

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018**

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Regular session of Borough Council convened at 7:35 pm. Present were Councilors Janice Matyasovsky, Tim Sloss, Mike Zrenchak, Jane Weigand, Mike Matlos, Chris Ponchak, and Melissa Morgan; Mayor Larry Sikorski; Solicitor Matt Racunas; and Engineer Don Glenn.

Mr. Racunas said there are a lot of people here and they would appreciate, for the sake of time, if you could please be brief. They want everyone to have a chance to speak and be heard. If someone is stating what you had planned to say, please don't duplicate it. Also, if you could, have one person be a spokesman for a group of people. They want to hear your concerns, but they also want to be able to conduct their business. They appreciate your cooperation.

Mr. Racunas called for a motion to adopt a proclamation honoring Eagle Scout Michael S. Zrenchak. Mrs. Matyasovsky made the motion, seconded by Mr. Sloss, and the motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Zrenchak, and Mr. Sikorski joined Michael up front. Mr. Zrenchak read the entire proclamation, the title being "A Proclamation of the Borough of Liberty honoring Eagle Scout Michael S. Zrenchak for his loyalty, commitment, and community service to the Borough of Liberty". Mr. Zrenchak presented the proclamation to Michael. Mr. Sikorski said Michael's success has been supported by his proud mother, father, and grandmother. His grandfather, John Matyasovsky, was instrumental in getting Mr. Sikorski involved with council nine years ago, and in grooming Michael for this date today. Mr. Sikorski thanked Michael's parents and grandparents for starting his career in serving the community.

Mrs. Morgan said they are all aware of the significant rain event on Sunday. All of the officials feel very bad about the homes that were flooded, and everyone is upset. They are working together as a council to assess the damage in the problem areas. No one wants to see these problems continue, and council does not want to sit there and do nothing, as past councils have done. They are working hard to take care of it. Mrs. Morgan had talked with a representative from Duquesne Light, and they could not be here for this meeting, but set one up for Friday at 10:00 am. If anyone has any questions for them, please see her after the meeting. Mrs. Morgan said she knows Mr. (Rick) Gobel had some questions. She can email the concerns to Duquesne Light and they can address it on Friday. They will have a representative at next month's meeting. They were at the sub-station at 9:45 pm on Sunday night; everything was fine there. There was a downed wire, but she doesn't have an answer as to why the power was off. They will talk to Duquesne Light and hopefully get the problem addressed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

**Cathy Beadling, 2805 A Street,** said she has had a problem for a long time, and passed pictures around to show council what it looks like. Mrs. Beading thanked Mr. Zrenchak and Mr. Sikorski for coming down to look at it. The ditch above her house

overflows, and goes into the culvert at the bottom of Roberts Street. Because Roberts overwhelms the ditch, it overflows into her driveway, and then overflows into her house. It is an easy fix; just separate the two. Mrs. Beadling asked if there is any grant money to buy the houses on Glenn Avenue that are in the flood zone, so those people don't have to go through that; it is terrible. Mrs. Morgan said the houses are owned and occupied; they wouldn't be able to go in and buy them. Mr. Sikorski said he was down at Mrs. Beadling's until about 9:45 pm. Then he went through his files and found paperwork on it, which he gave to Mr. Zrenchak. The fix shouldn't be hard to do.

**Jerry Cendroski, 3246 Jeffrey Drive**, said that since 1992 when they put the tower in, there has been nothing but water problems. They drain the tank every five years, and they are supposed to drain it down through Liberty Borough to the cul-de-sac. In 2013, they drained it directly over the hill, and we had all kinds of problems. There were lawsuits with the water company. They did the same thing in May. It is affecting the residents below; the water company needs to be responsible. **Marcy Cendroski, same address**, said that PA American Water has created a pathway for water, so that when it rains, it follows the path, down to the homes below. Someone needs to speak with the water company. Mr. Zrenchak said he walked up through the woods there yesterday, and there are a lot of trails coming off the water tower; it needs to be addressed. Council will have to discuss it and come up with a plan.

