

Regular Voting Meeting
Tuesday May 12, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by President of Council Anthony Colecchi.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Five letters of interest for the vacant Council seat were received through the close of business on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. The letters were read at the Workshop Meeting that evening.

Nominations will now be taken to fill the vacant Council seat.

Dave Kowalski nominates Rich Giannandrea.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Kowalski to close nominations.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion Carried

Roll Call vote for: Rich Giannandrea,

DeVerse, yes; Kowalski, yes; Stecak, yes; Stockett, yes; Trunzo, yes; Colecchi, yes

Motion made by Kowalski second by DeVerse to approve Resolution #1 (5.12.26) appointing Rich Giannandrea to the vacant Council seat.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion Carried

New Councilperson, Rich Giannandrea, was sworn in by Mayor DiMarco.

There were no Public Comments on the Agenda Items.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Stecak to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2026.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Kowalski second by DeVerse to approve the Safety Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2026.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

Building Inspector & Code Enforcement – Council Vice President Mark Stecak

Council has received the Building Inspector & Code Enforcement Reports. Inspections and permits for the month of April are:

Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 9
Failed Certificates of Occupancy – 4
Building Permits Issued – 3

Code Enforcement Cases for the month of April are:

Issues turned over – 6
Code Inspections – 12
Follow-up Inspections – 22
Violation Letters Issued – 8
Charges at the Magistrate - 6

Crime Watch Parks & Recreation, GDC – Councilman Dave Kowalski

The 9th Street Park is now open from 7:30 until dusk. Dogs are not allowed in the park.

Spring clean up was held on Saturday April 25th. We would like to thank the employees and elected officials who came out to help clean some of the streets in the Borough.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Stockett to close 7th Street from Vermont Avenue to Cherry Alley on September 5th from noon to 6:00 p.m. for Love Ministries to hold a Community Day.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion Carried

Delinquent Taxes, Sewage, Trash and Administration & Communication – Councilwoman Meghan DeVerse

Total Collections from MBM Collections for April
\$8,457.07
Year to Date Collections from MBM Collections for delinquent Real Estate tax
\$75,847.31
Total Delinquent Sewage Collections for April
\$51,846.78
Year-to-date collections
\$226,404.74

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

Fire report:

There were 47 calls for the month of April.

There was a major apartment fire on 04/13 at 6:40am. There were multiple minor injuries to fire fighters.

Citizen's Hose Company will hold their annual street fair and 125th year celebration on July 17th and 18th.

Thank you to the citizens and the borough for your continuous support.

Senior Center:

The Bingo and Purse Cash Bash were both successful events.

The Finance report has been submitted.

The next Bingo will be on Tuesday, May 26th at 12:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Motion made by Stecak second by Giannandrea to close the 500 block of Monongahela Avenue Friday July 17th and Saturday July 18th from 3pm to midnight and Monongahela Avenue from 3rd to 7th Street from 4:30pm until 6:00pm for the parade.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion Carried

Buildings – Councilwoman Jennifer Stockett

The Borough has been informed that the county's historic consultants will be out to conduct their required fieldwork on the old Borough Building. They will be doing an exterior review of the building only. Once this is finished, we hope to have an update on the demolition.

The Boys and Girls Club will be using the Borough Building for a few hours a week beginning June 4th.

This will be to prepare students who will be participating in the next session of the Per Scholas Program.

Police Committee, Safety Committee, Public Works Dept – Council President Anthony Colecchi

Update on the Giant Eagle Mobile Market. Reminder that the Mobile Market is for individuals only. Anyone purchasing from the Mobile Market for anything other than personal use will be asked by the Borough not to return.

Update on Main Streets Allegheny. RIDC and Elko Industries.

Anthony previously spoke at a conference for them. He has met with RIDC to show them the business district, industrial sights, and other parts of town that they are interested in. Last week, Anthony met with representatives from 22 Allegheny Square at Stalco Industries, the burned out area of the industrial section of town. They are planning on demolition to rebuild the sight and bring in more industry. The meetings and discussions will continue over the next few weeks. The building inspector will need to be involved to review.

Update on Tree Pittsburgh.

We had a successful tree adoption event at the Giant Eagle Mobile Market on April 23rd. There were about 60 trees given away. Starting this week, they should have a surplus, and they will

provide the date for another event.

Safety Committee

Ray Adams has retired and Eric Eyth will be the new Encova representative. They do a safety training in December and will keep us updated on any changes to our safety program.

