

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
December 16, 2021

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

Mr. Zrenchak asked for a moment of silence for Troy Mitchell, a former police officer for Liberty Borough, who passed away December 14, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lavina Kerklo – 3227 Liberty Way: Mrs. Kerklo asked if council was aware of the program American Recovery. Mr. Zrenchak stated that we were aware of it and it was based on community size. He stated that we received approximately \$122,000 this year and will receive the same next year. He stated that there are earmarks and stipulations with the money. We have to be careful what we use it for because it will be audited. Eligible purchases are water projects, storm water projects, infrastructure projects like broadband and that sort of thing.

Rick Gobel – 185 Wunderley Drive: He wanted to get an update on the grant money that Austin Davis and Brewster awarded Liberty Borough for tearing down the Liberty Way school. Mr. Zrenchak stated that it was Nick Pisciotano not Austin Davis. Mr. Zrenchak told him that we received \$45,000 in Blight Remediation from Nick Pisciotano and about \$151,000 from Senator Brewster. We are still moving forward with obtaining funding because the project is over \$400,000. We tried to get the Act 152 money from Allegheny County which is \$15 from every property transfer that goes into a demolition fund. Thirty-nine (39) communities applied for it and not everyone got something. Mr. Gobel asked if the money that we were awarded was used for something else. Mr. Zrenchak stated that we will not even receive the money until the project goes out for bid. Mr. Gobel stated that at the corner of Memory Lane and Wunderley Drive there is a sewer that is collapsed. Mr. Matlos stated that it is an inlet and it is on the list. Mr. Gobel said that there is a steady stream of water coming right down into that inlet which has been going on for the last 6 to 9 months. He is not sure if it is a Pa American Water situation. Mr. Matlos said that there is a pond up above there that comes off of the run off. There is a natural spring that runs into it and when it fills up it overflows.

Margaret Mansfield – 1028 Glenn Avenue: She asked if Mr. Zrenchak had heard from the water company. He stated that he has been in touch with them and they said that they were going to come out but with covid he was not sure when that would be. Mrs. Mansfield said that her neighbor still has dirty water. Mr. Zrenchak said that as far as getting a water line put in, if they do not have city water then there is nothing the water company can do for them. Mrs. Mansfield said that they should make it a priority. Mr. Zrenchak said that he is still working on it. Mrs. Mansfield mentioned the donation to

SouthEast Regional EMS that was on the agenda. She asked why the borough contracts with them instead of someone closer. She said that it takes them 15 to 20 minutes to get there and when you have a cardiac event you are dead by the time they get to your house. Mr. Zrenchak said that they have always used them. Mrs. Matyasovsky stated that they used to be Elizabeth Township and they merged with Jefferson. She said you have a better chance of making it to the hospital with SouthEast. Mrs Mansfield asked why we don't use McKeesport. Mrs. Matyasovsky said that McKeesport will pick you up and put you in the ambulance and off you go. Mrs. Mansfield stated that if they get there and you are dead it doesn't matter then. Mrs. Matyasovsky said that SouthEast gives a better level of care when they get there. Mrs. McClelland stated that a few years ago someone from McKeesport Ambulance Service came to talk to council and then they had Elizabeth Township come with the same information and they compared the two. Elizabeth Township was much more professional, and had a much higher level of customer service. They provided time of calls and volume of calls and the competitor did not provide any of that. So, at the time it was the best decision for us to stay with them. We can certainly talk to both organizations again. Mrs. Mansfield stated that her niece called 911 for her sister in Lincoln and it took the 28 minutes to get there. Corey Derr stated that it is almost impossible to get an ambulance service based in a community that has a low call volume. Busier services prioritize calls. He said that we are privileged in this area to have so many ambulances around. Mr. Zrenchak stated that they can do some research on call volume and call reports. Mrs. Kerklo said that when she had her heart attack in May, they were there immediately.

PROPERTY: Elizabeth Lape

There was nothing to report

POLICE, FIRE and EMS: Tim Sloss and Chris Gretz

Mr. Sloss read the Fire Report for November 2021:

Residential Fire	1
Automatic Fire Alarm	1
Search Detail	1
Vehicle Crash	1
Carbon Monoxide	<u>1</u>
Total	5

Mr. Sloss stated that it was a slow month which is good for here. Mr. Derr said that they have tripled the calls this month so far.

