

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
December 9, 2020

Regular session of Borough Council convened at 7:30 pm. Present were Councilors Tim Sloss, Mike Matlos, Janice Matyasovsky, Christopher Gretz (via phone), Elizabeth Lape, and Michael Zrenchak, Mayor Larry Sikorski, Solicitor Matt Racunas and Engineer Don Glenn.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rodney Naccarato – 823 Elizabeth Street: Last month he was asked to bring photos. He asked where the water problem came from that made the project come about. Mr. Zrenchak explained that the initial water problem came from the flat area that floods the playground. Everything slopes coming down towards the fire hall and it is the natural water flow that goes towards Elizabeth Street. The culvert was added because of the flooding. Mr. Naccarato asked who oversees the whole project. Mr. Zrenchak said that the engineer sends out inspectors to make sure the project is being done right. Mr. Naccarato said that he did not get a thirty day notice of the project. Mr. Naccarato had a picture of his survey pin in the trench. Mr. Zrenchak stated that the survey he showed him shows that his pins are actually on borough property/right of way. Mr. Zrenchak said that he would have to physically see where the pin is. Mr. Naccarato stated that the borough was supposed to put in a retaining wall to secure his property. Mr. Zrenchak said that there are many issues that need to be addressed because there is a retaining wall made of tires. Mr. Zrenchak said that he needs to look at the original scope of work to understand what they did over there. Mr. Naccarato said that after he explained the problem, the street department was there digging again. Mr. Zrenchak said that they were cleaning out the trench. Mr. Matlos explained that they were clearing all of the weeds that Mr. Naccarato has been throwing over the hill. He said that there is no dirt being taken out of there, it is all shrubs. Mr. Naccarato said that he is not throwing anything over the hill. Mr. Zrenchak said that since the vegetation is gone it will be easy for him to see what is or is not eroding. Mr. Glenn agreed with him. Mr. Naccarato said that he would be available to meet with Mr. Zrenchak and Mr. Glenn at the site.

Vicki Underwood – 207 Southern Avenue: Mrs. Underwood thought that Mr. Glenn's report on the scope of work and the cost estimate was impressive. Mr. Zrenchak stated that there is a low volume low traffic road program that the alley may be eligible for. He will look into that program. Mr. Zrenchak wants to correct this problem the right way.

A woman asked how many cases of corona virus in Liberty Borough. Mr. Zrenchak stated that as of Monday there are 55 positive cases, there have been 211 tests per ten thousand and there are no deaths reported according to the Allegheny County Health Department. That probably changes every day. Please continue what you are doing and use common sense.

Mrs. Peterson asked when they were going to judge the houses for the holiday decorating contest. Mr. Zrenchak said that he would address that in the Parks and Recreation portion of the meeting.

State Representative Nick Pisciotano attended this meeting to introduce himself and to assure the council that his office will be available to help in any way he can.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY: Elizabeth Lape, Chairman, reporting
There was nothing to report.

POLICE, FIRE and EMS: Tim Sloss, Chairman, reporting

South East Regional EMS Service

Life Threats	2
Serious Injuries	9
Stable – Advance care	6
Stable – Basic Care	2
Stand by/assist no treatment	3
Total	22

Average response time was 9 minutes.

Motion to appoint Dale McGlaughlin as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

Motion: Mrs. Lape Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky
All in favor. Motion carries

Motion to accept the Police Department union contract for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

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

LEGISLATION: Chris Gretz, Chairman, reporting
There was nothing to report.

PARKS & RECREATION: Michael Zrenchak reporting
 Mr. Zrenchak will touch base with Mrs. McClelland to determine the date for the judging of the Christmas home decorating contest. The Fire Department will be out as usual

Motion to accept the TrueGreen contract for the 2021 field maintenance in the amount of \$2,255.08 – no price change from 2020.

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

HEALTH & ORDINANCE: Elizabeth Lape, Chairman, reporting
 There was nothing to report

LIGHTS: Mike Matlos, Chairman, reporting
 There was nothing to report

FINANCE: Janice Matyasovsky, Chairman, reporting

Motion to Pay:

Bills for Ratification \$131,492.71 and List of Bills \$150,504.10

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11/12/2020	DEBIT	ADP	-4,518.02
11/12/2020	DEBIT	ADP [CHECKS]	-12,088.93
11/27/2020	DEBIT	ADP	-4,850.54
11/10/2020	EFT	FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK	-3,686.14
11/12/2020	EFT	FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK	-1,301.99
11/20/2020	EFT	ADP [INVOICE]	-77.75
11/25/2020	EFT	ADP [CHECKS]	-13,095.37
12/04/2020	EFT	ADP [INVOICE]	-87.97
11/25/2020	4485	DUQUESNE LIGHT CO	-3,226.46
11/10/2020	11197	PA MUNICIPAL SERVICE CO	-932.07
11/25/2020	11198	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	-34.16
11/30/2020	12300	AMERICAN WATER	-68.47
11/30/2020	12301	EJ USA INC	-1,265.82
		ZRENCHAK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
11/30/2020	12302	INC	-700.00
11/27/2020	13951	AFLAC	-34.28
11/27/2020	13952	ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	-41.50
11/27/2020	13953	Keystone Collections Group Per Capita	-17.75
11/27/2020	13954	PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-579.01

