

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL, May 13, 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.

There were no Public Comments on the Agenda Items.

Today's meeting date change was advertised in the Mon Valley Independent on March 28, 2025.

An Executive Session was held after the workshop, Tuesday, May 6, 2025, to discuss real estate matters and litigation and an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Deverse to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2025.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Miskanin second by Stecak to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2025.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Building Inspector – Councilman Bob Miskanin

Occupancy Inspections and permits for the month of April are:

Certificates of Occupancy issued – 16

Conditional Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 7

Building Permits – 2 Pending in review status, 1 Stop Work Order issued

Failed Inspections - 1

Crime Watch Parks & Recreation, GDC – Councilman Dave Kowalski

The Spring Cleanup with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful was April 26th. Free supplies were distributed to the volunteers. Three dumpsters were provided, and it appeared that people took advantage of having the opportunity to use them because they were full on Monday.

We received a thank you note from South Allegheny for the donation from the Borough to help provide grocery store gift cards to those families in need.

Motion made by Stecak seconded by Nabors to advertise for equipment for the Ninth Street Park for the CDBG 49 Grant.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

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

Monthly Street Department Report was given.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Miskanin to increase the hourly rate of the summer employees from \$14.00 to \$16.00 per hour.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Because many residents in the Borough do not understand that only toilet paper should be put in the toilet, we are now including messages on the Sewage Bill every month. We are hoping that this might educate some people that diapers, rags, and any other foreign objects is causing damage to the equipment at the sewage plant.

Interviews were held to fill the Laborer position at the Sewage Plant. There were 2 applicants.

Motion made by Kowalski seconded by Nabors to hire Nathan Wojciechowski for the position of Sewage Plant Laborer.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Update on the Small Water and Sewer grant application. Projects will be controlling the water runoff onto Maryland, Peach and Spruce, the collapsed sewer on the 500 block of Delaware and the water pooling at Delaware and Detroit. Total cost is estimated at \$492,457.68. The grant application is \$418,589.03 and the Borough's share will be \$73,868.65.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Kowalski to ratify the adoption of the Resolution for the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Storm & Sanitary Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Delinquent Taxes/Sewage and Administration & Communication – Councilwoman Meghan DeVerse

Total Collections from MBM Collections for April	\$	6,497.10
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent Real Estate tax	\$	21,877.21
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for April	\$	31,653.25
Year-to-date collections	\$	150,304.42

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

Fire Report:

There were 39 calls for the month of April totaling 198 for the year.

The Annual Street Fair will be held July 18 and 19, 2025 with the parade on Saturday the 19th at 5:00 PM.

Senior Citizen Report:

On Saturday, March 22 there was an event at the Senior Center called Better Together. This is part of the Age Friendly Greater Pittsburgh group that Jamie Trunzo is a member of. A local Chef came

and prepared a meal and gave some cooking and healthy eating tips. It was a great time and the food was good. There were about 75 people who attended. The Center received a nice compensation for hosting this.

A Senior Safe Driving class was held on May 12 at the Center. 22 people attended. Those that participated will be entitled to 5% off their insurance premiums.

On May 29, 2025, at 11:30 AM, there will be a speaker from Catapult Pittsburgh talking about deeds, wills, property transfers and much more. This was brought to us through Jamie Trunzo's participation in the Age Friendly Greater Pittsburgh Committee. This is open to everyone.

The Center will be closed on Tuesday, May 20th for election day.

Dr. Freiwald the Podiatrist will be at the Center on Tuesday, June 3rd. This is open to everyone. Bring your ID and insurance cards. He will start at 11:30 AM.

Free computer classes will begin on June 16th and last for ten weeks. If anyone over age 55 is interested in signing up, contact the Senior Center.

Buildings – Councilwoman Amy Nabors

Motion made by DeVerse second by Trunzo to advertise the following projects for continued renovations of the Borough Building under the most recent LSA grant – HVAC Upgrades, Security Cameras, Doors and Door Access Controls.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Miskanin second by DeVerse to award the HVAC project for the unoccupied portion of the Borough Building to the lowest responsible bidder based off of recommendation from the Borough Engineer. This award will be announced at the next voting meeting.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Police Committee, Safety Committee – Council President Anthony Colecchi

The next Safety Meeting will be on Thursday, May 29, 2025

The sign installation will begin on June 5, 2025 and the ribbon cutting will be held on June 21, 2025.

There are approximately 25 – 35 people attending the Mobile Market every week. Other communities are only averaging about half of that.

On May 3, 3035, nine trees were planted at the Ninth Street Park site. There were 50 volunteers that participated in the event.

There will be blood drive at the Borough Building on July 30, 2025. More details to follow.

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

There were 1,202 calls for service for the month of April 2025 with 103 Juvenile incidents. 8,167 miles were patrolled.

Shawn DeVerse secured another grant in the amount of \$26,646 for six additional cameras to be installed throughout the borough. We currently have two, one at the Mansfield Bridge and one at Sixth Street.

Borough Manager's Report – Elaina Skiba

Council has agreed to open the Borough Building as a Community Gathering Place for people affected by adverse weather, especially during times of extreme heat or cold and power outages. I will be working with Representative Inglis office to research what resources are out there to help the Borough provide this service.

Due to the work being done by the utility companies on Monongahela, the Sidewalk Reconstruction Project may be delayed. Since we don't have an accurate time frame for that work to be completed, we will still need a motion to advertise.

Motion made by Stecak second by Miskanin to advertise the Sidewalk Reconstruction Project through the Multimodal Transportation Grant. For the East side of the 600 Block of Monongahela Avenue.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Land Bank update.

Solicitor's Report – Falco Muscante, MBM Law

There is nothing to report on this month.

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 Nabors second by DeVerse to approve the Monthly Financial Reports.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Trunzo second by Miskanin to approve and pay General Fund bills for April in the amount of \$539,936.62.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by Kowalski to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for April in the amount of \$60,848.36.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

New Business:

Polling places for election day, May 20th, are the following:

- Districts 1, 2 and 5 will vote at the PNA
- District 3 will vote at the Senior Center
- Districts 4 & 6 will vote at Queen of the Rosary Church

Public Comments:

Toni Cregan: Looking to see if there is some type of even a temporary fix to solve my water issue in front of my house. It is continuously getting worse every time it rains.

Motion made by Trunzo second by DeVerse to adjourn.

Yes – 7 No – 0 Motion Carried

Submitted by:

Andrea Foster
Borough Secretary

Approved by:

Anthony Colecchi
President of Council