Motion made by DeVerse second by Stecak to hire a Public Works Laborer pending interviews and pre-employment testing.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion Carried

Street Sweeping started this Month. Every Thursday, sweeping will be done North to South on Monongahela Ave. Every Friday, sweeping will be done South to North on Monongahela Ave.

The dumpster for electronic waste was delivered to the Public Works garage. This dumpster is for residents only and we ask that the electronics are placed on the ground next to the dumpster.

The Police Report will be read by Mayor DiMarco.

Police Report - Mayor Keith DiMarco

Police Report is available upon request.

The Borough would like to thank the Lupinacci Foundation for supplying bulletproof vests for three of our police officers. This was a generous donation and very much appreciated.

There were 1,247 calls for service for April 2026. There were 10 non-traffic citations, 101 traffic citations, 32 criminal arrests, 103 juvenile incidents, 6 total offenses cleared by arrest, and 8,167 patrolled miles. All vehicle service was conducted on patrol units and docs on file to be reviewed upon request.

We are working on trash collection for the 700 block of Hemlock. There have been complaints for several weeks that trash has not been picked up. There is an issue with a sink hole in the alley.

Borough Manager's Report

Motion made by Kowalski second by DeVerse to award the 6th Street Paving Project to El Grande in the amount of \$58,456.50. These funds are from CDBG 50 and 51 grant. We were awarded \$78,251.75, therefore we will work with the contractor and the engineer to use the rest of the funds to pave as much of 6th Street as possible.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion Carried

Council President Colecchi and Borough Manager, Elaina Skiba, worked with the COG to complete and submit the application for the GTRP grant for the playground equipment for the 9th Street Park.

We had a grant for a walking track in 9th Street Park. Bids are currently being accepted for this walking track through SRCOG. The bid opening is May 26th, and we will have a report next month with the outcome.

Motion made by Glannandrea second by Kowalski to approve the Recurring Resolution from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the GTRP Grant application for the park equipment, not to exceed \$250,000, and to authorize the appropriate Borough officials to sign this Resolution.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion Carried

Solicitor's Report – Falco Muscante, MBM Law

Motion made by Giannandrea second by Stecak to authorize the Borough Solicitor to begin legal proceedings against the owner of 709 Monongahela Avenue. These proceedings are to collect delinquent fees by the borough.

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion Carried

Written Reports of Borough Officials:

Tax Collector – Jennifer Bell – Report available upon request.

Treasurer's Report – Elaina Skiba – Report is available on the desk.

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

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Stecak second by DeVerse to approve and pay General Fund bills for April in the amount of \$413,286.52

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Stockett second by Kowalski to approve and pay Sewer Revenue Fund bills for April in the amount of \$82,223.85

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion Carried

New Business:

The Town Hall for this evening to discuss the Consent Order and Agreement with the DEP regarding the Sewage Plant must be rescheduled. We were expecting to have the Agreement back from the DEP but this is not the case. Once the DEP returns the signed Agreement, a new date will be announced.

Reminder that Election Day is Tuesday May 19 and all districts will vote in the Borough Building. Borough offices will be closed for Election Day.

A Blood Drive for Jasiah Jones will be held here at the Borough Building on July 29th, from 2:00pm – 6:00pm.

We are hoping to get 25-30 units collected.

Remember to put your trash out on Sunday evening after 6:00p.m. One bulk item per household will be picked up the first Monday of the month. If you have additional items, call Fayette Waste at 724-430-0100 to arrange for a pickup.

Habitat for Humanity will be providing low-income homeowners with a variety of home repair opportunities. There are flyers available with more information.

Public Comments:

Brian Greg – Concern with trash collectors leaving loose items in the trash can, not taking trash clippings as they are considered a bulk item, and a lot of back and forth with the trash collectors. The DEP rule states that all items must be contained in a bag, but this applies to the trash hauler.

Wendy Boor – Questions and concerns regarding filling vacant borough council seats. Wendy requests that council adopt a more structured and transparent approach for future vacancies.

Kathy Boor – Coal pile is causing her issues. She is getting dust in and on her home, she is breathing in this dust, and her neighbors have issues as well. She believes a neighbor's car is illegally parked by the fire hydrant and nothing is being done about it. Line of sight issues with this person's fence as well. The shed on that property continues to be an issue that needs to be addressed.

Motion made by Trunzo second by Giannandrea to adjourn

Yes – 6 No – 0 Absent – 0 Motion Carried

Submitted by:

Penny Donaldson
Steel Rivers Council of Governments

Approved by:

Anthony Colecchi
President of Council