefit Trust.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by Nabors to approve payment to Minnifield Construction for the demolition of 439 Monongahela Avenue pending review by Glenn Engineering. Act 152 Funds in the amount of \$67,000 and Borough Funds in the amount of \$6,500.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

Request from River City Church to use the Honor Roll on August 10 for the annual concert.

The following is the list of funds that were used to purchase the new Borough Building:

\$450,000	COVID-19 ARPA Grant
\$100,000	Sales Tax surplus from what was budgeted for 2023
\$100,000	Sewer Fund Money Market
\$80,000	Grant reimbursement from 2019 GEDF grant
\$104,000	CD's at the credit union that were earning .5%
<b>\$834,000</b>	<b>Available funds to purchase 12 Monongahela Avenue</b>

Presentation was made to Chazdine Harmon as she attends her last meeting as a Junior Councilperson. She was recognized by Glassport Borough, Representative Nick Pisciotano, and the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's.

**Public Comment**

Jamie Trunzo – I know it is an ongoing issue with the Seniors about where we are going, are we staying or are we leaving, and the last I heard is that we are staying here, but I would like to know if there will be some type of formal agreement with the Center and the Borough as to how long we will be here and what we will be responsible for.

Colecchi – We will be working on something and we will get back to you.

Dale Popovich – That is one thing I wanted to talk about, but I assume the Senior Center is not closing.

The next thing is about the safety on the Mansfield Bridge. Can we install a traffic signal at the end of the bridge:

Skiba – The county has already reached out to Penn Dot and Penn Dot has denied the request. They said it would interrupt the flow of traffic.

My final question what is the property at 558-K-113?

Skiba – That is the ballfield.

Troy Powell – I live at 924 Vermont Avenue and I would just like to complain about the grass across the alley at the auto store. I have been cutting it, but it is not my responsibility and I am not going to do it anymore.

Colecchi – I would suggest that you start with Code Enforcement and then we can take it from there.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Nabors to adjourn.

7 – Yes    0 – No    Motion Carried

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Andrea G. Foster  
Borough Secretary

Anthony Colecchi  
President of Council

