Regular session of Borough Council convened at 6:00 pm. Present were Councilors Mike Matlos, Tim Sloss, Janice Matyasovsky, David Sowa, Chris Ponchak, Elizabeth Lape and Michael Zrenchak, Mayor Sikorski, Solicitor Matt Racunas and Engineer Don Glenn.

# PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Don Kiser – 3205 Jeffrey Drive:** Mr. Kiser asked when the lower portion of Jeffrey Drive would be paved. Mr. Zrenchak asked Mr. Matlos if they had started to put together a list of streets to be paved. Mr. Matlos stated that they haven't but that is one of them. Mr. Zrenchak stated that we got a \$100,000 grant for paving so with that and what we have in the budget, we are going to do a few roads this year.

## **PROPERTY:** Chris Ponchak

Mr. Ponchak stated that they are moving forward with the few properties on Jeffrey Drive

## POLICE, FIRE and EMS: Michael Zrenchak

Mr. Zrenchak read the Fire Department Report for March 2023:

Fires	4
Rescue and EMS	1
Service Call	1
Good Intent Call	4
False Alarm and False Call	1
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1
Total Calls	12

Mrs. Matyasovsky did not receive an EMS report for this month.

Mr. Ponchak read to Police Vehicle Report for March 2023:

#130	652 Miles
#131	797 Miles
#132	295 Miles

Vehicle #130 had 2 rear control arms replaced, 4 wheel alignment, inspection, and routine maintenance.

**Motion to adopt** the Liberty Borough Police Department Field Training Program Manual, contingent upon the review and approval of Solicitor Racunas.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mr. Sloss

All in favor. Motion carries.

Solicitor Racunas stated that he is in the process of reviewing it.

#### LEGISLATION: David Sowa

Mr. Sowa stated that he is working with the Blight Committee looking a t some ordinances to make sure there is not an ordinance n place for dumpsters and looking at dumpsters and bagsters. Mr. Sowa explained that people can buy bagsters at Lowes or Home Depot and fill them up and Waste Management will come and pick them up. There have been some in the borough that have been around for a while. Mr. Zrenchak said that there is a charge to get them picked up and there are only 1 or 2 trucks in the area that pick them up.

#### PARKS & RECREATION: Janice Matyasovsky

Mrs. Matyasovsky said that there will be an outside movie sometime in July.

#### HEALTH & ORDINANCE: Chris Ponchak

Mr. Ponchak had nothing additional to report. It was covered by Mr. Sowa.

Mr. Bogdan stated that bagsters are classified as dumpsters. We currently do not have an ordinance for dumpsters and he does not see a need for one right now. Most people have a bagster for two, maybe three months. At the beginning of the third month, he sends a letter stating that they are not violating any ordinances, he asks how much longer the bagster will be there. Normally, after the letter, it is gone in one to two weeks. He does not want to see them telling people that they have only so long to work on their house. Some people can only work on their house on the weekends. He explained that a building permit is good for five years. You can have a thirty yard dumpster in your yard for 6 months to a year legally and bagsters are classified as dumpsters so it applies to them as well. No one has had a bagster on their property for more than 6 months. They have to wait for Waste Management to pick them up when there are 3 or 4 (bagsters) in the area. They had trouble with people putting regular trash in the dumpster bag and the truck would leave if the saw the trash in the bagster. Waste Management said they will look into the driver taking the trash out and taking the bagster. Mr. Bogan said the bagsters have never been a problem and he does not know why they are trying to make them a problem. There are roughly 1,300 homes on the borough and at most there are 10 bagsters at a time.

#### LIGHTS: Michael Matlos

Mr. Matlos stated that the 3 lights he reported out were still out. They said that with the new system, it could take about 5 weeks to get them replaced.

