

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

Before we begin the meeting, we will need to add an action item to the agenda.

The item is a Slums and Blight Resolution for the demolition of 13 properties with a Community Development Block Grant because this was not on the agenda prior to it being posted yesterday.

Motion made by Handra second by Stecak to add this item to the agenda.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

There were no comments or questions.

No Public Comments on Agenda Items.

There was an executive session held today at 5:30 PM to discuss personnel matters.

A meeting to discuss the budget was held at 6:00 PM today. This meeting was open to the public and was advertised in the Mon Valley Independent on November 7, 2023.

Motion made by Handra second by Kowalski to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2023.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by Trunzo to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2023.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

**Committee Reports:**

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

Total Collections from MBM Collections for October	\$ 9,770.57
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent Real Estate tax	\$ 191,809.52
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for October	\$ 28,771.05
Year to date collections	\$ 263,754.37

We met with Brentwood Bank to discuss what they could offer the Borough. The no fee accounts, the interest rates and the other services they offer are exactly what the Borough is looking for. Council was presented with all of the information.

Motion made by Handra second by Trunzo to appoint Brentwood Bank as the Borough's official depository.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

Our 2022 audit is complete and will be available for review in the Borough office.

Motion made by Handra second by Kowalski to advertise the Borough's audit that we have received from Mark Turnley.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

**Public Works - Street and Sewage Departments – Councilman Mark Stecak**

Monthly Street Report was given.

The paving of the 600 and 700 blocks of Delaware is finally complete.

Motion made by Nabors second by Trunzo to pay Tresco Paving for the 600 and 700 blocks of Delaware pending the Engineer's review.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Handra to advertise the intent to hire a Public Works employee.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

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

The Borough Halloween Party for the kids was well attended. The Borough would like to thank everyone who volunteered.

There is Youth Bowling every Saturday morning at 11:00AM. There are currently 25 children registered.

Light Up Night will be on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> starting with the parade at 6:00 PM.

**Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors**

Warhold Plumbing has inspected the roof top units of 12 Monongahela Avenue. We have forwarded the reports to the engineers for review.

CEA has finished the electrical inspection of 12 Monongahela Avenue. All went well and the new stickers have been placed on the electrical services.

Dr. Choi will be done with the building at 102 Seventh Street at the end of November. The closing of the property needs to be scheduled. Council will need to decide what they would like to do with the property.

The closing of the property at 12 Monongahela Avenue is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2023.

**Communications – Councilwoman Kate Handra**

We will do the house decorating contest again. I am still looking for sponsors for that.

In regard to the recycling, everyone does it by pound, not by items.

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

Fire Dept. – There were 50 calls for the month of October.

The company held their annual burn class on November 10.

The annual Santa Treat will be held on Saturday, December 23.

Senior Center – No Bingo will be held in December.

The Christmas party for members is Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00PM to 6:00 PM.

**Jr. Council – Chazdine Harmon**

The band “Metallica” is having a contest for marching bands who have performed one of their songs. Mrs. Kovacs entered our HS Marching Band into this competition this past April and voting is open. You can only vote once, but you have until December 31st to cast your vote. The band will have a chance to win up to \$15,000 for the band program. The link can be found on Facebook on the South Allegheny Gladiators page. Please also feel free to share the link to your own on social media pages. Thanks for your support!

The Chorus will hold their Annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM. This will be the first performance under the direction of Mr. Ramsey.

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

The next Safety Meeting will be Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.

A Zoom meeting was held with Allegheny Together on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

We are working on a letter of support for the Creative Communities Grant Application. This is for placing art in the business district.

**Police Report - Mayor Keith DiMarco**

There were 1,292 calls for service for the month of October.

Motion made by Stecak second by Norelli to take disciplinary action on Employee #321 for two days unpaid suspension.

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

Motion made by Handra second by Trunzo to send formal notification to the Tri-COG Land Bank approving the acquisition of 311 Euclid Avenue, 401 Euclid Avenue and 843 Delaware Avenue.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

The delinquent Sewage Accounts that will have liens placed on the properties have been turned over to the Solicitor to handle for the Borough.

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

Motion made by Trunzo second by Kowalski to adopt Resolution 1 (11/21/23) increasing the garbage collection \$2.00 per month due to the increase from Waste Management for the new contract year.

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 Handra second by Norelli to adopt Resolution 2 (11/21/23) authorizing the proper Borough officials to sign all necessary documents at the closing of the property at 12 Monongahela Avenue

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

Motion made by Nabors second by Stecak to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Teamsters changing the new hire rate of the Public Works Department.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

**Written Reports of Borough Officials**

**Tax Collector – Jennifer Bell** – Report available upon request.

**Treasurer’s Report** - Elaina Skiba

The Treasurer’s report has been sent to Council for review and there are copies for anyone who would like one.

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

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Norelli to approve and pay General Fund Bills for October in the amount of \$602,462.57.

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

Colecchi abstained because one of the bills was payable to a company owned by a family member.

YES – 6      NO – 0      Abstain – 1      Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Kowalski to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for October in the amount of \$85,079.16.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

**New Business:**

Motion made by Nabors second by Handra to ratify Concurring Resolution to confirm request for CDBG funds in the amount of \$185,000 for the demolition of 13 properties.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Stecak to ratify the Slums and Blight Resolution requesting funds from Allegheny County Economic Development to be used to demolish 13 blighted properties.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by Norelli to ratify Concurring Resolution to confirm request for CDBG funds in the amount of \$352,847.00 for the paving of Ninth Street, Delaware Avenue to Indiana Avenue.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Nabors to adopt the Authorized Official Resolution requesting a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the construction and renovation of 12 Monongahela Avenue.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

**Public Comments:**

David Meckel – I would address everyone here about the situation at Harrison Street with the school busses. There needs to be signs posted that this is a school bus zone because the cars just come flying

off of Monongahela Avenue onto Harrison Street and someone is going to get seriously injured to killed because the cars are going too fast. I have a drawing where I think the signs need to be placed alerting people to this fact.

Chief DeVerse – we have officers sitting at that bus stop and all of the bus stops every morning to make sure this isn't happening.

Motion made by Handra second by Norelli to add a motion to donate \$100 to the Youth Bowling League because this was not on the agenda prior to it being posted yesterday.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Nabors to donate \$100 to the Youth Bowling League.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

Motin made by Trunzo second by Handra to adjourn.

YES – 7      NO – 0      Motion Carried

Submitted by:  
Andrea G. Foster  
Borough Secretary

Approved by:  
Anthony Colecchi  
President of Council