**Jennifer McClelland, 3300 Oakland Drive**, said she gets an incredible amount of water where she lives. They were first flooded in 2013. She believes that part of the problem is from the water tower; it's made a path for the water to follow. When there is a big storm, the rain finds its way down. There is nowhere for the rain to go. The pipes are undersized, as she learned when she sat on council last year; they are only 18". There are no catch basins on Scene Ridge; there is only one or two on each block the whole way up. The entire neighborhood in the Manor drains into the pipe in front of her house. The first time it flooded, there was \$45,000 damage to her house, the second time, June 13 of last year, there was \$35,000 damage. They just paid \$30,000 to build a new garage, so they can close up the garage that goes under their house. They don't get water in the foundation, so a French drain will not help. There is nothing else they can do as homeowners to move the water. It comes from the entire neighborhood down her driveway. It came in such force on Sunday night that it blew the wall in the laundry room out. It hit the wash tub so hard that it knocked the sewage pipe off that comes from the upstairs to the downstairs. They are dealing with a river of water that should be going underground. She doesn't have the fight in her tonight; she is begging them to follow through with something. She has one neighbor with a progressive disability and their basement has been designed to accommodate that, and it filled with water on Sunday. There is nowhere for the water to go, with the pipes being the way they are. They have put more into fixing these houses as homeowners than most homes in the borough are worth. Mrs. McClelland said they were hoping to have their garage blocked in, but they ran out of time and money before the storm on Sunday. She is asking council to please follow through with something; get some kind of guidance or help to keep this from happening again. Mrs. McClelland thanked Mr. Zrenchak for coming down, standing in the rain with them looking at the problem. Mrs. McClelland said Mr. Glenn has referred to it as a "soup bowl" there. She and her

neighbors are in the middle of the neighborhood; not near a river bank or a creek. This is water flowing off of people's roofs, down from the water tower, and into her home. The first flood was unfortunate; the second one last year could have had more action taken. No homeowner should be responsible for over \$100,000 worth of damage to their house in five years from a problem like this.

**Tim Chiaverini, 3214 Monaca Drive**, said his father is the one with the disability. There are no catch basins on Scene Ridge or the top of Monaca. The water flows down a driveway there through everyone's back yards. On Sunday, it flooded their back yard; he never saw so much water. They weren't able to save anything. They need to have some help; this is unacceptable. They need to correct the pipes. A woman from the audience, who did not identify herself, said her husband is disabled and not very well; he is bedridden. To make arrangements to take him somewhere else is very trying; he needs certain things. She is begging them to do something; it's been one year to the date and nothing has been done. **Rick Gobel** said Mr. Glenn sat in that seat four years ago; he sympathizes with these people and wants to know what the problem is. Mr. Glenn said he prepared a hydraulic report for council. The sewers are undersized for storm water. When the borough was build, there were very few provisions made for storm water, and the provisions that were made were undersized. You have to take into account this is not unique to Liberty Borough. There is flooding and homes sliding all over. We are getting storms that are 100-year event and 500-year event. Even if you size the storm sewers for a 25-year event, which is the norm, it won't handle a 100-year event. These storm events are abnormal. Several members of the audience said they don't believe that; it is just an excuse. Mr. Gobel said this problem is bigger than everyone up there. They need to get an outside consultation; they are not going to fix it themselves. These are situations where it is going to take someone with more knowledge than everybody up there. A woman from the audience, who did not identify herself, said she works for an environmental engineering service; they deal with water runoff all the time. She pulled data, and in the past two years we have had higher precipitation, and these storms are abnormal. The storm sewers do need to be fixed; her company could help out. She believes that paving the alleys has hurt us. We used to have French drains, and now this water is flowing down into someone's basement or garage. She doesn't have the answer, but there are multiple issues going on – Mother Nature has not cooperated, the paved alleys are hurting us, and she does feel bad for everyone that was flooded; she flooded as well. She is here to help. It may not be an easy fix. **Tom Ogurchak, 102 Kollar Drive**, said this is going to take an enormous amount of money that Liberty Borough doesn't have. Mr. Gobel said they need to obtain grant money; it is available. You need to get someone that can do it. Mrs. McClelland asked if anyone reached out to the local senators and representatives. Mrs. Morgan said Corey Derr, Emergency Management Coordinator, spoke with the Allegheny County Emergency Management officials today. Mr. Derr said that there was no funding from local, state, or federal. FEMA is designed for hurricanes and tornados that wipe out whole cities. The only thing they are offering is low interest loans. Your flooding has to be in your primary living space, and basements are not considered primary living space. You also have to have 40% uninsurable loss. People can contact their state representative to change that law. Mrs. Morgan said all the residents can make a phone call.

