

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, OCTOBER 17, 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, absent; Norelli, present; Trunzo, present; Colecchi, present; Jr. Council Harmon, absent; Mayor DiMarco, present.

No Public Comments on Agenda Items.

There was an executive session held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 5:00 PM to discuss real estate matters.

Motion made by Norelli second by Stecak to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2023.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Stecak to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2023.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Councilman Angelo Norelli

Total Collections from MBM Collections for September	\$ 9,996.94
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent Real Estate tax	\$ 179,787.97
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for September	\$ 50,477.47
Year to date collections	\$ 234,983.32

We will be meeting with Brentwood Bank on Wednesday, October 25 to discuss what they have to offer the Borough. We are looking for better interest rates and no fee checking accounts.

Public Works - Street and Sewage Departments – Councilman Mark Stecak

The paving of the 600 and 700 blocks of Delaware has started. This project is tentatively scheduled to be finished in two weeks.

Monthly Street Dept. Report given.

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

Many residents took advantage of the free flu shots that were provided to the residents on Wednesday October 11. Thank you to McKeesport Ambulance Service and Rite Aid for doing this.

Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors

Absent, no report.

Communications – Councilwoman Kate Handra

No Report.

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

There were 39 calls for the month of September.

The new skid unit has been installed and placed into service. This was made possible by the borough and Representative Pisciotano’s office.

The remainder of our air packs needed to replace our outdated units that will expire next year have been ordered. This was made possible by a grant from US Steel.

As always we would like to thank the borough and citizens for their continued support.

Bingo will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday, October 31 at 12:30 PM. The public is welcome to attend.

There will be a Cash/Purse bash at the Center on Sunday, November 5. Tickets are sold out.

The Center will be closed on November 7 for Election Day.

Junior Council, Chazdine Harmon

Absent, no report.

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

The next Safety Meeting will be Thursday Oct 26 at 1:00. Bill Miller of the McKeesport Ambulance Service will be conducting a CPR Training class for the Public Works employees.

There will be a Zoom Meeting on October 25, 2023 for Allegheny Together.

The Police Report will be read by Mayor DiMarco.

Police Report - Mayor Keith DiMarco

There were 1,326 calls for the month of September.

Motion made by Handra second by Kowalski to hire two full-time officers pending results of the oral exams and background investigations.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

I have been in contact with National Fitness Campaign and am hoping to have some information on equipment for the Ninth Street Park. They offer a grant opportunity to apply toward this project. Ten grants are given out per state and six have already been granted in Pennsylvania.

Borough Manager’s Report – Elaina Skiba

Whole Home Repair update:

8% of the projects applied for have been funded, with 30 projects being completed. The program has made it through the State House and waiting to pass the Senate to keep this funding going. We are looking for answers from Action Housing as to where the funding was distributed. They are opening the program again starting Oct 16. I am waiting on instructions from Action Housing before I can put the information out to our residents. I do know updated income information will be requested for applications already submitted. Tim Joyce is going to get all of the information on this matter.

Fifteen letters were mailed notifying resident with delinquent sewage that their properties would be liened by the Borough if the balances were not paid. Of the letters sent, two accounts totaling \$4,375.65 have paid or have made payment arrangements. On Friday, letters were sent certified mail to those who haven’t responded. Anyone not responding in two weeks will be turned over to the Solicitor to have the lien filed on the property. The total of the delinquent accounts is \$35,787.42.

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

Motion made by Kowalski second by Handra to enter into an Agreement of Sale with Stonehenge Properties, LLC and Wendell H. Stone Company, Inc. for the purchase of 12 Monongahela Avenue, to include the buildings, structures, equipment, furnishings and other improvements in the amount of \$820,000.00.

YES – 6 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 Stecak to approve the Monthly Financial Reports.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Stecak to approve and pay General Fund bills for September in the amount of \$234,134.35.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Trunzo to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for September in the amount of \$64,326.16.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

New Business:

Motion made by Kowalski second by Trunzo to advertise a budget meeting to be held on Monday, October 30 at 6:00 PM.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

The polling places for the November 7th election have been changed to the following locations:

Districts 1,2 and 5 will vote at the PNA
District 3 will remain at the Senior Center
Districts 4 and 6 will vote at Queen of the Rosary

Motion made by Handra second by Norelli to submit an application to the Community Benefit Trust for \$120,000 to pay for a portion of the renovations, rehabilitation and contents of 12 Monongahela Avenue, for the relocation of the Borough Offices, the Police Station, the Senior Center and possibly a central location to hold functions for the Youth of the Borough.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

We will be working on grant applications for LSA and RCAP which will be submitted in November.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Handra to adjourn.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Submitted by:
Andrea G. Foster
Borough Secretary

Approved by:
Anthony Colecchi
President of Council

