

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
February 17, 2022

Regular session of Borough Council convened at 6:00 pm. Present were Councilors Tim Sloss, Mike Matlos, Luke Riley, Jennifer Riley, Elizabeth Lape, Michael Zrenchak, and Chris Gretz, Mayor Sikorski, Solicitor Dennis Very and Engineer Don Glenn.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Margaret Mansfield – 1028 Glenn Avenue: She stated that Mr. Zrenchak answered her question about the water line. She also requested mulch be put on the playground on Latrobe Street. Mr. Matlos said that can be done.

Lavina Kerklo – 3227 Liberty Way: Her neighbor asked her to tell council to thank the police for being on duty and checking the traffic coming up on Liberty Way because the cars come flying up there when the children are waiting for the bus. Mr. Zrenchak thanked Sargent Mayernik and asked him to pass it on to the rest of the guys for doing a good job.

Rick Gobel – 185 Wunderley Drive: The company doing the water lines – they finished Memory Lane and Wunderley Drive – it is atrocious – they didn't clean anything up, there is slag on the road. Wunderley Drive had dips in it. The 4th time he asked one of the guys working on the crew to fix it, he got mad at him. They did come in the afternoon and try to level it off. Mr. Zrenchak stated that the company is Alex P. Parrish, a contractor for Pa American Water. He said that he would make a call to PA American. They will get on the contractor. Mr. Matlos stated that they still have to open that back up again for service. Mr. Gobel said that it is a mess compared to what they are doing in Lincoln Borough and it is the same company. Mr. Matlos said that they are putting water lines in. They are not doing service for anyone. Here they are going to have to open the road again to provide service to houses. Mr. Zrenchak explained that they are just putting cold patch down as a temporary fix. Ms. Riley said that she was told to not expect them to pave until mid to late summer. Mr. Gobel would like it to be easier to drive on. Mr. Gobel then asked if there is a time that you would lose the funding from Brewster to tear down the old school. Mr. Zrenchak informed him that the project is going out for bid. We had to wait for all of the clearances before being able to put it out for bid through the county.

PROPERTY: Chris Gretz

Mr. Gretz stated that everything they talked about was done so in the work session so he had nothing to report at this time. Mr. Zrenchak asked him to refresh everyone as to a couple of the items they talked about. Mr. Gretz said that they talked about property taxes and working with Keystone Collection Agency. He also said that they are looking at homes that are not up to date as far as upkeep – places that would need to be up to code. We will work with our building code inspector. Mr. Zrenchak stated that it isn't anything they are taking action on but he wanted everyone to know that they working on various items.

POLICE, FIRE and EMS: Michael Zrenchak

Mr. Zrenchak read the Fire Department Report for January 2022:

Fires	2
Rescue and EMS	2
Hazardous Condition (no fire)	3
Good Intent Call	1
False Alarm & False Call	2
Total	10

Mr. Zrenchak read the SouthEast Regional EMS Report for January 2022:

Life Threats	1
Serious	7
Stable-Advance Care	7
Stable-Basic Care	4
Stand by/assist no treatment	4
Total	23

Average response time was 9.3 minutes

Mr. Zrenchak read the Police Department Vehicle Report for January 2022:

Vehicle 130	1,326 miles
Vehicle 131	579 miles
Vehicle 132	257 miles

Each vehicle had routine washes and details and maintenance as needed.

LEGISLATION: Chris Gretz

PARKS & RECREATION: Jennifer Riley

Ms. Riley wanted to make everyone aware of a couple of events. First is the Senior Citizen Dinner that will take place March 15th at 6:00 PM at the firehall. We just started advertising that this week and already have 21 people signed up to attend. We are also accepting volunteers to help. The senior citizen must be a resident of the borough and they can bring 1 guest who does not have to be a resident. Second, we are going to hold our Easter event at the firehall on April 16th. We are hosting a Clean-up Day in conjunction with Lincoln Borough on May 7th so we will be asking for volunteers for that also. It will be a community wide event so she has asked the police department to have additional patrol out that day. They will have a pizza luncheon afterwards for the volunteers. We are working with Keep PA Beautiful on this event and we can register it get free garbage bags and other supplies. Lastly, we have the Memorial Day Parade. We go every other year with Port Vue. That will be Saturday, May 28th. The parade is typically at 10:00 AM. It has not been confirmed yet.

