

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 22, 2022

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; Hickman, absent; Kowalski, present; Nabors, present; Norelli, present; Trunzo, present; Colecchi, present; Jr. Council Harmon, present; Mayor DiMarco, present.

An executive session was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 prior to the Workshop to discuss personnel matters.

A meeting to review the General Fund and Sewer Revenue Fund Budgets was held at 6:00PM this evening This meeting was open to the public and advertised in the Mon Valley Independent on November 2, 2022.

Motion made by Norelli second by Kowalski to accept the Special Voting Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2022.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Kowalski to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2022.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Handra to approve the minutes for the Safety Meeting of October 27, 2022.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Angelo Norelli

Monthly Delinquent Tax report given. Total delinquent taxes year to date are \$236,515.41.

Monthly Delinquent Sewage report given. Total delinquent sewage year to date is \$192,175.08.

Crime Watch, Parks & Recreation, GDC – Dave Kowalski

Motion made by Nabors second by Trunzo to make a donation of \$200.00 to the South Allegheny Boys Basketball team.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Trunzo to close Monongahela Avenue from Fourth Street to Eighth Street on Saturday, November 26, 2022 from 5:30PM to 7:00PM for the annual Christmas Parade, and to close the 400 block of Monongahela Avenue from 5:30PM to 8:00PM for the Winterfest activities.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Council presented a plaque to the King family for their hard work and dedication to the Reality Tour. This was a program to create awareness to young adults of the effects drug and alcohol can have on them and their families.

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

Our Building Inspector has retired and we are now using Code Enforcement Agency. We will have new forms and new fees for inspections. Any questions, you can contact the office.

Motion made by Handra second by Trunzo to ratify the appointment of CEA as the Borough’s new Building Inspector.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Handra to adopt a revised/updated Fee Resolution.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Nabors to advertise with the intent to adopt an Ordinance approving the 2018 Building Code.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

The next Safety meeting will be on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 2:00PM. This is our annual safety meeting with Ray Adams of Encova.

Motion made by Kowalski second by Norelli to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Police Department effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Nabors to approve an agreement with Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments Codenforce System Collaborative Membership Agreement which will be part of the Beta program with a cost of \$1,800.00

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Mayor's Reports – Keith DiMarco

Motion made by Norelli second by Trunzo to approve the Amendment to the Police Chief's Employment Agreement currently in place with Chief DeVerse.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

The Police Report is available upon request.

Buildings – Amy Nabors

The Youth Center has been treated for bat infestation. Everything has been taken care of and the cost was \$3,900.00.

A large section of brick has fallen off of the old Police Station. Our President of Council and Borough Manager met with our engineers on Wednesday November 16, 2022 with a complete inspection of the inside and outside of the building. At this time they are recommending that we close the building to the public.

The AED's that were purchased with funds from the Community Benefit Trust have been installed in the Borough Building, Youth Center, Senior Center, Borough Garage and Sewage Plant.

Communications – Kate Handra

Once again, we will be doing the house decorating contest as well as the letters from Santa. More information will be out shortly.

Fire Department and Senior Citizen's Center – Paul Trunzo

Fire report read for the month of October, 2022.

33 calls for the month.

The company recently received two grants to update Hose and Swift Water Rescue gear as well to purchase a skid unit for the service truck.

Senior Citizens Center report read.

The annual Christmas Party will be Friday, December 9, 2022 from 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

The Center will be having a sale on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Items will include new and gently used purses, wallets, shoes and jewelry. Everyone is welcome.

Junior Council – Chazdine Harmon

I would once again like to invite the Mayor and Council to join us in our annual Christmas parade and Winterfest festivities.

Thank you to everyone that helped to make the Halloween Party a huge success. Your costumes were great.

