**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MINUTES**

**THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, ELAINA SKIBA.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**ROLL CALL:** Colecchi, present; Handra, Absent; Hickman, present; Kowalski, present; Kassady Burke, present; Norelli, present; Trunzo, present; Skiba, present; Mayor DiMarco, present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** (Agenda Items Only – Action Items Only)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion** to approve the Regular Monthly Minutes of Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

Motion: Trunzo seconded by Hickman

Motion Carried.

**Motion** to approve the Safety Committee Minutes of Thursday, March 25, 2021.

Motion: Colecchi seconded by Hickman

Motion Carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Fire Department/Senior Citizens Center – Paul Trunzo, Council/Chair**

Due to the pandemic COVID 19, the Senior Center is not open.

Fireman had training for Rescue and Railroad Pump Repair.

**Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Angelo Norelli, Vice President/Chair**

Delinquent Sewage – 239 letters went out and 137 paid. Collected to date - $33,632.00 and

3 are on payment plans.

Delinquent Taxes collected for the Month of March, 2021…………………………………………$51,530.85

Total monies deposited to date for delinquent Boro Real Estate Taxes………………………$91,014.84

Total calls to the office – 105 Right-to-Know Requests – 65

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**Reality Tour, Crime Watch, Parks & Recreation, GDC-Dave Kowalski, Council/Chair**

There was a town hall meeting at the American Legion regarding the ATV Park on Patterson Property. Residents attended and there were discussions. Representative Pisciottano and Bill Kortz were present. There will be future meetings held.

**Communications – Kate Handra, Chair/Council Parks & Recreation Co-Chair Census/Committee**

There was no report due to Ms. Handra being absent.

**Public Works – Street and Sewage Departments – Dennis Hickman, Council/Chair**

A motion to accept the Exercise of a Second Option Year regarding purchase of rock salt from SHACOG.

**Motion:** Trunzo seconded by Kowalski

Motion Carried.

The Street Department Report for the Month of March, 2021 is available upon request.

The Sewage Department Report for the Month of March, 2021.

Expenses for March …………………………………………………..$ 48,992.66

Year to date Expenses………………………………………………..$ 204,600.56

Receipts for March……………………………………………………..$ 77,619.10

Year to date Receipts………………………………………………….$ 217,718.76

Asked if the resident at 314 Ohio Avenue was notified about the sink hole and having his lateral cameraed. The resident was notified with no response.

Ralph Peck to work with Chief LaFever regarding the removal of the parking meters.

Lincoln CSO Job – The next three Saturdays CSX will provide flaggers to get this work done.

**Mayor Keith DiMarco – Police Department Police Report is available upon request for March**

A letter from Tyler Kowall resigning his position on the Glassport Police Department.

**Motion:** Trunzo seconded by Hickman

Motion Carried.

Need a motion to authorize civil service testing for a full-time police officer

**Motion:** Colecchi seconded by Trunzo

Motion Carried.

A check has been issued for $48,588.25 to purchase a 2021 Ford SUV Interceptor to Laurel Ford and this is being paid from the Community Benefit Trust Fund.

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On March 18th the police department was certified by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

**Kassady Renae Burke – Jr. Council Member – South Allegheny School District Report**

Read report for April as follows:

My last meeting as Junior Council member for Glassport Borough will be May 18, 2021. Beginning in June, I will be attending freshman orientation and weekly events at Point Park University. Thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the Borough and allowing her to serve as the first Junior Council Member.

The senior parade is still on for Friday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school.

Graduation is set for Friday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the stadium. Rain date for Saturday, May 29 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.

Seniors last day is May 18.

National Honor Society induction is planned for April 29.

The musical took place called Suessical the Musical.

The band will be having a lawn concert at the high school on May 13.

A reminder that May 1st is the Food Truck/Vendor Show. There are over 40 vendors and 9 food trucks.

**WRITTEN REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:**

**Tax Collector – Jennifer Bell – Report Available Upon Request – Collection for March - $1,889.39**

**Treasurer – Rosanna DiMarco – Report Available Upon Request**

**Financial Report – Elaina Skiba, President of Council – Deed Transfers March-$1,744.37 (5 sold homes, 3 family transfers and 1 lot).**

**Motion** to approve the Monthly Financial Report for March, 2021.

Motion: Hickman seconded by Trunzo

Motion Carried.

**Motion** to approve and pay General Fund bills for March, 2021 in the amount of $170,514.92.

Motion: Colecchi seconded by Kowalski

Motion Carried.

**Motion** to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for March in the amount of $48,992.66.

Motion: Hickman seconded by Kowalski

Motion Carried.