11/27/2020	13955	TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #205	-273.00
11/10/2020	21615	A.W. Rhome Tires	-1,875.00
11/10/2020	21616	AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES	-50.68
11/10/2020	21617	AMERICAN NATURAL SUPPLY LLC	-144.81
11/10/2020	21618	COLLURA, DAVE	-175.00
11/10/2020	21619	DUQUESNE LIGHT CO	-156.09
11/10/2020	21620	ELIZABETH ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	-17.76
11/10/2020	21621	FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)	-377.81
11/10/2020	21622	FLYNN'S TIRE	-1,040.94
11/10/2020	21623	GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC	-1,817.50
11/10/2020	21624	Keystone Closing Services LLC	-103.31
11/10/2020	21625	MCI	-31.12
11/10/2020	21626	ORKIN EXTERMINATING	-207.92
11/10/2020	21627	PA AMERICAN WATER	-1,097.18
11/10/2020	21628	PEOPLES NATURAL GAS	-128.91
11/10/2020	21629	RC WALTER & SONS INC	-4.00
11/10/2020	21630	RICOH USA	-149.42
11/10/2020	21631	RIVERVIEW CHEVROLET	-4,121.48
11/10/2020	21632	S & D CALIBRATION SERVICES	-35.00
11/10/2020	21633	SPRINT	-69.64
11/10/2020	21634	ULINE	-1,296.97
11/12/2020	21635	RUSSELL STANDARD CORP	-185.85
11/16/2020	21636	Safelite	-331.67
11/17/2020	21637	Allegheny City Electric	-55,000.00
11/20/2020	21638	GAYDOS-BEHANNA KENNEL	0.00
11/20/2020	21639	SHELLEY AQUILANTE	-30.00
11/20/2020	21640	UPMC HEALTH PLAN	-4,817.59
11/25/2020	21641	AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES	-57.92
11/25/2020	21642	AMERICAN NATURAL SUPPLY LLC	-2,032.52
11/25/2020	21643	AQUA FILTER FRESH INC	-43.07
11/25/2020	21644	CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY	-14.94
11/25/2020	21645	CHER-BAN TIRE SERVICE	-295.00
11/25/2020	21646	COMCAST	-461.58
11/25/2020	21647	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	-189.80
11/25/2020	21648	FLYNN'S TIRE	-906.04
11/25/2020	21649	GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC	-3,168.75
11/25/2020	21650	H B SOUTH PRINTERS	-179.00
11/25/2020	21651	JORDAN TAX SERVICE INC	-387.00
11/25/2020	21652	LIBERTY BORO AUTO SALES	-182.95
11/25/2020	21653	LICO INC	-128.80

11/25/2020	21654	MCI	-30.50
11/25/2020	21655	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	-80.11
11/25/2020	21656	ONE DIGITAL	-245.18
11/25/2020	21657	PA AMERICAN WATER	-140.79
11/25/2020	21658	R A FOSTER & SON CO	-145.25
11/25/2020	21659	RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC	-1,125.90
11/25/2020	21660	RICOH USA	-149.42
11/25/2020	21661	SPRINT	-87.23
11/25/2020	21662	VERIZON GARAGE	-55.48
11/25/2020	21663	WESTCOM WIRELESS INC	-55.00
11/30/2020	21664	AFLAC	-40.60
12/02/2020	21665	KEYSTONE MUNICIPAL COLLECTIONS	-720.00
12/05/2020	21666	FLEMING LANDSCAPING CO	-125.00
12/07/2020	21667	STEEL RIVERS COG	-300.00
			<u>-131,492.71</u>

PERSONNEL: Mr. Zrenchak reporting
There was nothing to report.

STREETS AND SEWERS: Mike Zrenchak, Chairman, reporting
The borough received a PA small water and sewer grant for the replacement of the Liberty Borough pump station in the amount of \$200,000 and we are moving forward with that.

Some of the street lights have been replaced with LED lights. We budgeted to do about 100 more lights this year.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Larry Sikorski, Mayor, reporting
Mr. Sikorski reported on some of the highlights of the report:
Police Report:

Total call activity 59

Calls for service	9
Crimes against persons	0
Property Crimes	3
Traffic Related Incidents	3
Summary of Arrests	1
Mutual Aid Activity	35

Mayor Sikorski stated that if anyone had any question, please see him after the meeting.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Matt Racunas

There was nothing to report.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Don Glenn

Steel Rivers COG gave authorization to advertise for the B Street Storm Sewer Project – CDBG grant that the borough received.

Mr. Zrenchak signed the letter to receive reimbursement for the \$55,000 payment to Allegheny City Electric for the generator. We should receive the check within 2 weeks.

There is a DEP final walk through for the PennVest loan on December 17 at 9 am.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to adopt the 2021 Budget

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Zrenchak stated that the budget has been balanced and there will be no tax increase for the year 2021 and no increase in sewage rates for the year 2021.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

Motion to accept the typed minutes from the November 10, 2020 and November 24, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. Lape

All in favor. Motion carries.

Next meeting dates/times: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – Work Session at 6:00 pm;
Regular Session at 7:30 pm

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Mrs. Matyasovsky

Second: Mr. Matlos

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Pack
Borough Secretary