Ms. Riley said that she had a call from Dave Delavin who is overseeing the grand opening committee for the stadium to let her know that they want to invite council to that. She will let the police department know. She will keep council informed regarding a date. It will be at a home football game.

HEALTH & ORDINANCE: Luke Riley

Mr. Riley stated that other than what they discussed at the meeting, he only has one thing he would like to bring up. He went to check that property on Glenn Avenue – it has been cleaned up somewhat but it is still an unacceptable situation there. He met with the Mayor twice regarding having the police start issuing the green tags on unregistered and abandoned vehicles throughout the town so we can get the process started through the ordinance officer to have these vehicles removed. Mr. Riley did check the property on Washington Boulevard with the cease and desist order about a dozen times and there has been no activity.

LIGHTS: Michael Matlos

Mr. Matlos has no update on the LED lights. He found 4 that were out and faxed a report to Duquesne Light to have them replaced.

FINANCE: Elizabeth Lape

Motion to Pay: Bills for Ratification \$48,076.62 and List of Bills to Pay \$59,646.10

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Ms. Riley

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Zrenchak abstained from voting on the invoices for Zrenchak Environment Services.

Mrs. Lape announced that Liberty Borough is hosting the US Steel CAP Meeting next Thursday, February 24th at 7:00 PM if anyone would like to attend.

Bills for Ratification:

02/11/2022	EFT	PA SCDU	-82.52
01/26/2022	EFT	ADP [INVOICE]	-235.50
01/21/2022	EFT	ADP [INVOICE]	-130.22
01/28/2022	EFT	ADP	-4,811.64
01/28/2022	EFT	ADP [CHECKS]	-13,788.39
02/04/2022	EFT	ADP [INVOICE]	-89.30
02/11/2022	EFT	ADP [CHECKS]	-11,755.35
02/11/2022	EFT	ADP	-4,235.65
01/28/2022	EFT	PA SCDU	-82.52

01/21/2022	22517	BARRIER PROTECTION SYSTEMS INC	-4,776.00
01/21/2022	22518	ONE DIGITAL	-59.90
01/25/2022	22519	TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #205	-184.00
01/25/2022	22520	PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-403.47
01/25/2022	22521	LBAA	-500.00
01/26/2022	22522	UPMC HEALTH PLAN	-6,372.49
02/02/2022	22523	POSTMASTER	-116.00
02/03/2022	22524	AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES	-65.16
02/03/2022	22525	MCI	-31.12
02/03/2022	22526	PA AMERICAN WATER	-163.80
02/03/2022	22527	RICOH USA	-149.42
02/07/2022	22528	AFLAC	-37.44
02/14/2022	22529	Alexander Appleby	-6.73
			<u>-48,076.62</u>

List of Bills to Pay:

ABCO FIRE PROTECTION INC			
	01/16/2022	434677	01/26/2022 <u>236.85</u>
Total ABCO FIRE PROTECTION INC			236.85
AMERICAN NATURAL SUPPLY LLC			
	01/20/2022	INV-1035360-IN	01/30/2022 2,901.75
	01/20/2022	INV-1035367-AN	01/30/2022 1,149.26
	01/31/2022	6000069	02/10/2022 <u>4,051.01</u>
Total AMERICAN NATURAL SUPPLY LLC			8,102.02
AMERICAN WATER			
	01/01/2022	4000228193	01/11/2022 69.21
	01/27/2022	4000229506	02/06/2022 150.00
	02/01/2022	4000229908	02/11/2022 <u>69.21</u>
Total AMERICAN WATER			288.42
AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA			
	02/09/2022	17594925	02/19/2022 <u>4,707.00</u>
Total AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA			4,707.00
AQUA FILTER FRESH INC			
	02/07/2022	1717280	02/17/2022 <u>43.72</u>
Total AQUA FILTER FRESH INC			43.72
CARGILL INC			
	01/18/2022	2906821365	01/28/2022 7,169.74
	01/28/2022	2906858890	02/07/2022 3,617.57
	01/28/2022	2906858891	02/07/2022 5,464.23
	02/07/2022	2906886739	02/17/2022 3,691.93

