MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL August 19, 2021

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cathy Beadling – 2805 A Street: She thanked Jamie for putting the meeting on Savvy Citizen because you get reminders. She said that the pancake breakfast looked like a success for Jo-Lynn's. She said that she talked with the man who bought the property (Belmont and Family Dollar). He told her what his intentions are and she hopes that the borough makes him submit some sort of plan. She wants all of council to take a ride up to 51 by Francesca's. There is a combination of storage units and RV's and it is a mess. This is what we could end up with on our main street. She said that she told him that she would help him and she asked that he be considerate of our borough and make it look nice.

Mr. Zrenchak spoke with Jodi to get an update with what is going on with Jo-Lynn's. The Fire Marshall and the insurance company cleared them last Thursday and she can get started with the repairs. She reached out to her contractor, Boyer and Pentek and they hope to get started next week. There have been a lot of rumors that are not true and it is very disheartening because of all that Jodi has done throughout the years for all of the sports teams, boy scouts, girl scouts. They have always donated whatever, even during covid. They fed the kids. It is a disgrace that people put that kind of stuff out there. He did not want to dignify what Jodi has heard. She hopes to be up and running soon.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-09 extending congratulations to Raymond Weigand, Jr. on his 100th birthday on August 25, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Zrenchak read the resolution congratulating Raymond Weigand, Jr.

PROPERTY: Elizabeth Lape

There was nothing to report.

POLICE, FIRE and EMS: Tim Sloss and Chris Gretz

Mr. Sloss read the Fire Report for July 2021 as follows:

Commercial Fire 1
Residential Fire 5
Automatic Fire Alarm 3
Carbon Monoxide 1

Containment	1
Search Detail	1
EMS Assist	4
Vehicle Crash	1
Stand By	3
Brush Fire	1
Total	21

Motion to purchase a laptop for the 2014 Impala in the amount of \$649.66.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. Lape

All in favor. Motions carries

Motion to purchase a laptop mount for the 2014 Impala in the amount of \$490.83.

Motion: Mr. Matlos **Second:** Mrs. Lape

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Gretz asked for an explanation as to how the laptop and mount were being purchased. Mr. Zrenchak explained that they were being purchased out of the proceeds from the sale of the marked police car and did not affect the budget.

Motion to approve the donation for the Volunteer Fireman's Association Festival in the amount of \$700.00.

Motion: Mrs. Matyasovsky **Second:** Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to accept the terms of Docket No: 20-1779 General Release and Settlement Agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Zrenchak Yes
Mr. Sloss Yes
Mrs. Matyasovsky Yes
Mr. Matlos Yes
Mrs. Lape Yes
Mrs. McClelland Yes
Mr. Gretz Yes

Motion carries.

LEGISLATION: Chris Gretz

Motion to advertise with the intent to adopt the Quality of Life Ordinance.

Motion: Mrs. McClelland **Second:** Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor. Motion carries

Mr. Gretz stated that this Quality of Life Ordinance is going to tighten up properties such as the one with which Mrs. Beadling spoke. This will hopefully stop places like that. Unregistered vehicles sitting on your property will be covered under this ordinance. Old swimming pools with standing water in them will be covered and dealt with. There was something dealing with

landlord/tenant agreements and occupancy in the ordinance. It will make Mr. Bogdan's life easier and will help the borough with nuisance properties. Mrs. Beadling said that when businesses come in they should be giving a plan to the borough. Mr. Zrenchak said that they will have to go through zoning to see if the main drag is zoned for that sort of business. If not, they will have to submit a variance because there are things you can and cannot do. He said that there would be a public hearing. Mrs. Beadling said that is where Savvy Citizen comes n handy. Mr. Zrenchak said that he would need to go before the Planning Commission to put his plan in and then go through zoning if it is not in our zoning ordinance. Then there would be a public meeting to give the public a chance to comment before the zoning board makes their final decision. Ultimately, council can say yay or nay. There is a process.