**Robert Black, 2801 Liberty Way**, said he was flooded with sewage; this is the second time within a year. It cost him \$30,000 last year to clean up the mess; now he has to do it again. He understands that, years back, they re-lined the sewer on Liberty Way, which reduced the 8" line down to a 6" line, which reduces the flow rate to a 43% decrease. When the pipes fill up, it will find the path of least resistance, which is the homes and businesses along Liberty Way. He is tired of it. It will cost him another \$20,000 - \$30,000 this time. He has a plumber coming tomorrow to tell him how much it will cost him for a back water valve to stop the stuff from coming into his house. It will cost him probably \$3,000 - \$5,000 to fix the problem that the sewer system is coming into his house. What are they going to do with the main line; it is too small at 8"; it should be 12". Mr. Black said that when he attended a meeting last year, they talked about the fact that there was a problem somewhere else in the borough, where the storm sewer was cross-tied into the sanitary sewer. DEP said that this must be corrected. You took a one and one-half million dollar bond issue to fix what's going on, and he has seen no evidence that this is taking place. Mr. Glenn said the sanitary sewers are adequately designed to accommodate the sanitary sewage. When the sewage system was designed, it had to be approved by DEP. The problem is that a great deal of residents have their storm sewers tied into the sanitary sewer, and the sanitary sewer system can't handle the storm water, so it backs up into the homes. There is a fix, and that is to take the storm water out. We are under an Act 537 mandate to remove storm water from the sanitary sewers. We opened the bids a few weeks ago, and it will take about \$970,000 to fix it. The works are in motion to obtain a PennVest loan, which usually takes about a year or less. Mrs. McClelland said that will put more storm water on the street. She wants them to be in compliance with Act 537, but without adequate pipes for the storm water, adding all that water will continue to flood these houses. Mr. Glenn said that storm water is another issue; the lines at Glendale are undersized. Contrary to what Mr. Gobel believes, Mr. Glenn said he is qualified to do that type of work, and more than qualified to put a report together and tell the borough what they need. Mr. Glenn said if that company wants to donate their time and civil engineers, he'll meet with them. As he pointed out to council in the hydraulic study done four years, they need \$300,000 just for Glendale. Mrs. Morgan said she has been on council for two years. What did the council four years ago do for this problem? Nothing. Mrs. McClelland said she was on council at that time, and at Mr. Glenn's recommendation, they enlarged the catch basin that was at her house and installed one at the end of the other block of Oakland. Mrs. McClelland said she is not trying to blame Mr. Glenn, just trying to say what was done. Mr. Glenn said they also repaired a line along the ballfield that was crushed in two places. The study showed that there was about \$30,000 worth of interim work that needed to be done. Mrs. McClelland said she doesn't agree that nothing was done. In October 2016 they paved her road, on top of what was there, and there is now no curb, which adds to the problem. Her neighbor has pictures of the curbs from years ago, and they were very steep and had a culvert to them. The hump in the middle of the road is higher than her driveway. Mr. Glenn said they crowned the road, which pushes the water to the side. **Greg Black, 3216 Monaca Drive**, said they've known about this for six years. All they have done over the years is to add catch basins; that doesn't help. Mrs. Morgan said that line was televised, and Mr. Zrenchak said it is clear. It is important to determine

