

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022
BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.
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, present; Hickman, absent; Kowalski, absent; Norelli, present; Trunzo, present; Skiba, present; Chazdine Harmon, Jr. Council, present; Mayor DiMarco, present.

Motion to add an action item to the agenda this evening. We will need to rescind the adoption of the minutes from an Executive Session with the Butlers. We need to correct the minutes of the official meeting of June, 2021.

Motion: Colecchi seconded by Handra
Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)

There were no comments or questions from the public or Council.

Motion to rescind the adoption of the minutes from the Executive Session with the Butlers.

Motion: Colecchi seconded by Norelli
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 21, 2021.

Motion: Trunzo seconded by Norelli
Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the Safety Committee Minutes of Thursday, December 16, 2021 which included the Safety Training provided by Ray Adams of Encova Insurance.

Motion: Colecchi seconded by Norelli
Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the Reorganization Minutes of Monday, January 3, 2022.

Motion: Trunzo seconded by Handra
Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Citizen's Hose Company #1 December 2021 and Year End Report
16 calls for the Month of December with a total of 498 for the year 2021.

The company logged a total of 1066 hours on time spent on incidents and 1200 hours of training time for the year.

The company would like to congratulate firefighters Meghan and Lindsey DeVerse for completing their Pro Board Firefighter 1 certification.

The company would like to encourage residents with helping the department during snow storms, by keeping fire hydrants clear of snow if one is located in front of their residence.

As always, we would like to thank the Borough and Citizens for their continued support.

Senior Citizens will receive free tax preparation. Place all proper tax papers in a sealed envelope, with name & phone number on the outside. Envelope will be delivered to John the tax preparer and then returned when complete. Drop envelope in the mail slot at the Senior Center or contact Jamie Trunzo. 412-480-2157 for any questions or arrangements. The Center remains closed due to Covid cases and rising numbers. The Center will reopen when it is safe for everyone.

The Jr. Fire Fighters are doing a Hoagie fundraiser to get their own PPE Equipment. They are all \$6 and are due by February 25.

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Angelo Norelli, Council/Chair

The Delinquent Borough Real Estate Collection from MBM Collections for the Month of December, 2021 was \$12,035.96. This is deposited in January, 2022 so this will be the first month collection in 2022.

Delinquent Sewage Collected for the Month of December, 2021-\$20,724.42 (Pen. & Int. \$7,707.94)
Delinquent Sewage Collected Year to Date.....\$193,699.92 (Pen. & Int. \$77,701.56)

We will meet with Dana from Precision Copy Products on Thursday, January 27 for the lease renewal of a new copier.

A new electric hot water tank has been installed in the kitchen.

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

No Report

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

In the process of updating the website with all of the new fire department and newly elected officials and Reorganization information. Also, Nancy gave me the 2021 agendas and meetings. I will scan them in as one document so that we can add more to it.

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

Report was submitted by Public Works Road Foreman for the Month of December, 2021.

Motion to advertise the Roof Replacement Project for the Sewage Treatment Plant Operations Building.

Motion: Norelli seconded by Handra

Motion Carried.

The Borough has advertised for a Public Works Laborer position. Applications will be accepted until January 21. This was advertised in the Mon Valley Independent and The Valley Mirror on Thursday, January 6, 2022.

Municipal Buildings/Properties – Elaina Skiba, President of Council/Chair

No Report

Police Committee, Safety Committee/Building Inspector – Anthony Colecchi, Vice President/Chair

The next Safety Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, January 27 at 2:00 p.m.

The topics will include preparing for wintry weather and how to be safe in it.

A copy of the Building Inspector report for December, 2021 is available upon request.

Chazdine Harmon – Jr. Council Report/South Allegheny High School – Available Upon Request

South Allegheny Teacher Laura Thompson will host a community education entitled Concentration Camps throughout the area. It will be held in the high school auditorium January 27 at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free. Last Friday the crowning took place at the Winter Formal for King, Queen, Prince and Princess.