Borough Manager’s Report – Elaina Skiba

Motion made by Kowalski second by Norelli to ratify the advertisement of the work for the construction of the Ninth Street Park.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Norelli to approve Resolution #1 (11-22-2022). This Resolution will supersede Resolution #1 (4-17-2018) to address the administrative changes for the Ninth Street Park grant.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Handra to provide the DCNR with a letter for administrative changes to the Ninth Street Park Grant. Council President is to make formal decisions and Borough Manager is to be the Project Coordinator for this grant. All others will be removed as point of contact or decision makers for this grant per the DCNR.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Nabors to provide the DCNR with the Time Extension Request letter for the Ninth Street Park Phase I.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

The sign for the Ninth Street Park has been ordered through the Pennsylvania Correctional Industries. This was directed and designed by the DCNR.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Norelli to accept a proposal from Betters Company in the

amount of \$14,500 for the demolition of 703 Vermont Avenue. This is a change order to the current contract to be paid for with funds from the Community Benefit Trust.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Trunzo to adopt a Concurring Resolution for funds from Allegheny County Economic Development in the amount of \$109,120, CDBG Funds for a Walking Track at the Ninth Street Park.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Our grant application for funding for paving of Juniata and Summit Extension with the GEDTF was approved for \$50,000. This will not cover the entire project but it is a big help. Thank you to Senator Brewster and Representative Pisciotano for their support on this application.

There was a grant opportunity through the EPA for replacement of diesel equipment and old vehicles that might help improve air quality. The vehicles that were submitted for replacement were: Boom Truck, Back Hoe, 2000 Pick-up, 2017 Pick-up, 2016 and 2017 Ford Interceptors. This application was submitted on Friday November 18.

Motion made by Handra second by Trunzo to adopt Ordinance 1216. Act 57 creating an entirely new Part 11 of Chapter 24 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances. Authorizing the waiver of additional Charges for the late payment of real estate taxes in certain circumstances, to comply with Act 57 of 2022 and providing an effective date thereof. This ordinance was advertised in the Mon Valley Independent on November 2, 2022.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Nabors to adopt Ordinance 1217. Creating an entirely new Subsection 4 of Section 108 of Part 1 of Chapter 18 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances, establishing Sewer Rental Charges for Spring and/or Well Water Users and providing an effective date thereof. This ordinance was advertised in the Mon Valley Independent on November 2, 2022.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Written Reports of Borough Officials:

Tax Collector – Jennifer Bell

Collections for October, 2022 were \$9,079.09. Collections year to date are \$1,406,887.04.

Treasurer – Rosanna DiMarco

Report Available upon Request.

Motion made by Handra second by Kowalski to approve the Monthly Financial Reports for October, 2022.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Norelli to approve and pay General Fund bills for October, 2022 in the amount of \$734,836.89

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Norelli to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for October, 2022 in the amount of \$147,008.53.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Communications

Town Hall Meeting with South Allegheny School District, Monday December 5, 2022, 6:00-7:30 at the Senior Center.

Received notice from Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Liquid Fuels allocation is estimated to be \$129,048.26 for 2023.

Through Dec 5th, the Tony Strong Organization is collecting NEW socks and shoes for the local youth in need. Drop off locations are Glassport Borough Building, Krista's Kutz in Elizabeth, the Liberty Borough Building and the Port Vue Borough Building. We will need the collection box to put in the office.

New Business

Motion made by Norelli second by Trunzo to pay Betters Company the amount of \$15,500 for the demolition of 730 Maryland Avenue.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Handra to approve the 2023-2024 Engagement Letter with the Solicitors, Maiello, Brungo & Maiello, LLP as presented.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Norelli to adopt Resolution #2 (11-22-11). This Resolution is to formally authorize Glassport Borough Police Department to participate in the Allegheny Police Chiefs, Inc. Body-Worn Camera Grant Program, and further directs funds, in the amount of \$5,000, be allocated each year for a minimum two (2) years past the grant period.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Trunzo to advertise the 2023 General Fund Budget.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Norelli to advertise the 2023 Sewer Revenue Fund Budget.

YES – 6 NO – 0 Motion Carried

The Employee Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 23, 2022.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Handra to adjourn.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Andrea G. Foster
Borough Secretary

Anthony Colecchi
President of Council

December 5, 2022