that there is no debris plugging the line. Mr. Black said it may be clear, but it is undersized, and you've known this for six years now. Mrs. Morgan said most of the councilors were not on council six years ago; they don't want this to continue to happen. They are trying to work together and fix the problem that past councils haven't done. Mr. Black said that is no excuse. Mrs. Morgan said she sympathizes with them, but they can't predict the weather. Mr. Black said he wants something done, and asked if they put aside any money for it. Mr. Racunas said he represents a lot of communities and everyone is having water problems. There is a severe problem here, but the other side of it is the financial cost of what needs to be done. Obviously, it will be a tremendous cost, and the only way that is funded is through an increase in taxes. So if you want these people to do something, you want them to take action, you want them to issue bonds, you want them to do studies to implement the changes; there is a cost to it all. You are talking about tremendous debt service. The budget here is very small; this is a small community, with a very small income tax base coming in. A project of this magnitude will require issuing of bonds, which is long-term debt. The consequence of that is, if you have another major issue, any you already have tremendous debt, you have no funds to take care of it. Mrs. McClelland said that several years ago, the Land Trust offered us \$300,000 to preserve Dead Man's Hollow, but it did not have enough support to pass. That could have brought a lot of money in. Mr. Racunas said Mrs. McClelland was on council, so she understands about the finances. Mrs. McClelland said she does know. Mr. Racunas said there is a risk of municipal bankruptcy, which has happened in other communities. If something else would happen, how do you take care of it? They could possibly do this project in stages. It is hard to beat up on this council. Mrs. McClelland said she is not trying to beat anyone up, but it does not have to be all debt. They could reach back out to the Land Trust to sell that property. Has council looked into that? Mr. Racunas said that it is never as easy as, here's the problem, now go and fix it. It is hard to sit up here and make those decisions. We are on a shoestring budget here. You can try to obtain grants or reach out to the Land Trust; it has to be broken down as to what we can afford, and where is the money going to come from. Mrs. McClelland said the study was already done 3½-4 years ago; do they have to do another one? Mr. Gobel said after a study is done, the first step is to make a plan. **Cara Sloss, 2811 B Street**, said when the study was done, this council wasn't on, but Mrs. McClelland was, and asked her what did she do; besides sue the borough. Ms. Sloss said everybody had water from this recent storm. After some back and forth comments, Mrs. Morgan called for order, and Mrs. McClelland left the meeting. Mr. Racunas asked that everyone be respectful, and wait for the Council President to call on them to speak.

Cara Sloss wanted to know that, as residents, if they have voiced a concern or complaint about the police or a borough employee, will they be retaliated against by being sued or followed around the borough. She had voiced a concern about the cops on duty sitting at the Dairy Store, and not even two weeks later, she had a sheriff at her house serving her papers, that she was being sued by the Chief of Police. Mr. Racunas said they cannot comment about litigation. Ms. Sloss said she thinks the residents should know they have to watch what they say.

**Elizabeth Lape, 1027 Glenn Avenue**, said they have major water problems. Last year they dug a pond on their property to catch the sediment coming down, and it filled the pond on Sunday. If it rains again, they are done; it has become a safety issue. The people that owned the house before them didn't have these problems; it just started the past two years. There is a wall of water that rushes down; it is a huge issue. They need to find a way to slow the water down. She understands it is going to rain, but if they can do some kind of maintenance, anything, to slow the water down. It is flooding people's homes down there. There are a few issues along the creek that should have been maintained. It is starting to slide down in front of 1013, and their sewage sanitary line is exposed. These are things that should have been fixed when you received the money last year to help with Glenn Avenue. She was disappointed they didn't reach out to Senator Brewster and try to get some funding; he had to reach out to you, and gave you the money last year. Mrs. Morgan said we did not get any money from Senator Brewster. Mr. Sloss said Liberty and Port Vue each had over \$30,000 in expenses. **Jesse Lape, same address**, said Port Vue received that money back and then some. Mrs. Morgan said Mr. Glenn had talked with Tim Joyce from Senator Brewster's office. Mr. Glenn said he was told there was no money for flooding; but Port Vue and Liberty could apply for CITF money, to be used for street paving. Mrs. Lape said Senator Brewster has been able to help. She did a Google search, and there are grants available all over the place. Why aren't any applied for? Mr. Glenn said we applied for several grants: a GEDF grant in the amount of \$781,000, a GTRP grant in the amount of \$70,000, a Small Water and Sewage grant in the amount of \$427,000, and we did get a CITF grant in the amount of \$100,000, which we were directed to use for street paving. The other grants were directed towards the sanitary sewers, which we are under a mandate order to repair. Mr. Gobel asked who writes the grants; Mr. Glenn said he did. Mr. Gobel said he knows there are specific ways the grants must be written; if one thing is out of whack, you won't get it; and it helps to know someone. Mrs. Lape said they need some kind of maintenance; if not, the street is going to be lost. Mr. Lape said that when they fixed Glenn Avenue, Port Vue's council members were down there. Mrs. Morgan said Liberty council was down there also. Mr. Lape said he saw both the Port Vue side and the Liberty side, and there was a significant difference. Mr. Glenn's representative was there; they had one inlet to put in, and it was put in wrong. They were supposed to come back and fix it, but they have not, and the water ends up in his driveway. Mr. Lape said that the Port Vue dump is still being eroded; it took him four hours to clean up garbage. He is not saying to pick a fight with Port Vue, but the issue is affecting Liberty residents, and they need your help.