LEGISLATION: Chris Gretz

There was nothing to report

PARKS & RECREATION: Jennifer McClelland

Mrs. McClelland mentioned that they hosted Light-Up Night last night. It was a small but fun event for the families. She thanked everyone who helped - Mike, Tim, Tim's family, Jamie and Jill. Sargent Mayernik and Officer Adams were here along with Santa and the Grinch.

HEALTH & ORDINANCE: Elizabeth Lape

There was nothing to report

LIGHTS: Mike Matlos

There was nothing to report

FINANCE: Janice Matyasovsky

Motion to approve the US Steel CAP money for the purchase of a 2022 Full Size Polaris Ranger in the amount of \$20,160.71.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. Lape

All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to approve a donation to the SouthEast Regional Emergency Medical Service for 2021 in the amount of \$5,000.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. Lape

All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to approve a donation to the SouthEast Regional Emergency Medical Service for 2022 in the amount of \$6,000.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mr. Sloss

All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to Pay: Bills for Ratification \$75,303.27 and List of Bills \$49,615.49

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

Bills for Ratification:

11/18/2021	EFT	ADP [CHECKS]	-11,479.74
11/18/2021	EFT	ADP	-4,000.99
11/26/2021	EFT	ADP [INVOICE]	-87.29
12/02/2021	EFT	ADP [CHECKS]	-11,291.27
12/02/2021	EFT	ADP	-4,055.33
11/30/2021	EFT	PA SCDU	-306.37
12/12/2021	EFT	FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK	-1,301.99
12/10/2021	EFT	ADP [INVOICE]	-77.21
11/18/2021	4559	DUQUESNE LIGHT CO	-3,527.15

11/18/2021	12368	DUQUESNE LIGHT CO	-128.08
11/18/2021	12369	GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC	-103.75
11/18/2021	12370	PA MUNICIPAL SERVICE CO	-907.72
11/18/2021	12371	PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC	-9.44
12/08/2021	12372	AMERICAN WATER	-69.52
12/08/2021	12373	PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC	-18.88
12/08/2021	12374	WARD BUILDING	-2,959.40
12/08/2021	12375	ZRENCHAK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC	0.00
12/08/2021	12376	ZRENCHAK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC	-1,120.00
11/18/2021	22360	AUTO PLUS	-70.64
11/18/2021	22361	BARRIER PROTECTION SYSTEMS INC BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS OF PA	-480.00
11/18/2021	22362	PA	-110.00
11/18/2021	22363	CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY	-31.74
11/18/2021	22364	CNH - PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT-CNH	-120.75
11/18/2021	22365	COLLURA, DAVE	-175.00
11/18/2021	22366	COMCAST	-367.67
11/18/2021	22367	DERKAS AUTO SERVICE	-50.00
11/18/2021	22368	DUQUESNE LIGHT CO FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)	-362.42
11/18/2021	22369	CARD)	-617.93
11/18/2021	22370	GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC	-2,471.25
11/18/2021	22371	HTM DESIGNS	-415.00
11/18/2021	22372	JORDAN TAX SERVICE INC	-386.00
11/18/2021	22373	MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT	-179.25
11/18/2021	22374	NORTH EASTERN UNIFORMS & EQUIP., INC.	-200.50
11/18/2021	22375	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	-138.92
11/18/2021	22376	ONE DIGITAL	-40.00
11/18/2021	22377	ORKIN EXTERMINATING	-207.92
11/18/2021	22378	PA AMERICAN WATER	-1,158.51
11/18/2021	22379	PEOPLES NATURAL GAS	-100.18
11/18/2021	22380	RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC	-6,073.00
11/18/2021	22381	RC WALTER & SONS INC	-40.36
11/18/2021	22382	Safsecur LLC	-531.48
11/18/2021	22383	SPRINT	-183.88
11/18/2021	22384	STANTON INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC	-784.34
11/18/2021	22385	STEEL RIVERS COG	-22.50
11/18/2021	22386	T-Mobile	-20.52
11/18/2021	22387	THIR HEATING & COOLING	-225.00
11/18/2021	22388	TRUGREEN CHEMLAWN	-501.13
11/18/2021	22389	TURNER DAIRY FARMS INC	-82.50