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

**Ordinance No. 1203 – Food Truck Regulation Ordinance**

**Motion:** Norelli seconded by Colecchi

Motion Carried.

**Resolution No. 1 (4-20-2021) – Allegheny County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan**

**Motion:** Trunzo seconded by Norelli

Motion Carried.

**Resolution No. 2 (4-20-2021) – Concurring Resolution requesting Act 152 funds including Attachment C**

 **For Slums and Blight Resolution**

**Motion:** Colecchi seconded by Norelli

Motion Carried.

**Resolution No. 3 (4-20-2021) – Disposal of Certain Borough Records**

**Motion:** Kowalski seconded by Norelli

Motion Carried.

**Resolution No. 4 (4-20-2021) – License Fee for Mobile Food Vendors – Table Resolution**

**Motion:** Colecchi seconded by Trunzo

Motion Carried.

**Allegheny County Sheriff’s Office – Sheriff Sale 717 Indiana Avenue (558-G-333)**

**Sheriff Sale of Real Estate – 439 Monongahela Avenue – June 7, 2021 (Demolition Property)**

**Appeal of Real Estate Tax Assessment – 3 Miller Ridge Road, Port Vue but taxes paid to Glassport**

**Motion to advertise with the intent to adopt an amendment to the Fireworks Ordinance. Restrict to the same time and date for consumers and any other dates would be for organizations with established fireworks companies.**

**Motion:** Trunzo seconded by Colecchi

Motion Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS: Elaina Skiba, President of Council**

The Borough of Glassport has received a certificate from Allegheny County being recognized as a Banner Community for 2021.

A letter was sent to SRCOG regarding a request for a six-month extension of time on a grant for the CSO Regulator No. 1 Improvement Project CD45. The grant will then expire on June 30, 2021.

The Indiana Avenue Reconstruction Project Notice of Award for CD46 has been sent out to Jack Cargnoni, President of Independent Enterprises, Inc., for his signature. The bid was accepted in the amount of $144,930.00.

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Submitted information to State Farm Insurance on the house fire at 1015 Delaware Avenue. State Farm will review this and be sending the Borough the fire escrow portion in accordance of the Borough Ordinance.

Sent a letter to the owner of 615 Michigan Avenue for fire escrow insurance information. We have received information on this and have submitted a tax letter to the insurance company. Waiting to see if they will be sending us a percentage of the proceeds in accordance of the ordinance.

Keep PA Beautiful in Glassport will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. There will be three dumpsters located on Allegheny Avenue across from the Citizen’s Hose Company No. 1 firehall. There will be no disposal of tires, computers, auto parts, chemicals or hazardous materials. There will be a listing of what you can dispose of on the dumpster. There will also be volunteers present to clean designated areas in the Borough of debris. Everyone will meet at the Municipal Building to pick up their supplies for clean-up. Thank you to all who are involved in this process to Keep Glassport Clean. A sign-up sheet is available at the Borough Office for volunteers that are interested. Pick up supplies for clean-up starting at 8:00 a.m.

Received a letter from Congressman Mike Doyle regarding the allocation granted to Glassport Borough in the amount of $426,615.34 from the American Rescue Plan which came into effect on March 11, 2021.

Received bidding documents from KLH for Borough Road Reconstruction Projects which are the 500 block of Delaware, 500 block of Spruce, Naomi Avenue Extension, Washington Boulevard Extension and Arch Street. These bids will be advertised in the Post-Gazette general paper-legal ad section on Thursday, April 15 and April 22. Bids will be received until May 10 and opened at 2:00 p.m. on this date.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion to condemn the following properties as dangerous structures and public nuisances subject to demolition under Ordinance 5-401 and the IPMC based on testimony and evidence presented during hearings held on April 13, 2021:**

**Motion:** Kowalski seconded by Hickman

Motion Carried.

1. 537 Allegheny Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-B-187

1. 607-609 Allegheny Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-B-174

1. 508 Cypress Way

Lot and Block No. 467-R-123

1. 513 and 513 ½ Cypress Way

Lot and Block No. 467-R-120

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1. 629 Delaware Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-D-367

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Lot and Block No. 558-D-367

1. 716 Delaware Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-G-388

1. 722 Delaware Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-G-382

1. 809 Delaware Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-H-377

1. 816 Delaware Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-G-013

1. 822 Delaware Avenue

Lot and Bock No. 558-G-008

1. 828 Delaware Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-G-006

1. 843 Delaware Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-M-011

1. 714 Detroit Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-M-111

1. 143 Erie Avenue

Lot and Block No. 467-G-181

1. 403 Erie Avenue

Lot and Block No. 467-L-080

1. 401 Euclid Avenue

Lot and Block No. 467-L-155

1. 426 Euclid Avenue

Lot and Block No. 467-R-269

1. 406 Harrison Street

Lot and Block No. 467-C-263

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1. 407 Harrison Street

Lot and Block No. 467-C-355

1. 414 Harrison Street

Lot and Block No. 467-C-265

1. 607 Indiana Avenue (Garage)