**Jim Reed, no address given**, has relatives that live here. Mr. Reed asked council if any of them have been flooded; several answered yes. Mr. Reed asked what the cost difference would be if they would have used the correct size pipe, instead of what was used.

**Tom Ogurchak, 102 Kollar Drive**, said two years ago, he called the Code Enforcement Officer about water draining into his yard, it floods. He lives at the bottom of the hill, and everyone's yard drains into his. The Code Enforcement Officer said to him, "don't live at the bottom of a hill". Mr. Ogurchak asked if there is any kind of code that you can't

allow water from your yard to go onto someone else's property. Mr. Racunas said that would be considered a private right of action; you would have to sue your neighbor.

**Amy Lockhart, 2815 F Street**, wanted to commend the firefighters; they were out all night and they did an awesome job. Her son's graduation party was at the Fire Hall on Sunday night. They lost power, and the Firemen made sure they had lighting and that everyone was ok. They let her clean up the next day, since there was no power.

Rick Gobel asked about homes with rain water going into the sewer system; when they go to sell, are they responsible to fix it? Mr. Glenn said yes. Mrs. Morgan said the dye testing is an on-going process. Mr. Sloss said there are only two employees on the Street Department. They can't be everywhere; that is why it is going slower. Jesse Lape said if they are going to fix the sewer system, just make sure that if the outlet goes over a hill, please don't forget about it; put in a retention pond or something. It would cost, but it's a lot cheaper than tearing up the street. He is a geo-technical engineer, and has offered his help for free.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

**PROPERTY.** Mrs. Weigand, Chairman, reporting.

The borough-owned property at 3214 Jeffrey Drive is in the process of being sold.

**POLICE.** Mr. Ponchak, Chairman, reporting.

Mr. Ponchak read Lieutenant Johnson's report on police equipment for the month of May as follows:

Vehicle mileage:

|               | BEGIN | END   | MILEAGE |
|---------------|-------|-------|---------|
| Unit #130     | 79950 | 80697 | 747     |
| Unit #131     | 24020 | 25000 | 980     |
| Unit #132     | 54429 | 55512 | 1083    |
| Total mileage |       |       | 2810    |

Vehicle Maintenance:

Unit 130

- None

Unit 131

- Oil change

Unit 132

- None

The EMS reported 38 calls for the month. The Fire Department report will be delayed, since they have been busy.

**LEGISLATION.** Mr. Ponchak, Chairman, reporting.

There was nothing to report.

**PARKS & RECREATION.** Mrs. Morgan, Chairman, reporting.

Fun-To-Be-A-Kid Day will be held on Saturday, August 18, behind the Fire Hall. There are sign-up sheets in the office. Ed from Liberty Auto Sales donated a boy's bike and a girl's bike. Total donations so far are \$2,300. Thanks to all who donated. We are looking for volunteers, if anyone wants to sign up.

The Memorial Day service went well. Thanks to everyone that helped.

Mrs. Morgan commended the Fire Department. It was cold and wet on Sunday and the Firemen were out there, along with Mrs. Morgan, her husband, and Mr. Ponchak. She appreciated everyone that helped.

**HEALTH & ORDINANCE.** Mr. Sloss, Chairman, reporting.

There was nothing to report.

**LIGHTS.** Mr. Matlos, Chairman, reporting.

There was nothing to report.

**FINANCE.** Mrs. Matyasovsky, Chairman, reporting.

Mrs. Matyasovsky presented the Bills for Ratification, as follows:

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| American Legal Services – police insurance [June]                  | \$ 43.44 |
| Center Independent Oil (Double Car Wash) – police vehicles [April] | 35.00    |
| Direct Energy – EMS                                                | 68.05    |
| Direct Energy – garage                                             | 100.06   |
| Direct Energy – Municipal Building                                 | 270.06   |
| Direct Energy – pump station                                       | 189.16   |
| Dravosburg Truck & Auto – inspection [2017 Ford]                   | 80.00    |
| First Commonwealth Bank – loan payment [PW truck]                  | 1,301.99 |
| First Commonwealth Bank – loan payment [2015 street paving]        | 3,686.14 |
| Marshall, Dennehey – legal costs through 4/30 [lawsuit]            | 2,108.00 |
| MCI – long distance                                                | 29.64    |
| McRo Tank Division – (3) training for the fuel pumps               | 475.00   |
| PA American Water – consumption data                               | 66.04    |
| PA American Water – EMS                                            | 20.96    |
| PA American Water – garage                                         | 243.34   |
| PA American Water – Municipal Building                             | 32.78    |
| Petty Cash                                                         | 264.82   |
| Racunas Law Group, LLC – Solicitor fees [April]                    | 2,274.00 |



