

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, MARCH 18, 2025

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Glassport Borough Council was called to order by Anthony Colecchi, President of Council.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: DeVerse, present; Kowalski, present; Nabors, present; Stecak, present; Trunzo, present; Colecchi, present; Mayor DiMarco, present.

A moment of silence was held for Councilman Angelo Norelli.

Four letters of interest in the vacant Council seat were received through the close of business on Monday March 10 and the letters were read at the Workshop Meeting on March 11.

Mark Stecak nominated Bob Miskanin to fill the vacant council seat.

There were no other nominations.

Motion made by Kowalski second by Stecak to close nominations.

Roll Call for Bob Miskanin:

DeVerse, yes; Kowalski yes; Nabors, yes; Stecak, yes; Trunzo, yes; Colecchi, yes.

Motion made by Stecak second by Kowalski to approve Resolution #1 (3/16/25) appointing Bob Miskanin to the vacant Council seat.

Mr. Miskanin was sworn in by Mayor DiMarco.

There were no Public Comments on the agenda items.

Motion made by Nabors second by DeVerse to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2025.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by Trunzo to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2025.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration – Councilwoman Meghan DeVerse

Total Collections from MBM Collections for February	\$ 4,600.55
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent Real Estate tax	\$ 11,312.71
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for February	\$ 59,503.50
Year to date collections	\$ 76,821.27

Communications and Building Inspector – Councilwoman Meghan DeVerse

Senator Pisciotto is holding a Real ID Informational Event on Thursday March 20 from 6-8pm. There is information on the desk if you are interested.

Fish Fry Season – Information has been updated on Facebook, the website and Savvy Citizen.

Council has received the Building Inspector Report. Occupancy Inspections and permits for the month of February are:

- ✓ Certificates of Occupancy issued - 8
- ✓ Conditional Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 6
- ✓ Building Permits – 0
- ✓ Expired Temporary Occupancies – 2

Public Works - Street and Sewage Departments – Council Vice President Mark Stecak

Monthly Street Dept. report was given.

Crime Watch Parks & Recreation, GDC – Councilman Dave Kowalski

The Spring Cleanup with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful is March 1st through May 31st. We will need to pick a date so that supplies and dumpsters can be ordered.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Miskanin to advertise for prices for the graduating class of 2025 signs for the Honor Roll.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors

Motion made by Trunzo second by DeVerse to award the Glassport Municipal Building – Ceiling and Lighting Renovations to JB Mechanical in the amount of \$178,435.34 based off of the recommendation of Glenn Engineering.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

A GEDTF grant for LED lights was awarded for \$50,000 for the Borough Building.

Motin made by Miskanin second by Stecak advertise the second Light Conversion Project for the Borough Building.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

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

Fire Report:

There were 52 calls for the month of February with a total of 143 for the year.

The annual Fish Fry will be held every Friday during lent at Club 22 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM.

The department held a regional ice rescue drill on the Yough River hosting the counties neighboring ice water rescue teams.

We will be holding a breakfast with the Easter Bunny in conjunction with High Energy Dance Academy on April 12 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Club 22.

The Annual Gun Bash will be held on March 29 at the Palisades. Anyone that needs a ticket can see any department member.

Senior Center:

The computer class will have their graduation on Monday, March 24, and another free computer class will begin on June 16 and last for ten weeks. Anyone over age 55 can sign up by contacting the Senior Center.

There is a cooking event called Better Together which is part of the Age Friendly Greater Pittsburgh Group where Jamie Trunzo is part of the panel. There will be a chef preparing a free meal at the Center on Saturday, March 22 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. There are still a few seats left if anyone is interested.

31 people took advantage of the free tax preparation last Thursday.

Police Committee, Safety Committee – Council President Anthony Colecchi

The next Safety Meeting will be Thursday March 27th at 3:00.

The installation date for our sign will be on June 21. This will be a 4' x 8' glass mosaic sign and will be placed on the swimming pool property by Dollar Tree.

The Giant Eagle Mobile Market has been having problems with their truck. They are in the process of making repairs and will be back up and running soon.

On May 3, the trees will be planted around the swimming pool site. On May 10 the Adopt a Tree program will be held. You can get 3 trees per property.

The COG's annual dinner meeting will be held at the Sunset Room in Elizabeth on March 27 at 5:00 PM. Please let Elaina know by Friday if you plan to attend.

Police Report - Mayor Keith DiMarco – Police Report is available upon request.

There were 1,191 calls for service for the month of February with 6,072 miles being patrolled.

We received \$25,000 from Senator Pisciotto for police equipment.