FINANCE: Elizabeth Lape

Motion to Pay:Bills for Ratification of \$128,121.41 and List of Bills to Pay \$11,899.47Motion:Mr. MatlosSecond:Mr. PonchakAll in favor.Motion carries.Bills for Ratification:

03/23/2023 EFT PA SCDU

03/23/2023	EFT	ADP [CHECKS]	-13,676.76
03/23/2023	EFT	ADP	-4,795.39
03/31/2023	EFT	ADP [INVOICE]	-94.64
04/05/2023	EFT	PA SCDU	-82.52
04/06/2023	EFT	ADP [CHECKS]	-12,213.00
04/06/2023	EFT	ADP	-4,475.57
04/21/2023	EFT	PA SCDU	-82.52
04/14/2023	EFT	ADP [INVOICE]	-79.69
04/20/2023	EFT	ADP [CHECKS]	-14,104.61
04/20/2023	EFT	ADP	-5,230.03
04/12/2023	4582	DUQUESNE LIGHT CO	-3,511.32
04/12/2023	12464	DUQUESNE LIGHT CO	-227.85
04/12/2023	12465	GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC	-120.00
04/12/2023	12466	PA MUNICIPAL SERVICE CO	-992.29
03/23/2023	23235	TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #205	-188.00
03/23/2023	23235	PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-5,023.11
03/23/2023	<b>23237</b>	Donald Barkley (Approved at March meeting)	-259.99
03/23/2023	23238	VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOC OF LIBERTY	-20,160.71
04/05/2023	23230	AFLAC	-223.36
04/12/2023	23240	AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES	-43.44
04/12/2023	23240	AMERICAN NATURAL SUPPLY LLC	-2,520.71
04/12/2023	23242	AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA	-3,886.00
04/12/2023	23242	CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY	-50.36
04/12/2023	23243	COMCAST	-377.11
04/12/2023	23245	DUQUESNE LIGHT CO	-461.44
04/12/2023	23246	FINNERAN, SHAUN M	-285.00
04/12/2023	23247	FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)	-1,598.35
04/12/2023	23248	GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC	-3,348.50
04/12/2023	23249	MCI	-31.28
04/12/2023	23250	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	-35.98
04/12/2023	23251	ONE DIGITAL	-40.00
04/12/2023	23252	PA AMERICAN WATER	-1,197.70
04/12/2023	23253	PEOPLES NATURAL GAS	-740.68
04/12/2023	23254	Pest b Gone	-300.00
04/12/2023	23255	QUILL	-84.75
04/12/2023	23256	R A FOSTER & SON CO	-46.50
04/12/2023	23257	RC WALTER & SONS INC	0.00
04/12/2023	23258	RICOH USA	-149.42
04/12/2023	23259	SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	-159.84
04/12/2023	23260	T-MOBILE	-175.83
04/12/2023	23261	Woehler Landscape Supply	-110.00

04/12/2023	23262	RC WALTER & SONS INC	-54.26
04/12/2023	23263	POSTMASTER	-756.00
04/13/2023	23264	Swede Construction Corp (CAP Fund)	-20,000.00
04/21/2023	23265	TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #205	-188.00
04/21/2023	23266	PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-658.78
04/24/2023	23267	UPMC HEALTH PLAN	-5,197.60
			-128,121.41

# List of Bills to Pay:

AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES			
	04/20/2023	118-27251	50.68
Total AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES			50.68
AMERICAN WATER			
	04/01/2023	4000256749	79.65
	04/11/2023	4000257285	180.00
Total AMERICAN WATER			259.65
CARA SLOSS			
	04/14/2023	Reimbursement	10.69
Total CARA SLOSS			10.69
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO.			
	04/12/2023	FHMT1022PA - 10	234.00
Total DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO.			234.00
DERKAS AUTO SERVICE			20.000
	04/19/2023	22896	649.33
Total DERKAS AUTO SERVICE		-	649.33
ECONO SIGNS LLC			
	04/19/2023	10-982041	679.21
Total ECONO SIGNS LLC		-	679.21
H B SOUTH PRINTERS			
	04/18/2023	3280	170.00
Total H B SOUTH PRINTERS		-	170.00
LBAA	04/19/2023		
		GRANT FUND	6,000.00
Total LBAA		-	6,000.00
MCI			-,
	04/16/2023	08648909459	30.44
Total MCI		-	30.44
MR JOHN			
	04/01/2023	INV-47402	396.00
	04/01/2023	INV-47401	198.00
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Total MR JOHN