Mayor Keith DiMarco

Police Committee/Census Committee Chair

Police Report is available upon Request for the Month of December, 2021.

Motion for the hiring of two police officers pending physical exams and psychological evaluations.

Motion: Colecchi seconded by Handra

Motion Carried.

1,130 calls for service 15 non-traffic citations Total Miles - 4,196 Year Total 12,078 calls for service We are requesting to send two of our officers to MOPEC Fire Arms Training. This will give us the opportunity to train in house.

The Chief said this is an armor school. This particular class certifies them in the patrol rifle, shotgun and the pistol. Typically, they only offer these separately. This saves money in the long run.

Elaina Skiba, President, commented If anyone questions why we are looking to add more police on and to have 2 or 3 officers on a shift, 35 calls a day is a lot of calls. So, if anyone from the public is asking us, we need to relay these numbers to them and let them know this is why the police budget is what it is.

Anthony Colecchi said we will probably need another officer for the Off-Road Vehicle Park.

WRITTEN REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Tax Collector–Jennifer Bell–Report Available Upon Request–Total Collection for December–\$12,699.01

Treasurer – Rosanna DiMarco – Report Available Upon Request

Financial Report – Elaina Skiba, President of Council-Deed Transfers December (\$1,448.13)-9 Sales

Motion to approve the Monthly Financial Report for December, 2021.

Motion: Handra seconded by Trunzo

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve and pay General Fund bills for December, 2021 in the amount of \$440,721.34.

Motion: Norelli seconded by Colecchi

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for December, 2021 in the amount of \$39,227.31.

Motion: Trunzo seconded by Norelli

Motion Carried.

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

Ordinance No. 1209 – Establishing Wages and other conditions of employment for all Regular and Temporary Borough Employees for 2022. Reflect the new dates for the Chief of Police Contract eliminating the Assistant Chief from the Ordinance and removing the stipend for the Per Capita Tax Collection for the Tax Collector.

Motion: Handra seconded by Colecchi

Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 1 (1/18/2022) -Disposal of Certain Older Borough Records – (22 Series)

Motion: Norelli seconded by Colecchi

Motion Carried.

To adopt the revised COVID Quarantine/Return to Work Policy for the Borough Employees based on the most recent CDC recommendations. These changes incorporate the most recent CDC Guidelines. We have a provision that we would immediately follow the new CDC Guidelines.

Motion: Colecchi seconded by Norelli

Motion Carried.

To advertise with the intent to adopt the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance.

Motion: Handra seconded by Norelli

Motion Carried.

To advertise with the intent to adopt the Blight Reclamation and Revitalization Ordinance.

Motion: Handra seconded by Colecchi

Motion Carried.

Sheriff's Sale Notice of Real Estate judgement was entered in the action of South Allegheny School District as follows:

1. 513 Ohio Avenue (Block/Lot 467-R-181).....\$ 9,668.31 (February 7 Court House Room 410)
2. 539 Vermont Avenue (Block/Lot 558-C-38)...\$26,344.27
3. 628 Indiana Avenue (Block/Lot 558-C-185) - \$34,569.45

NEW BUSINESS:

To ratify a donation to the American Legion for \$100.00 for the Polar Plunge to benefit "Service dogs for Veterans".

Motion: Norelli seconded by Colecchi
Motion Carried.

To add the Shield Alert Coverage to our Cyber Insurance Policy as long as there is no charge to the Borough.

Motion: Handra seconded by Norelli
Motion Carried.

To approve the fee proposal from Dan McCown and Company Appraisers for the property at 962 Ohio Avenue.

Motion: Colecchi seconded by Trunzo
Motion Carried.

CITIZENS CONCERNS OR REQUESTS

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Trunzo seconded by Handra
Motion Carried.

Submitted by:

Borough of Glassport:

**Nancy M. Piazza-Whaby
Borough Secretary**

**Elaina Skiba
President of Council**

Dated: January 31, 2022

