

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 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.

**PROCLAMATION-Reverend Miroslaus Anthony Wojcicki-Presentation by Mayor Keith DiMarco
60 Year Ordination as a Priest**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Colecchi, present; Handra, present; Hickman, absent; Kowalski, present; Norelli, present; Trunzo, present; Skiba, present; Chazdine Harmon, present; Mayor DiMarco, present.

Executive Session was held prior to the meeting for a personnel matter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Agenda Items Only)

To approve adding an action item to the agenda. The reason being is that we just received information this afternoon after the agenda was posted. This item is going to be a motion to hire a part time seasonal employee pending review of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and salary requirements. We will need a motion to approve adding this action item.

Motion: Norelli seconded by Handra
Motion Carried.

Are there any questions or comments?

Carmel DiGiacomo – Has an out of state friend who is interested in a property that is bank owned. The address is 525 Oregon Avenue. She has no intentions of living here permanently, just seasonal. This property has an existing septic tank, but the bank wants a letter from the Borough making her aware of the current status of this property. The bank is to email the Borough as to exactly what they need. Carmel DiGiacomo also requested some gravel to be spread on Oregon where the ruts are.

Elaina Skiba, President of Council said she would ask the Road Foreman to go up and take a look at this.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Motion: Handra seconded by Kowalski.
Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the Safety Committee Minutes of Thursday, May 26, 2022.

Motion: Kowalski seconded by Colecchi.
Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

The Center will be closed Tuesday, July 5, in observance of the holiday. The Farmers Market vouchers will be distributed this Thursday, June 23rd from 9 am – 1 pm at either the Clairton Senior Center or the Life Span in Olympia Shopping Center. The vouchers are not available here because our center is not funded by Allegheny County. During the extreme heat – the Center is open Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 am – 3:00 pm for anyone to cool off. New members are welcome.

The Citizen’s Hose Fire Company No. 1 Fair will be held on July 16 with the Parade Line Up at 4. There were two young firemen that passed their Essentials.

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

Total Delinquent Borough Real Estate Collected for May, 2022.....\$ 29,200.67

Total Delinquent Borough Real Estate Collected to date.....\$167,559.19

Total Delinquent Sewage Collected for May, 2022.....\$ 23,591.46

Penalty and Interest Collected for May, 2022.....\$ 14,107.05

Total Collections for May.....\$ 37,698.51

Total Collections to date.....\$ 88,937.04

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

The 9th Annual National Nite Out will be held on Tuesday, August 2 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion to close 400 block of Monongahela Avenue for National Nite Out – August 2 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Norelli seconded by Colecchi
Motion Carried.

Motion to proceed with installation of a pavilion for the Ninth Street Park-Old Swimming Pool area.

Motion: Colecchi seconded by Trunzo
Motion Carried.

Motion for KLH to put pricing together for fencing at 9th Street Park and the Basketball Court at 8th and Michigan.

Motion: Handra seconded by Trunzo

Motion Carried.

Under the GDC Report there is ten billion dollars available for ATV parks which means we could receive more funding for our ATV park.

3

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

The latest census count is 4,338 population for Glassport according to the 2020 census.

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

Motion to have the engineers provide costs to pave Juniata and Scenic Street Extension.

Motion: Kowalski seconded by Handra

Motion Carried.

This does not ensure that these streets are being paved.

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

Land Bank – 6 Properties currently in the process of acquisition (222 N. Monongahela, 310 N. Monongahela, 319 N. Monongahela, 626 Ohio, 316 5th Street, 435 Iowa Avenue). There are 28 properties that have already been sold.

Motion to close the 400 block of Monongahela Avenue on August 13, 2022 for Community Days.

Motion: Kowalski seconded by Handra

Motion Carried.

Motion to close the 700 block of Peach Alley for a Block Party on July 3, 2022 from 3 to 10 p.m.

Motion: Handra seconded by Colecchi

Motion Carried.

Motion to approve these projects to be paid for with Community Benefit Trust Funds:

- In Car Citation Writers – (Includes Printers & Scanners)
- Intoximeter – Station System for DUI Check
- Portable Breathalyzers for Probable Cause

Motion: Kowalski seconded by Handra

Motion Carried.

Closeout Reports have been submitted for the Community Benefit Trust Grants as follows:

GL2021-02-Emergency Operations Center and Apparatus
GL2020-02-Honor Roll Park Rehabilitation Phase I
GL2020-03-Sewer Line Camera System
GL2020-04-Blighted Property Phase I
GL2021-05-Police Vehicle
GL2021-08-Fire Department Nozzles and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

These will be posted on the website with costs.

4

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

The last Safety Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. The topic of discussion was Hearing Protection.

The next Safety Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

We have been approved for the 5% discount for our Workers Compensation Insurance.

The Building Inspector's Report is available upon request.

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

No Report

Mayor Keith DiMarco – Police Committee Report

Read Police Report for the Month of May, 2022 (Available Upon Request)

Motion to order one police car to be delivered in 2023 and paid for out of the General Fund.

Motion: Handra seconded by Kowalski

Motion Carried.

Motion to hire two full time police officers pending passage of psychological and background checks.

Motion: Norelli seconded by Kowalski

Motion Carried.

The Borough has received State Police Fine Semi-Annual payment in the amount of \$823.81 for 2022.

Crime Watch Program - Just go to glassportpd.org to subscribe.

WRITTEN REPORTS OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Tax Collector – Jennifer Bell – Report Available Upon Request – Total Collections \$251,776.66 (May)

Treasurer – Rosanna DiMarco – Report Available Upon Request

Financial Report – Elaina Skiba, President of Council – Deed Transfers May, 2022 - \$2,158.78 (8 Sales &

Motion to approve the Monthly Financial Report for May, 2022.

