

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, May 9, 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 (by phone); 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 Handra second by Stecak to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Stecak to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2023.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Committee Reports

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Councilman Angelo Norelli

Delinquent taxes deposited in April, 2023	\$ 39,124.21
Delinquent taxes collected Year to Date are:	\$ 64,944.80
Delinquent sewage for April, 2023	\$ 12,826.63
Delinquent sewage collected Year to Date is:	\$ 45,532.01

The auditors conducted their yearly audit for the Borough. Everything went well and we should have our findings in the next 6-8 weeks.

The office staff will be setting up training to learn how to submit payroll with ADP electronically. This system will save time and be a much more accurate way of submitting payroll for the Borough.

Public Works – Street and Sewage Departments – Councilman Mark Stecak

Monthly Street Department report was read.

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

Spring Cleanup was held on May 6. I would like to thank all the volunteers who came to help clean the borough. There were 30 volunteers that signed up and others who did not sign up but were working around the borough.

The Ninth Street Park Pavilion and concrete work are complete. The asphalt parking bumper, signs and line painting should be finished by next week. This should complete this phase of the project. The engineers are working on the fencing for the park and the basketball court and will be getting that out for bid.

Buildings - Councilwoman Amy Nabors read by Anthony Colecchi

We received quotes from two companies to move the Borough office. Don Farr quoted \$1,524.34 - \$1,734.34. Two men and A Truck quoted \$3,127.64 - \$3,927.64

Motion made by Handra second by Norelli to accept the quote from Don Farr in the amount of \$1,524.34 - \$1,734.34 and schedule for June 26, 2023.

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

Communications – Councilwoman Kate Handra

I have no report.

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

There were 44 calls for service for the Month of April, 2023.

Club 22 will host Tim Litvin on May 19th starting at 8:00 PM outside at Club 22.

The Senior Center will be closed on Tuesday May 16 for Election Day.

Bingo will be held on Tuesday, May 30 at 12:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to come.

Chazdine Harmon – Junior Council

This will be the last week of Regular Season Play for the SA Baseball Team. The team finished 3rd in their division and secured a playoff spot. Playoff pairings will be announced on Thursday along with the time, place and date of the first-round games.

SA freshman Adam Jackowski was named one of the Top Stars, Best Performances in PA High School baseball for pitching 6.2 innings & allowing just 1 hit while striking out 15 batters in 1-0 win over Keystone Oaks!

Revan Sheader was the recipient of The John Philip Sousa award. It is in recognition of outstanding achievement and interest in instrumental music, for singular merit in loyalty and cooperation, and for displaying those high qualities of conduct that school instrumental music requires.

Ms. Kadar held her final band concert last week. Ms. Kadar will be retiring after spending 30 years at South Allegheny. We wish Ms. Kadar the best of luck.

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

The next Safety Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 3:00 PM.

Glenn Engineering has completed the Traffic Study for certain streets in the borough. This is going to enable the police to cite the trucks that are detouring on the side streets causing damage to borough and private property.

On Monday, May 22, 2023 Allegheny Together will be at the borough to meet with the core committee and do a walkthrough of the business district.

Police Report – Mayor Keith DiMarco

There were 1,237 police calls for the month of April, 2023.

The Fishing Contest for borough children ages 2-15 will be held on Sunday, June 11 from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM at the Harrison Street Riverfront.

Motion made by Handra second by Stecak to accept the resignation of Officer Wolfe effective April 26, 2023.

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

Motion made by Norelli second by Handra to authorize the Civil Service Commission to advertise and administer a Civil Service Test for a police officer.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Borough Manager's Report – Elaina Skiba

Met with Glenn Engineers and brought them up to speed with all of the pending grants, the new grants we would like to apply for and other issues we have in the borough.

Update on the GEDTF grant – on Monday myself and the engineers met with the county to get this project moving. The County brought Glenn Engineers up to speed since KLH submitted the application and Glenn will be supervising the project. We will have a better timeline for this project in a week or so. The contract has been signed and returned to the ACED.

These properties have been submitted to the Land Bank.

702 Sixth Street

722 Delaware Avenue

816 Delaware Avenue

843 Delaware Avenue

311 Euclid Avenue

401 Euclid Avenue

The School District and the Delinquent Tax Collector have been informed.

Motion made by Handra second by Kowalski to pay BCS for the concrete work at the Ninth Street Park pending review by Glenn Engineering

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Stecak to pay Lutterman Contracting for the Blight Remediation grant pending review by Glenn Engineering for the demolition of 519 Delaware, 403 Erie and 624 Indiana Front and Rear.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

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

Motion made by Norelli second by Handra to advertise with the intent to adopt an Ordinance prohibiting parking of the South side of Eighth Street between Maryland and Peach.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Kowalski to adopt Resolution No. 1 (5/9/2023) amending and creating an entirely new building number and street address for a certain property within the borough and providing and effective date thereof. 1048 Ohio Avenue was created for CSX to install a Dish Wireless Cell Tower on their property.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Stecak to advertise the intent to adopt an Ordinance amending the restrictions of truck traffic on certain roads within the Borough of Glassport.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

We received two proposals for the signs for the South Allegheny Graduates, Class of 2023.

Colecchi's Athletics	\$8.90 per sign	Guy Norelli Graphics	\$9.20 per sign.
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Motion made by Kowalski second by Norelli to award the bid to Colecchi's Athletics.

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

Anthony Colecchi abstained because the owner of the company that is being awarded the bid is a direct family member.

Written Reports of Borough Officials

Tax Collector – Jennifer Bell

Report available upon request.

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

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Stecak to approve and pay the General Fund bills for April in the amount of \$330,378.02.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Trunzo to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for April in the amount of \$49,929.81.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

New Business:

Motion made by Norelli second by Kowalski to adopt Resolution 2 (5/9/2023) Concurring Resolution for GEDTF Grant.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Election Day will be held on Tuesday May 16. Polling places for the Borough are River City Church District 5, Club 22 Districts 4 and 6, Senior Center District 3 and Borough Building Districts 1 and 2.

There will be a Town Hall meeting at 6:00 prior to the workshop on Tuesday June 13 to discuss the condition of the Borough building the move of the Borough office.

There will be a Town Hall meeting to discuss the progress of the potential sale of the sewage plant. This will be August 22nd at 6:00pm at the Senior Center. This information will be put on the sewage bills, the electronic sign, social media, the website, posted in the Borough Office and advertised in the Valley Mirror.

Motion made by Norelli second by Kowalski to appoint Draw Collective as the Architect for the Borough Building Project pending Solicitor review of the agreement.

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

Motion made by Norelli second by Stecak to approve the 7% fee for Draw Collective for the Schematic Design, Design Development, Construction Documents, Bidding and Construction Administration for the Borough Building Project.

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

Motion made by Norelli second by Kowalski to appoint Eckles Construction Services as the Construction Manager for the Borough Building Project pending Solicitor review of the agreement.

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

Motion made by Norelli second by Kowalski to approve the 4% fee for the Construction Manager Services for the Borough Building Project.

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

We are continuing to take Interest forms for the Whole Home Repair program. The program is scheduled to have applications out in the next month. Allegheny County is scheduled to be awarded \$12 million dollars and the COG is collecting 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.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Handra to adjourn.

7 – Yes 0 – No Motion Carried

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Andrea G. Foster
Borough Secretary

Anthony Colecchi
President of Council