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| Ratvasky, Larry – 2018 borough tax database upload   | 200.00   |
| Ricoh – copier maintenance                           | 38.22    |
| S & D Calibration – Acutrak certification            | 13.00    |
| S & D Calibration – Acutrak certification            | 14.42    |
| Sprint – mobile laptop                               | 40.24    |
| SwingSetMall.com – 4 belt swings                     | 139.80   |
| TEC Benefits – deductible reimbursement [Helderlein] | 85.85    |
| UPMC Health Plan – health insurance [June]           | 2,485.26 |
| Verizon – garage                                     | 54.99    |
| WestComm Wireless – police radios maintenance [June] | 55.00    |

**TOTAL RATIFIED BILLS** **\$14,415.26**

Mrs. Matyasovsky presented the list of bills, as follows:

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| American Natural – diesel                                          | \$ 822.35 |
| American Natural – gasoline                                        | 2,450.85  |
| Am Trust North America – Worker’s Comp installment                 | 4,099.00  |
| Aqua Filter Fresh – bottled water                                  | 35.10     |
| Building Inspection Underwriters – building inspection [April]     | 110.00    |
| Collura, Dave – wildlife control [May]                             | 140.00    |
| Comcast – phones/Internet                                          | 286.52    |
| Comcast – Internet [police office]                                 | 163.81    |
| Conney Safety – supplies for PW Dept.                              | 129.96    |
| Direct Energy – EMS                                                | 49.97     |
| Direct Energy – garage                                             | 94.85     |
| Direct Energy – Municipal Building                                 | 359.81    |
| Direct Energy – pump station                                       | 153.57    |
| Duquesne Light – street lights                                     | 3,235.64  |
| Elizabeth Electric – cable ties for Military Banners               | 24.24     |
| Glenn Engineering – general engineering                            | 3,530.00  |
| Glenn Engineering – sewage                                         | 287.50    |
| Home Depot – office microwave / rose bushes / hose nozzle          | 191.69    |
| Keystone Collections Group – delinquent real estate tax commission | 121.79    |
| Law Enforcement Systems – evidence envelopes                       | 69.00     |
| Mon Valley Independent – legal ad [meeting date change]            | 76.00     |
| Mr. John – 1 @ Latrobe Park [5/25/18 – 6/21/18]                    | 118.00    |
| Mr. John – 2 @ Manor Park [5/25/18 – 6/21/18]                      | 236.00    |
| PA American Water – 1st quarter sewage                             | 94,757.04 |
| PA American Water – fire hydrants                                  | 1,177.11  |
| PA Municipal Retirement System – Police Pension [2nd qtr]          | 1,040.00  |
| PA Municipal Retirement System – Non-Uniformed Pension [2nd qtr]   | 2,340.00  |
| PA Municipal Service Co – sheriff sale claim                       | 50.00     |
| PA One Call – notices                                              | 7.50      |
| Paul’s Auto Service – 6/5/18 statement [police vehicles]           | 1,148.78  |
| Peoples Gas – EMS                                                  | 42.00     |

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| Peoples Gas – Municipal Building                                     | 22.28     |
| Peoples Gas – garage                                                 | 23.06     |
| RA Foster & Son – janitor supplies                                   | 228.00    |
| Racunas Law Group, LLC – Solicitor fees [May]                        | 2,328.00  |
| RC Walter & Sons – (20) small flags                                  | 17.80     |
| Ricoh – copier lease                                                 | 114.95    |
| Sherwin-Williams – paint/supplies [Tot Lot]                          | 41.70     |
| Sprint – cell phones                                                 | 89.20     |
| Steel Rivers COG – street sweeper                                    | 680.00    |
| TEC Benefits – benefits admin                                        | 30.00     |
| TEC Benefits – deductible reimbursement [Takaht]                     | 20.00     |
| Total Tank Works, LLC – survey/testing/tank registration [gas tanks] | 400.00    |
| TruGreen – treatment at ball fields                                  | 463.37    |
| Volunteer Firemen’s Assn – semi-annual payment                       | 36,250.00 |
| WestCom Wireless – batteries / microphones [police radios]           | 696.00    |
| Whiteman, Christine – 2018 real estate tax refund                    | 7.95      |
| Ziebart – annual inspection [Tahoe]                                  | 155.90    |

**TOTAL BILLS** **\$158,916.29**

Mr. Matlos made a motion to accept the ratified bills and the list of bills. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Matyasovsky and passed unanimously.