PARKS & RECREATION: Jennifer McClelland

Mrs. McClelland stated that Fun To Be A Kid Day will take place on September 11, 2021. It will be two (2) parts – we will have an event earlier in the day and we are also including a movie night. Matt is working on the movie license. She said that we have received about \$1,600 in donations. She thanked Jamie and Jill for working on this event.

HEALTH & ORDINANCE: Elizabeth Lape

There was nothing to report.

LIGHTS: Mike Matlos

Field verification for all 100 lights has been completed. When we pay the invoice of \$10,900 Duquesne Light will release their crew. They have already started putting lights behind the fire hall.

FINANCE: Janice Matyasovsky

Motion to Pay: Bills for Ratification \$32,060.42 and List of Bills \$112,438.41

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mr. Sloss

All in favor. Motion carries

Bills for Ratification:

07/29/2021	EFT	ADP [CHECKS]	-11,777.32
07/29/2021	EFT	ADP	-4,003.03
08/06/2021	EFT	ADP [INVOICE]	-86.97
07/28/2021	12345	AMERICAN WATER	-70.03
07/19/2021	22139	AFLAC	-74.88
07/19/2021	22140	Allegheny County Dept of Court Records	-102.25
07/19/2021	22141	PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-2,600.00
07/19/2021	22142	AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA	-5,200.00
07/19/2021	22143	COMMONWEALTH OF PA	-65.00

07/19/2021	22144	UPMC HEALTH PLAN	-4,817.59
07/19/2021	22145	WESTCOM WIRELESS INC	-55.00
07/20/2021	22146	SA FOOTBALL BOOSTERS	0.00
07/20/2021	22147	SA FOOTBALL BOOSTERS	-300.00
07/26/2021	22148	PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-322.74
07/26/2021	22149	PA SCDU	-334.06
07/26/2021	22150	TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #205	-234.00
07/26/2021	22151	John Mayernik	-25.00
07/28/2021	22152	AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES	-72.40
07/28/2021	22153	Andrew Bollenger	-8.00
07/28/2021	22154	AQUA FILTER FRESH INC	-65.72
07/28/2021	22155	BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS	-220.00
07/28/2021	22156	CHRISTIE AND ASSOCIATES	-420.00
07/28/2021	22157	JIM PARTYKA PLUMBING	-110.00
07/28/2021	22158	MCI	-33.26
07/28/2021	22159	MR JOHN	-390.00
07/28/2021	22160	PA AMERICAN WATER	-130.62
07/28/2021	22161	R A FOSTER & SON CO	0.00
07/28/2021	22162	RICOH USA	-149.42
07/28/2021	22163	SPRINT	-87.23
07/28/2021	22164	VERIZON GARAGE	-56.33
07/28/2021	22165	R A FOSTER & SON CO	-95.40
08/09/2021	22166	AFLAC	-74.88
			-32,060.42

List of Bills to Pay:

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	07/13/2021	4000217641	07/23/2021	660.00
Total AMERICAN WATER				660.00
CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY				
	07/31/2021	073121	08/10/2021	24.28
Total CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY				24.28
COLLURA, DAVE				
	07/28/2021	396863	08/07/2021	175.00
Total COLLURA, DAVE				175.00
DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY				
	08/09/2021	AR27346	08/19/2021	10,900.00
Total DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY				10,900.00
FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)				