11/18/2021	22390	UPMC HEALTH PLAN	-5,004.22
11/18/2021	22391	VERIZON GARAGE	-55.77
11/18/2021	22392	WESTCOM WIRELESS INC	-55.00
11/19/2021	22393	PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-361.51
12/03/2021	22394	ADAMS, CHRISTOPHER	-261.48
12/03/2021	22395	FLEMING LANDSCAPING CO	-50.00
12/03/2021	22396	POSTMASTER	-116.00
12/06/2021	22397	SHELLEY AQUILANTE	-20.00
12/08/2021	22398	AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES	-72.40
12/08/2021	22399	AMERICAN NATURAL SUPPLY LLC	-3,813.49
12/08/2021	22400	AQUA FILTER FRESH INC	-6.92
12/08/2021	22401	AUTO PLUS	-13.89
12/08/2021	22402	CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY	-38.28
12/08/2021	22403	DERKAS AUTO SERVICE	-1,404.99
12/08/2021	22404	DUQUESNE LIGHT CO	-79.77
12/08/2021	22405	ELIZABETH ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	-78.94
		FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT	
12/08/2021	22406	CARD)	-181.06
12/08/2021	22407	FLYNN'S TIRE	-1,093.88
12/08/2021	22408	JEFFERSON HILLS LAWN & EQUIP	-15.85
12/08/2021	22409	MCI	-31.70
12/08/2021	22410	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	-71.94
12/08/2021	22411	PA AMERICAN WATER	-1,329.69
12/08/2021	22412	PEOPLES NATURAL GAS	-364.52
12/08/2021	22413	RC WALTER & SONS INC	-28.65
12/08/2021	22414	RICOH USA	-149.42
12/08/2021	22415	ROTELICA INC	-2,547.17
12/08/2021	22416	S & D CALIBRATION SERVICES	-14.00
12/08/2021	22417	SPRINT	-239.49
12/08/2021	22418	T-Mobile	-60.72
12/08/2021	22419	WARD BUILDING	0.00
12/13/2021	22420	LIBERTY SUNOCO	-150.00
			<u>-75,303.27</u>

List of Bills to Pay:

CNH - PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT-CNH

11/24/2021 PS0388313-1

33.50

Total CNH - PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT-CNH

33.50

COLLURA, DAVE

	11/29/2021	November 2021	<u>175.00</u>
Total COLLURA, DAVE			175.00
COMCAST			
	12/01/2021	8993209080108581	<u>173.81</u>
Total COMCAST			173.81
CSX TRANSPORTATION			
	11/11/2021	8415711	<u>689.00</u>
Total CSX TRANSPORTATION			689.00
DUQUESNE LIGHT CO			
	12/01/2021	3993-460-000	134.92
	12/01/2021	1744-720-000	77.40
	12/01/2021	0744-720-000	171.16
	12/02/2021	9723-500-000	<u>3,512.89</u>
Total DUQUESNE LIGHT CO			3,896.37
GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC			
	11/30/2021	21-12-16	2,722.50
	11/30/2021	21-12-149	<u>183.75</u>
Total GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC			2,906.25
JEFFERSON HILLS LAWN & EQUIP			
	12/01/2021	29174	<u>34.40</u>
Total JEFFERSON HILLS LAWN & EQUIP			34.40
KEYSTONE MUNICIPAL COLLECTIONS			
	12/13/2021	2018 Tax Liens	<u>2,460.00</u>
Total KEYSTONE MUNICIPAL COLLECTIONS			2,460.00
McManus Merchants			
	07/26/2021	111810	-9.30
	12/08/2021	113622	<u>38.00</u>
Total McManus Merchants			28.70
MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT			
	11/30/2021	00003274	<u>426.75</u>
Total MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT			426.75
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS			
	12/07/2021	5108-258036	<u>23.98</u>
Total O'REILLY AUTO PARTS			23.98
ONE DIGITAL			
	12/02/2021	10205-000101 ver. 1	<u>30.00</u>
Total ONE DIGITAL			30.00
ORKIN EXTERMINATING			
	12/03/2021	217142948	<u>207.92</u>
Total ORKIN EXTERMINATING			207.92
PA STATE MAYORS' ASSOC			