The receipts for the month of May are as follows:

**GENERAL FUND**

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|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Real Estate Tax – Aquilante                            | 103,524.78 |
| Fire Tax – Aquilante                                   | 14,789.24  |
| Delinquent Real Estate Tax – Keystone                  | 0.00       |
| Act 77 Tax Refund                                      | 5,908.01   |
| Real Estate Transfer Tax                               | 742.35     |
| Earned Income Tax – Keystone                           | 28,972.86  |
| Local Services Tax                                     | 1,838.45   |
| Zoning/Building Permits                                | 65.00      |
| Zoning/Occupancy Permits                               | 150.00     |
| Dye Test Permits                                       | 200.00     |
| Street Opening Permits                                 | 125.00     |
| Police Fines                                           | 605.42     |
| No Lien Letters                                        | 60.00      |
| Refund Spring Conference “Early Leave” – Seven Springs | 135.00     |
| Police Reports                                         | 15.00      |
| Political Signs                                        | 10.00      |

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| Cable TV – Comcast                  | 13,776.98            |
| Fun-To-Be-A-Kid Day Donations       | 1,350.00             |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH</b> | <b>\$ 172,268.09</b> |

**GENERAL FUND**

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| <b>REGISTER BALANCE</b> | <b>\$ 119,695.89</b> |
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**GENERAL FUND SAVINGS**

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| Interest                | 38.80             |
| <b>REGISTER BALANCE</b> | <b>203,099.63</b> |

**SEWER FUND**

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| Customer Payments       | 74,460.89            |
| Surcharge               | 12,183.23            |
| <b>REGISTER BALANCE</b> | <b>\$ 121,957.31</b> |

**HIGHWAY AID FUND**

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| Interest                | 10.55               |
| <b>REGISTER BALANCE</b> | <b>\$ 53,023.60</b> |

**PERSONNEL.** Mrs. Matyasovsky, Chairman, reporting.

There was nothing to report.

**STREETS & SEWERS.** Mr. Zrenchak, Chairman, reporting.

Mr. Zrenchak made a motion to update the costs for all areas affected by storm water, including Glendale, Monaca, Oakland, Orchard, and Glenn Avenue. Mr. Zrenchak walked through the woods to observe the area to see what is happening. There is a retention pond, he is unsure if it is private or public, at the back of the homes coming down from one of the natural draining swales, and it needs to be taken out of the storm water system. Let's move forward and address the storm water issues ASAP. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Morgan and passed unanimously.

Mr. Zrenchak made a motion to submit the rock salt estimate at 500 ton, the same as last year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matlos and passed unanimously.

Mr. Zrenchak made a motion to obtain RFPs and proceed with repairs where the road is beginning to cave in on Liberty Way. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matlos and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Morgan wanted everyone to know that Liberty Way, from Glenn Avenue to Washington Blvd., will be tarred and chipped on Tuesday, June 19.

**MAYOR SIKORSKI'S REPORT.**

Mr. Sikorski said he would keep his report brief. There were 35 traffic citations issued last month; when he first became Mayor there were two.

**SOLICITOR RACUNAS'S REPORT.**

There was nothing to report.

**ENGINEER GLENN'S REPORT.**

Mr. Glenn called for a motion to advertise for the 2018 street paving program, subject to council's final recommendations. We are receiving a \$100,000 grant for it. Mr. Matlos made the motion, seconded by Mr. Zrenchak, and the motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

Mr. Matlos made a motion to hire two part-time employees, Michael Zrenchak and Jared Ruffing, as summer help for cutting grass and weedwacking, so our borough employees can get on with the dye testing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sloss and passed, with Mrs. Matyasovsky and Mr. Zrenchak abstaining.

There was no Old Business or Correspondence.

Mrs. Weigand made a motion to accept the typed minutes from the Regular Session on May 17, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Matlos and passed unanimously.

The next meeting date is July 11, 2018, with the Work Session at 6:00 pm and the Regular Session at 7:30 pm.

**Lavina Kerklo** asked about the status of the old school building. Mr. Racunas said it is still in bankruptcy.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Matlos. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. Helderlein  
Borough Secretary