PA AMERICAN WATER

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	04/19/2023	1024-210030156299	26.86
	04/19/2023	1024-210034877260	46.90
	04/19/2023	1024-210033713752	283.31
Total PA AMERICAN WATER			357.07
PSAB U/C PLAN			
	04/13/2023	81-25090M	2,224.21
Total PSAB U/C PLAN			2,224.21
QUILL			
	04/14/2023	31958733	153.97
Total QUILL			153.97
RICOH USA			
	04/24/2023	107129530	149.42
Total RICOH USA			149.42
VERIZON GARAGE			
	04/09/2023	450-731-927-0001-53	56.80
Total VERIZON GARAGE		_	56.80
WESTCOM WIRELESS INC			
	04/14/2023	1190	55.00
Total WESTCOM WIRELESS INC		_	55.00
Who Rescued Who Humane Society			
	03/31/2023	1st Qtr 2023	225.00
Total Who Rescued Who Humane Society		-	225.00
TOTAL		-	11,899.47
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#### **PERSONNEL:** Tim Sloss

Mr. Sloss said he has nothing new unless you (Mr. Zrenchak) wanted to say something about it.

Mr. Zrenchak read the motion.

**Motion to promote** Sergeant John Mayernik to Lieutenant of the Liberty Borough Police Department.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. Lape Mrs. Matyasovsky abstained from voting this evening. Mr. Sloss said no. Vote was 5 Yes, 1 No and 1 abstained from voting. Motion carries.

Missy Morgan asked if that means that council will promote Lt. Caito to Chief. Mr. Zrenchak said that was under discussion. It is something that is going to be discussed

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at the next workshop meeting. There are some personnel issues that they will discuss that aren't for tonight.

#### STREETS AND SEWERS: Tim Sloss

Mr. Sloss stated that they received a grant to have 21 catch basins to be replaced.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT: Larry Sikorski, Mayor

Mayor Sikorski stated that there were 41 traffic stops, total calls for service was 94, disorderly conduct calls of 8, and 11 citations.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Matt Racunas

Solicitor Racunas said he has 1 item under pending litigation that will require a quick executive session following this meeting.

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT: Don Glenn

Mr. Glenn stated that on May 4, 2023, the inlet bid opening will be held at Steel Rivers COG. After he tabulates the bids, he will submit a report to Council.

Mr. Glenn reported that the drilling has been completed at the Liberty Way slide. He spoke with the soils engineer today and he expects to have a report by Monday concerning the remedy for that slide. His preliminary report is that it is not a major slide so we should not be looking at a major expense.

Mr. Glenn would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the LSA projects. They need to review the E Street Alley project, the paving of Liberty Way and the slide project. He would like to meet with the appropriate member of council and Mike to go over the scope of work the make sure that everything in the bid item is included. H would like to schedule the meeting for next week.

Mr. Glenn stated that we should still hold back the \$2,135 from Swede for the Manor Park Restrooms until he meets with Mike to make an inspection, he will do a report to the contractor and once we are all satisfied, and we have the maintenance bond, then we can release that check.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Council is asking for Letters of Interest for the Zoning Board (1 Seat).

Liberty Borough will have our Spring Clean-up Day on May 6, 2023 at the Liberty Borough Fire Department. There will be dumpsters for household items and one for electronic items.

Motion to pay Big's Sanitation \$550 for an electronics dumpster for Clean-Up Day. Motion: Mr. Matlos All in favor. Motion carries Mr. Zrenchak said that Clean-Up Day will start at 9:00 AM until noon or so.

Mr. Zrenchak reported that 14 Crosswalk signs have been ordered. Mr. Sowa stated that he and Chris went up and down the boulevard (Liberty Way). There are 7 crosswalks. They will install the signs on both sides of the road where the crosswalks are. Hopefully that will happen soon. With the nicer weather, people are walking more. The police have been out there a lot more and will be looking out so people are safer.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion to approve** one of the Borough secretaries to take a class and order supplies to become a Notary Public at a cost not to exceed \$350.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mr. Ponchak All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Zrenchak stated that the intent is that if you have proof that you are a borough resident, this service will be at no cost. There will be a charge for non-borough residents.

The old caucus room chairs are available at no cost for any resident who may want one. As of this meeting, they are all gone.

The 2012 Chevy Tahoe has been placed on Municibid for sale. We have received 2 bids. Last day for bidding is Friday, April 28, 2023. Mr. Zrenchak said that we have gotten some really good action on it and got a lot more than we thought we would.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

# Motion to accept the typed minutes from the March 22, 2023 meeting.Motion: Mr. MatlosSecond: Mrs. MatyasovskyAll in favor. Motion carries.

Next meeting dates/times: Work Session, Wednesday May 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm – Regular Session, Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. Lape. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted by: Jill Pack Borough Secretary