	11/24/2021	Boro of Liberty	<u>60.00</u>
Total PA STATE MAYORS' ASSOC			60.00
QUILL			
	10/08/2021	20103960	69.99
	11/23/2021	21179139	47.24
	11/24/2021	21203505	<u>28.99</u>
Total QUILL			146.22
RC WALTER & SONS INC			
	12/08/2021	650907	<u>65.27</u>
Total RC WALTER & SONS INC			65.27
S & D CALIBRATION SERVICES			
	12/07/2021	11328	<u>288.80</u>
Total S & D CALIBRATION SERVICES			288.80
Safsecur LLC			
	12/06/2021	3139	760.52
	12/08/2021	3197	<u>659.00</u>
Total Safsecur LLC			1,419.52
STEEL RIVERS COG			
	11/19/2021	21-1206	<u>300.00</u>
Total STEEL RIVERS COG			300.00
VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOC OF LIBERTY			
	12/01/2021	Contribution	<u>36,250.00</u>
Total VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOC OF LIBERTY			<u>36,250.00</u>
TOTAL			<u><u>49,615.49</u></u>

Mr. Zrenchak abstained from voting on the bills for Zrenchak Environmental Services.

PERSONNEL: Jennifer McClelland, Chairman

Motion to accept Bruce Takaht's resignation effective December 10, 2021.

Motion: Mrs. Matyasovsky

Second: Mr. Matlos

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Zenchak informed everyone in attendance that Bruce retired. He thanked Bruce for all his years of service.

Motion to hire Alan Lindsey as a Street Department full-time laborer effective January 1, 2022.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mr. Sloss

Mr. Gretz voted nay. All else in favor. Motion carries.

Vote was 6 Yay, 1 Nay

STREETS AND SEWERS: Mike Zrenchak and Tim Sloss, Chairmen

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-03 increasing the sewage rate from \$11.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$12.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to advertise the amendment of Ordinance 2017-03 Implementing Act 1 of 1996 and Act 20 of 2003 Concerning Collection of Municipal Fees.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Zrenchak explained that Pa American Water has done two rate increase through the PUC. We had enough built up for this year but we had no choice but to raise the rate next year to keep up with PA American Water.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Larry Sikorski, Mayor

Mayor Sikorski reported that the Police Department had a total of 100 calls for the month of November 2021.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Matt Racunas

Motion to advertise the demolition hearings to be scheduled for January 20, 2022 at 5:30 pm.

Motion: Mrs. McClelland

Second: Mr. Matlos

All in favor. Motion carries.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Don Glenn

Mr. Glenn reported that he is still trying to recoup the \$100,000 due to the Borough of Liberty from Allegheny County.

Mr. Glenn, as directed by council at the work session, sent a registered letter to 2922 Liberty Way.

Motion to ratify the Concurring Resolution 2021-17 for the 2018 Street Resurfacing RAAC grant.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing under old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to adopt the Liberty Borough 2022 Budget.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Zrenchak stated that there will be no tax increase for the year 2022.

Motion to accept Mike Betters quote of \$3,000 for the emergency demolition of 2814 B Street garage.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mr. Sloss

All in favor. Motion carries

Motion to renew Worker's Comp insurance in the amount of \$51,883.00.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion to accept the typed minutes from the November 18, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to advertise the 2022 meeting dates and times.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

Reorganization meeting will be January 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Next meeting dates/times: Work Session, Wednesday January 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm –
Regular Session, Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Mr. Zrenchak stated that we are losing one of our long-time council members. Janice Matyasovsky has been on council off and on for multiple years. She decided not to run again. They wanted to thank her for all her years of service. He said he knows she is going to miss it but they could not convince her otherwise. She will be on the other side of the table now.

Mr. Zrenchak said that during the reorganization meeting, the committees will change. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as President of Council for the past 2 years. He has enjoyed working with everyone. He said he did the best he could and enjoyed it very much. He thanked everyone again.

Mr. Zrenchak wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

All in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Second: Mrs. McClelland

Respectfully submitted by:

Jill Pack
Secretary