	07/27/2021	5305203280016958	08/06/2021	772.90
Total FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)				772.90
FOSTER & SON				
	06/22/2021	0000025	_	-39.50
Total FOSTER & SON				-39.50
GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC				
	06/30/2021	21-07-124	07/10/2021	4,746.30
	06/30/2021	21-07-121	07/10/2021	166.25
	06/30/2021	21-07-01	07/10/2021	3,901.25
	07/31/2021	21-08-13	08/10/2021	2,302.50
	07/31/2021	21-08-153	08/10/2021	80.00
Total GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC				11,196.30
H B SOUTH PRINTERS				
	08/03/2021	1404	08/13/2021	98.00
Total H B SOUTH PRINTERS				98.00
HOME DEPOT				
	07/15/2021	6523191	07/25/2021	37.64
Total HOME DEPOT				37.64
LICO INC				
	08/04/2021	059655	08/14/2021	186.25
Total LICO INC			_	186.25
McManus Merchants				
	07/26/2021	111810		-48.60
	07/28/2021	111809	08/07/2021	39.30
Total McManus Merchants	0.7207202.			-9.30
MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT				0.00
	07/31/2021	00003274	08/10/2021	442.50
Total MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT	07/31/2021	00003274	00/10/2021	442.50
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS				442.50
O REILLY AUTO PARTS	05/00/0004	F400 040000		2.04
T . LOIDEUL VALITO DADTO	05/26/2021	5108-242299	_	-2.64
Total O'REILLY AUTO PARTS				-2.64
ONE DIGITAL		10205-000097		
	08/02/2021	ver.1	08/12/2021	40.00
Total ONE DIGITAL				40.00
PA AMERICAN WATER		1024-		
	03/22/2021	220022821568	04/01/2021	85,034.88
Total PA AMERICAN WATER				85,034.88
PA MUNICIPAL SERVICE CO				
	07/26/2021	92454	08/05/2021	943.92
Total PA MUNICIPAL SERVICE CO			_	943.92
PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC				

	07/31/2021	00009155044	08/10/2021	26.68
Total PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC				26.68
PEOPLES NATURAL GAS				
	07/27/2021	200008770279	08/06/2021	24.61
	07/27/2021	200006476069	08/06/2021	25.40
	07/28/2021	200006476150	08/07/2021	23.03
Total PEOPLES NATURAL GAS				73.04
RC WALTER & SONS INC				
	08/03/2021	626348	08/13/2021	35.90
Total RC WALTER & SONS INC				35.90
Safsecur LLC				
	08/03/2021	2808	08/13/2021	411.08
Total Safsecur LLC				411.08
SPRINT				
	07/27/2021	479142366-166	08/06/2021	51.48
Total SPRINT				51.48
STEEL RIVERS COG				
	08/01/2021	21-2027	08/11/2021	255.00
Total STEEL RIVERS COG				255.00
VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOC OF LIBERTY				
	08/02/2021	Festival Donation	08/12/2021	700.00
Total VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOC OF LIBERTY			_	700.00
Walt Hibner				
	07/23/2021	2009	08/02/2021	425.00
Total Walt Hibner				425.00
TOTAL				112,438.41

PERSONNEL: Jennifer McClelland, Chairman

There was nothing to report.

STREETS AND SEWERS: Mike Zrenchak and Tim Sloss, Chairmen

Mr. Zrenchak stated that we have quotes for fence repair that was damaged during grass cutting. We received one quote prior to the meeting which was on the high side so we have solicited other quotes. We should have something for the next meeting.

Mr. Zrenchak stated that the quote for River Ridge Pump Station itself is \$142,046. We received a small water grant for \$200,000. Mr. Glenn and he will prepare the bid specs together to get the bid and get started. He was told that every that goes by, the cost can increase. They are just replacing with the same. The anodes have worn out and is started to rust and it is just time to upgrade to something newer.

Mr. Zrenchak said that they are going to bring in the camera truck because the storm line behind the Presbyterian church that discharges over the hill, there was a sink hole that opened up. According to the map, it says it is a 24 inch reinforced concrete pipe but at the end it is an old galvanized steel pipe that may be the issue. They want to bring in the camera truck to see the condition of the whole line. Because you have to pay for a minimum of 4 hours, Mike Matlos and he are going to get a list of other areas that need to be looked at. He is hoping that the line is in good shape so they can line it and do a small repair that would save significantly on cost. When they see the video from the camera truck they can go from there.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Larry Sikorski, Mayor

Mayor Sikorski stated that he has a breakdown of the officers' total workload for the month. There were 124 total calls for the month. There are 24 major categories. Out of the 124 calls, it is a credit to our officers that they did not have to write anything against all of those possible offenses. He gave them credit for heading off all of the possible crimes that could have happened and do happen in other boroughs.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Dennis Very Solicitor attending for Solicitor Racunas

Motion to adopt the Liberty Borough Police Department Policy & Procedure Manual contingent on final approval by Solicitor Racunas.