Borough Manager's Report

435 Iowa Ave has sold through the Land Bank. This is to an owner occupant. The owner will renovate and occupy the property.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Miskanin to approve 311 Euclid Avenue for Proposed Property Disposition through the Tri-COG Land Bank.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

The Ceiling Tile and Lighting Project is being paid for with the \$850,000 grant that Senator Pisciotano was able to help us secure. I will be working with the engineers to determine the next phase of work for this grant.

We had applied for a \$2,000,000 MMT grant for our sidewalks on the main street and we were awarded \$250,000. This will now be turned into a phase work project and with the funds we obtained we will be able to do one side of one street.

Per Scholas will begin holding adult computer classes which will begin in July. These classes will be held here at the borough building.

Senator Pisciotano's satellite office is here every Wednesday. We need to get the word out to the residents that they are here every week and available to help with a variety of things. State Representative John Inglis will also have office hours here. The details of that are being worked out.

Solicitor's Report – Falco Muscante, MBM Law

Motion made by Nabors second by Stecak to terminate Employee #822 for health-related reasons retroactive to March 3, 2025.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by DeVerse to authorize the sale of Parcel #558-B-148, 102 7th Street, to 150 Railroad Street LLC, for the amount of \$28,000.00, according to the requirements of the Public Contract Bid Nonreceipt Act and the terms and conditions announced at the Special Meeting of Thursday February 6, 2025, and to schedule the closing on the sale and authorize the proper Borough Officials to sign all necessary documents to complete the sale.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by Trunzo to approve the agreement with Per Scholas for the use of space in the Borough Building to provide computer classes to adults 18 years of age and older.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Written Reports of Borough Officials:

Tax Collector – Jennifer Bell – Report available upon request.

Treasurer's Report – Elaina Skiba.

Council has received the Treasurer Report and there are copies on the desk for the public.

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

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by DeVerse to approve and pay General fund bills for February in the amount of \$478,877.53.

Roll Call: DeVerse, yes; Kowalski, yes; Miskanin, yes; Nabors, yes; Stecak, yes; Trunzo, yes; Colecchi, Abstain.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Abstain – 1

Motion made by Stecak second by DeVerse to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for February in the amount of \$56,900.37.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

New Business:

The Council meetings in May will be changed to the 1st and 2nd Tuesdays due to the election on May 20th. The new dates are May 6th and May 13th. This will be advertised in the Mon Valley Independent.

Public Comments

Toni Cregan – I am just checking on the update from the gas company regarding the water situation in front of my house. The problem still exists.

Colecchi – We are still waiting on the gas company.

Can the borough put on their website the grants the borough applies for and the status of them so we can know what is going on.

Skiba – We can certainly have that done.

Cynthia Dean – Can I have a copy of what was discussed at last night's meeting? I was trying to write everything down but I did not get it all. Also, will the residents have the opportunity to vote on which option they want for the sewage plant.

Colecchi – The public will not be able to vote, but council will listen to the concerns of the residents and make their decision.

Cynthia – One of the last conversations I had with Angelo was the possibility of the borough getting a dumpster for recyclables like they used to have across from the firehall. Is that ever going to come about?

Colecchi – We are going to have a dumpster for electronic recycling here at the borough building once we have cameras installed.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Nabors to adjourn.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Andrea Foster
Borough Secretary

Anthony Colecchi
President of Council

ABSTENTION MEMORANDUM

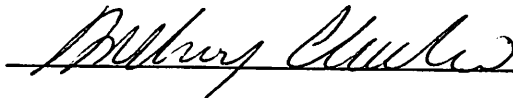
DATE: 3/20/25
TO: GLASSPORT BOROUGH SECRETARY
FROM: Anthony Colecchi, COUNCIL PERSON
RE: MEETING DATE: 3/18/25

Pursuant to Pennsylvania's Public Official and Employee Ethics Law, I hereby declare that I am required to abstain regarding the following issue motion:

Motion to pay General fund bills

My reason/conflict for abstaining on the above is as follows:

Bills were paid to the company I own
(Colecchi's Lock & Safe)



SIGNATURE OF COUNCIL PERSON

Note: Section 3(1) requires the following procedure:

Any public official or public employee who in the discharge of his official duties would be required to vote on a matter that would result in a conflict of interest shall abstain from voting and, prior to the vote being taken, publicly announce and disclose the nature of his interest as a public record in a written memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting at which the vote is taken, provided that whenever a governing body would be unable to take any action on a matter before it because the number of members of the body required to abstain from voting under the provisions of this section makes the majority or other legally required vote of approval unattainable, then such members shall be permitted to vote if disclosures are made as otherwise provided herein. In the case of a three-member governing body of a political subdivision, where one member has abstained from voting as a result of a conflict of interest and the remaining two members of the governing body have cast opposing votes, the member who has abstained shall be permitted to vote to break the tie vote if disclosure is made as otherwise provided herein.