

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 19, 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; Trunzo, absent; Colecchi, present; Jr. Council Harmon, absent; Mayor DiMarco, absent.

No Public Comments on Agenda Items.

Motion made by Nabors second by Norelli to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2023.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by Kowalski to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2023.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Councilman Angelo Norelli

Total Collections from MBM Collections for August	\$ 17,370.84
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent real estate tax	\$169,791.03
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for July	\$ 26,491.76
Year to date collections	\$184,473.79

Public Works – Street and Sewage Departments – Mark Stecak

Monthly Street Report given.
Monthly Sewage Report given.

Motion made by Kowalski second by Nabors to enroll Brad Croys in a Wastewater Treatment Program to become a Licensed Sewage Plant Operator at no cost to the borough.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

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

Motion made by Handra second by Nabors to close the 400 block of Monongahela Avenue for the Halloween Festivities on the Honor Roll on Saturday, October 28 from Noon to 3:00 PM.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

Community Day was an outstanding day for all of the kids. I would like to thank everyone who was involved.

The GDC does an outstanding job with the car show. Once again it was a huge success.

Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors

Dr. Choi is preparing to close the office officially in November. The Solicitor will be scheduling the closing prior to the December regular meeting. The Office will be making arrangements to move starting in January.

Communications – Councilwoman Kate Handra

We will be having the annual Halloween House Decorating Contest. Details will be provided by the end of the week.

Trick or Treating will be October 31 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Fire Department and Senior Citizen’s Center – Dave Kowalski in the absence of Paul Trunzo

The Senior Center will hold a Bingo on September 26 at 12:30 PM. Everyone is welcome.

Jr. Council – Dave Kowalski in the absence of Chazdine Harmon.

The Halloween party for the children will be held on October 28 from noon to 3:00 PM. Sign Ups can be made by calling the borough office by October 20.

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

The next Safety Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28 at 3:00 PM.

Allegheny Together held a Town Hall meeting on September 6 and was very well attended. They are currently working on all of the input from the meeting and the surveys that were conducted. There will be further updates as things progress.

There will be a free flu shot clinic held by McKeesport Ambulance on October 11 from 3:00PM to 6:00 PM in council chambers.

Police Report – Read by Anthony Colecchi in the absence of Mayor DiMarco

There were 1,274 calls for service in the month of August.

Motion made by Stecak second by Handra to advertise for a full-time police officer.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

Borough Manager’s Report – Elaina Skiba

Motion made by Handra second by Kowalski to accept and award the bid for the Multi-Modal Paving grant for 2022 to Tresco Paving in the amount of \$299,150.00 for the paving of the 600 and 700 blocks of Delaware.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

CDBG50 grant applications have been submitted for demolition and paving.

GEDTF application is being submitted for paving.

LSA applications are being submitted for a drainage project and the Off-Road Vehicle Park.

Motion made by Norelli second by Handra to authorize Maiello, Brungo and Maiello to file a lien for unpaid sewage on 16 properties.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Stecak to submit grant applications to the Community Benefit Trust for the following projects:

- The purchase of scoreboards for the South Allegheny High School Baseball and Softball teams, not to exceed \$40,000.
- The purchase of a laptop and associated costs to be used by the Police Dept to access the surveillance camera located at 6th and Monongahela Avenue.
- The replacement of the Honor Roll fountain and all associated costs. Upgrades to the façade.
- Playground equipment for the 9th Street Park.
- Purchase of cameras for the 9th Street Park.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

The Land Bank has sent confirmation that the following properties are through the Sheriff Sale process and now belong to the TRICOG Land Bank:

- 316 Fifth Street
- 435 Iowa Avenue
- 310 North Monongahela Avenue

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

Motion made by Stecak second by Norelli to amend Fee Schedule Resolution No. 1 (9-19-23).

Written Reports of Borough Officials:

Tax Collector – Jennifer Bell – Report available upon request.

Treasurer’s Report – Elaina Skiba

A copy of the Treasurer’s Reports for July and August are available. Council received the reports at the Workshop Meeting.

Motion made by Norelli second by Nabors to transfer \$45,000 from the Sewer Revenue Fund to the Sewer Flood Insurance Escrow Account bringing the balance to the suggested goal of \$100,000.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Stecak to close the Sewer Flood Insurance Escrow Account and transfer the funds to a new Invest Account in order to earn more interest.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Nabors to close the Sewer Fund Money Market Account and transfer the balance to an Invest Account which currently earns 5.24% interest versus the 3% interest being earned on the Money Market with First Commonwealth.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by Nabors to approve the Monthly Financial Reports.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Handra second by Stecak to approve and pay the General Fund bills for August in the amount of \$257,673.76.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Norelli second by Handra to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for August in the amount of \$50,671.41.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

New Business:

We had 175 cars in the car show. We had many businesses participate which made this a huge success.

Motion made by Kowalski second by Stecak to accept the Police Pension Fund, the Union Pension Fund and the Service Employees' Pension Fund, Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2024 Municipal Budget as defined by Mockenhaupt.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

All departments must make arrangements within the next two weeks to discuss their 2024 budgets. The office will have a preliminary budget ready for the middle of October.

Motion made by Norelli second by Nabors to adopt a Concurring Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for funds in the amount of \$254,651.10 with the RAAC, for Street Reconstruction, and designating An Lewis, Executive Director of the Steel Rivers COG to file all documents and forms between the Borough and the RAAC.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

Felix Morgano – Do we have any way to dispose of TV/Electronics in the borough?

Colecchi – If you give me your information I will get in touch with you as soon as we have something in place.

Linda Chrisman – All of the people around me are not cutting their grass. I even had my grass cutter cut the grass of the house next to me and I sent them a letter and have had no response.

Chief DeVerse – We have sent letters and have cited the property owners but after that there is nothing more we can do. We do not have the authority to go onto someone’s property and clean it up. We are doing what we legally have to do by law. We can’t control how the Magistrate rules.

Chrisman – I have complained to everyone and nobody wants to do anything.

Motion made by Handra second by Stecak to adjourn.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Motion Carried

Submitted by:
Andrea G. Foster
Borough Secretary

Approved by:
Anthony Colecchi
President of Council