Motion: Handra seconded by Colecchi
Motion Carried.

Motion to approve and pay General Fund bills for May, 2022 in the amount of \$193,306.32.

Motion: Norelli seconded by Trunzo
Motion Carried.

5

Motion to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for May, 2022 in the amount of \$57,922.95.

Motion: Trunzo seconded by Norelli
Motion Carried.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1213 creating an entirely new Part 5 of Chapter 1 of the Borough of Glassport Code of Ordinances, establishing the position of Borough Manager, and providing for an effective date.

Motion: Handra seconded by Colecchi
Motion Carried.

Motion to advertise for qualified individuals to submit a proposal for the position of Borough Manager.

Motion: Trunzo seconded by Handra
Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 1 (6/21/2022) – Disposal of certain older Borough Records of 27 Series.

Motion: Colecchi seconded by Kowalski
Motion Carried.

Resolution No. 2 (6/21/2022) – Vacant Property Program Acquisition known as Block/Lot No. 558-S-7 for Nijim & Sakeenah Muddaththir for the property located at 1032 Delaware Avenue.

Motion: Colecchi seconded by Trunzo
Motion Carried.

Condemnation Notices have been posted on the properties of 733 Michigan Avenue and 533 Monongahela Avenue notifying the property owners declaring these properties dangerous structures and public nuisances at a Public Hearing on April 20, 2021 and that the Borough is undertaking action to remove these dangerous structures. The Steel Rivers COG has also been notified of the legal clearance for the demolition of each structure.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate: South Allegheny School District

- 140 Erie Avenue (Lot and Block No. 467-G-176)
- 607-611 Allegheny Avenue (Lot and Block No. 558-B-174)

- 602 Summit Avenue (Lot and Block No. 558-D-138) Parcel I
- 544 Summit Avenue (Lot and Block No. 558-D-140) Parcel II
- 819 Vermont Avenue (Lot and Block No. 558-G-93)
- 549 Pacific Avenue (Lot and Block No. 558-D-16)
- 541 Pacific Avenue (Lot and Block No. 467-S-35)
- 321 Monongahela Avenue (Lot and Block No. 467-K-181)
- 600 Wall Street (Lot and Block No. 558-R-9)
- 539 Vermont Avenue (Lot and Block 558-C-38)
- 829 Indiana Avenue (Lot and Block 558-G-51)
- 513 Ohio Avenue (Lot and Block 467-R-181)

6

The Civil Service Commission has met on Wednesday, June 15 at 4:00 p.m., and recommended the changes to the promotional position eligibility requirements.

Motion to advertise with the intent to adopt an Ordinance amending the promotional position eligibility requirements for police officers as recommended by the Civil Service Commission.

Motion: Colecchi seconded by Norelli
Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Elaina Skiba, President of Council

Pennsylvania American Water proposed water rate changes. If the rate request is approved as filed, a typical water bill for:

Residential customers using 3,212 gallons a month would increase from \$60.49 to \$75.49 per month. Anyone who wishes to challenge this increase can send a letter to the PUC, attend a PUC public hearing, file a formal complaint. The Office of Consumer Advocates will participate fully in this case to represent the interests of consumers. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact 1-800-684-6560, Patrick Cicero, Acting Consumer Advocate.

Dave Collura – Critter Control Officer has retired. We will need to look for a new Critter Control Officer.

The Workers Compensation Safety Committee Application was submitted to the Department of Labor and Industry by the secretary and the Borough has been approved for the 5% discount by letter. This information has been submitted to our insurance broker.

The Borough Offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022 in observance of Independence Day.

NEW BUSINESS: Elaina Skiba, President of Council

Motion to accept the intern at a rate of \$12 per hour retroactive to June 6, 2022 through August 26, 2022.

Motion: Colecchi seconded by Norelli
Motion Carried.

Motion to close Monongahela Avenue Saturday, July 16, 2022 for the Fireman's parade and to close the 500 block of Monongahela Avenue for the Fireman's Street Fair. The street will be posted prior to that day.

Motion: Handra seconded by Trunzo
Motion Carried.

Motion to pay the first and second certificate of payment requests in the amount of \$47,801.25 to Emmocon Corporation for the Broadway Steps Project. These payments requests have been submitted by KLH Engineers and recommended for payment to be reimbursed by the Multimodal Transportation Grant through DCED.

Motion: Handra seconded by Norelli
Motion Carried.

7

A letter was received from Kenneth J. Carroll to fill the vacant seat on the Civil Service Commission.

Motion to accept Kenneth Carroll to fill this position effective immediately.

Motion: Norelli seconded by Colecchi
Motion Carried.

Motion to approve Payment Application Request No. 1 to Ramsey Construction in the amount of \$51,151.50 for the Glassport Detroit Avenue Landslide Repair Project 2021-10 as recommended by KLH Engineering, Inc.

Motion: Trunzo seconded by Colecchi
Motion Carried.

Motion to submit an application to the Allegheny County Boroughs Association for the Borough Official of the Year Program – 2023 which are due no later than October 17, 2022.

Motion: Handra seconded by Colecchi
Motion Carried.

Motion added for the hiring of a part-time seasonal Public Works Employee pending review of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and salary requirements.

Motion: Handra seconded by Norelli
Motion Carried.

CITIZENS REQUESTS OR CONCERNS:

Motion to adjourn the meeting to the call of the chair.

Motion: Trunzo seconded by Handra
Motion Carried.

Submitted by:

Nancy M. Piazza-Whaby
Borough Secretary

Dated: June 29, 2022

Approved by:

Elaina Skiba
President of Council