Motion: Mr. Matlos **Second:** Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion Carries

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Laura Branthoover

Ms. Branthoover stated that they sent the spec for the demo of the old school building to Steel Rivers COG on August 16th. They are waiting for them to advertise it but the RACC has not been generated yet so they will not be advertising it just yet. Mr. Zrenchak stated that he spoke with Carla Barron today and they are waiting for Matt Racunas to return from vacation to give them the letter of legal clearance. Carla said that it will be about 4 or 5 months until they generate a contract.

The Scene Ridge plan was sent to the Allegheny County Economic Department. They will review it and send Glenn Engineering any comments. After they respond to any comments, they will send it to the recorder of deeds.

CB48 – Don Glenn reviewed the list of inlets that he got but he needs the borough to decided if there are any other items that we want to apply for. Mr. Zrenchak asked Mr. Bogdan if he could provide a list of properties for immediate demo to Mr. Glenn. That is due September 10th so they have pass the motion tonight for the pre-application and the resolution.

Motion to advertise for the CDBG 48.

Motion: Mrs. McClelland **Second**: Mr. Matlos

All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-08 requesting a GTRP Grant in the amount of

\$153,552.00 for the Manor Park Restrooms & Ballfield.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor: Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Zrenchak stated that we had an inquiry about a stop sign on B Street. Penn DOT said that we do have to do a traffic study but it may not have to be a full blown study. He is supposed to get information about an abbreviated study

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Zrenchak stated that we have a list of tax liens for this year and he asked if they want to move forward with liening properties. He stated that last year before covid hit, he and Mrs. Lape were looking at what was being liened compared to what was being collected. He said that there are a lot of properties that owe back taxes. He asked for information on what was submitted to Keystone over the past 5 years and the amount that was collected. He received the information late today and had not had a chance to look it over. At the next meeting he will present it to everyone. He wants to decide on the threshold to lien these properties but these back taxes should be collected because it is only going to continue to get worse. One of his questions is that on the list there are 24 properties that are owned by the borough and the borough is tax exempt. And do we want to leave on the tax roll someone who owes \$2.20. It is \$60 to lien a property. If a property goes up for sale and the taxes are not liened, he does not want to see us lose that money. We do have an agreement with Keystone that is old and outdated and they want us to sign a new agreement. This may be the opportunity for a clean break if they are not collecting as they should be and move towards someone else. MBM is the school district's tax collector. Mr. Gretz spoke with the school district's business manager about partnering with them to clean up some of these existing taxes. Instead of raising taxes, they want to get some of this back in. Mr. Gretz said that his great aunt is on the list and she has been dead for 25 years. They will have to go over the list and clean it up.

Motion to appoint Daniel Bowling to the Planning Commission. **Motion:** Mrs. Matyasovsky **Second:** Mr. Matlos

Rabies bates will be distributed by the Allegheny County Health Department from July 29 to September 15. Please watch your pets.

Waste Management contract is up at the end of the year and will be put out for bid soon. Mrs. Beadling stated that Elizabeth Township pays a little more but they get a lot more service. Mr. Zrenchak will ask Mr. Racunas about that since he is also their solicitor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion to accept the typed minutes from the July 15, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Matlos **Second:** Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

Next meeting dates/times: Work Session, Wednesday September 8, 2021 at 6:00~pm-Regular Session, Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 6:00~pm

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Mrs. McClelland Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jill Pack Secretary