Lot and Block No. 558-C-151

1. 624 Indiana Avenue (Front and Rear)

Lot and Block No. 558-C-182

1. 628 Indiana Avenue (Rear)

Lot and Block No. 558-C-185

1. 715 Indiana Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-G-331

1. 743 Indiana Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-G-359

1. 834 Indiana Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-L-311

1. 1047 Indiana Avenue (2 houses)

Lot and Block No. 558-R-330

1. 612 Michigan Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-C-331

1. 733 Michigan Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-G-230

1. 735 Michigan Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-G-235

1. 101 Monongahela Avenue

Lot and Block No. 467-C-057

1. 533 Monongahela Avenue

Lot and Block No. 467-P-051

1. 637 Monongahela Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-B-062

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1. 206 N. Monongahela Avenue

Lot and Block No. 384-R-199

1. 310 N. Monongahela Avenue

Lot and Block No. 384-R-234

1. 536 Ohio Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-B-004

1. 725 Ohio Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-G-194

1. 736 Ohio Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-F-030

1. 810 Ohio Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-F-016

1. 830 Ohio Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-F-003

1. 836 Ohio Avenue (Rear)

Lot and Block No. 558-K-005

1. 549 Pacific Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-D-016

1. 813 Peach Alley

Lot and Block No. 558-H-356

1. 830 Peach Alley

Lot and Block No. 558-M-021

1. 838 Peach Alley

Lot and Block No. 558-M-014

1. 508 Spruce Alley (Garage)

Lot and Block No. 467-R-017

1. 514 Spruce Alley

Lot and Block No. 467-R-014

1. 524 Spruce Alley

Lot and Block No. 467-R-007

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1. 509 Vermont Avenue

Lot and Block No. 467-R-085

1. 513 Vermont Avenue

Lot and Block No. 467-R-088

1. 813 and 813 ½ Vermont Avenue

Lot and Block No. 558-G-089

1. 316 5th Street

Lot and Block No. 467-R-128

1. 509 8th Street

Lot and Block No. 558-G-299

An ad will be placed in the Valley Mirror for proposals for 110 individually printed yard signs. Proposals are due by Monday, April 26 at the close of business and proposals will be opened Tuesday, April 27 at 5:00 p.m. Bid will be awarded at the May Regular Monthly Meeting.

The Borough received notice from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County of a declaration of taking for property at 517 Vermont Avenue, Glassport, Block/Lot 467-R-91 under the Vacant Property Program.

Received notice from the County of Allegheny that the Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 7 am and 8 pm. Voting machines will be delivered on May 14, 2021.

The Workshop Meeting for May has been moved to Tuesday, May 4 and the Regular Monthly Meeting has been moved to Tuesday, May 11 due to Election Day.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS AND REQUESTS:**

**Thomas Jaskulski – 508 Spruce Alley – I have been trying to reach your building inspector but he never called me back.**

**The solicitor, Falco Muscante, said you are on a very long list. As long as you are making progress, any demolition would be delayed.**

Thomas Jaskulski asked when the 500 block of Spruce Alley would be paved. This alley has never been paved.

Elaina Skiba, President of Council said it is on the list for paving and should be done this summer.

Thomas Jaskulski said that at the corner of Spruce Alley and 6th Street there are bricks that are falling off the wall and into the alley. There is a tree on the corner and you can’t see up 6th Street. There is also a bush on the corner that needs cut.

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501 Indiana Avenue – Duplex – Garbage and filth. Total disgrace. You should be able to look at this garbage.

**Kathy Boor** – 510 Wall Street – Complaining about Three Rivers Marina and the coal dust coming into her house. She has a hard time breathing. Coal dust on her counter top, sink top, toilet seat. The filter in her house can’t take the coal dust.

Solicitor said we will reach out to them and see if we can revisit this.

Also, Kathy Boor addressed the situation at the RHD Behavioral Clinic for men at 810 Monongahela Avenue. Addressed some questions to Council and Council said they would set up a meeting with them to revisit the situation.

**David Meckel** – 105 Fern Way – Clairton Coke Works/Irvin Works – Carcinogens in the air and pumping benzine in the air. Wanted to know if the Borough could approach Allegheny County about this?

Meeting was adjourned to the call of the chair.

**Motion:** Trunzo seconded by Colecchi

Motion Carried.

Submitted by: Approved by:

Nancy Piazza-Whaby Elaina Skiba

Borough Secretary President of Council

Dated: April 23, 2021