	02/08/2022	2906891647	02/18/2022	<u>3,353.00</u>
Total CARGILL INC				23,296.47
CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY				
	01/31/2022	01312022	02/10/2022	<u>30.17</u>
Total CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY				30.17
CHRISTIE AND ASSOCIATES				
	01/24/2022	3621	02/03/2022	<u>378.00</u>
Total CHRISTIE AND ASSOCIATES				378.00
CNH - PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT-CNH				
	01/25/2022	PS0398046-1	02/04/2022	<u>108.12</u>
Total CNH - PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT-CNH				108.12
COLLURA, DAVE				
	02/01/2022	January 2022	02/11/2022	<u>175.00</u>
Total COLLURA, DAVE				175.00
COMCAST				
	02/03/2022	8993209080009060	02/13/2022	<u>368.70</u>
Total COMCAST				368.70
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO.				
	01/12/2022	FHMT1022PA - 10	01/22/2022	<u>49.20</u>
Total DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO.				49.20
DERKAS AUTO SERVICE				
	01/24/2022	18920	02/03/2022	33.95
	01/25/2022	18928	02/04/2022	<u>87.85</u>
Total DERKAS AUTO SERVICE				121.80
DUQUESNE LIGHT CO				
	02/02/2022	3993-460-000	02/12/2022	321.80
	02/02/2022	1744-720-000	02/12/2022	130.23
	02/02/2022	0823-500-000	02/12/2022	141.74
	02/02/2022	0744-720-000	02/12/2022	314.14
	02/02/2022	9723-500-000	02/12/2022	<u>4,053.97</u>
Total DUQUESNE LIGHT CO				4,961.88
E J LOWERY				
	02/10/2022	Credit		-174.99
	12/06/2021	18029	12/16/2021	<u>450.00</u>
Total E J LOWERY				275.01
FINNERAN, SHAUN M				
	01/21/2022	Backflow meters	01/31/2022	<u>225.00</u>
Total FINNERAN, SHAUN M				225.00
FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)				
	01/27/2022	5305203280016958	02/06/2022	299.40
	01/27/2022	5305203280016958	02/06/2022	<u>861.89</u>

Total FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)				1,161.29
GB Custom Trim				
	02/01/2022	013124	02/11/2022	<u>325.00</u>
Total GB Custom Trim				325.00
GENERAL CODE				
	02/01/2022	GC00115796	02/11/2022	<u>995.00</u>
Total GENERAL CODE				995.00
GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC				
	01/31/2022	22-02-151	02/10/2022	42.50
	01/31/2022	22-02-05	02/10/2022	<u>2,107.50</u>
Total GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC				2,150.00
HOME DEPOT				
	01/21/2022	6610400	01/31/2022	<u>75.77</u>
Total HOME DEPOT				75.77
LINCOLN BOROUGH				
	01/28/2022	2202-01	02/07/2022	535.00
	02/10/2022	CAP Ad Reimb	02/20/2022	<u>156.50</u>
Total LINCOLN BOROUGH				691.50
MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT				
	01/31/2022	3274	02/10/2022	<u>94.70</u>
Total MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT				94.70
NAPA AUTO PARTS				
	02/01/2022	290123	02/11/2022	<u>159.98</u>
Total NAPA AUTO PARTS				159.98
NATW				
	02/07/2022	15020	02/17/2022	<u>35.00</u>
Total NATW				35.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS				
	01/25/2022	5108-260929	02/04/2022	69.18
	01/31/2022	5108-261250	02/10/2022	48.23
	02/02/2022	5108-261396	02/12/2022	90.36
	02/14/2022	5108-262129	02/24/2022	<u>27.98</u>
Total O'REILLY AUTO PARTS				235.75
ONE DIGITAL				
	02/02/2022	10205-000103 ver. 1	02/12/2022	<u>30.00</u>
Total ONE DIGITAL				30.00
ORKIN EXTERMINATING				
	01/13/2022	218468732	01/23/2022	<u>207.92</u>
Total ORKIN EXTERMINATING				207.92
Orkin Sewage Account				
	01/01/2022	541729	01/11/2022	<u>253.12</u>

Total Orkin Sewage Account				253.12
PA AMERICAN WATER				
	02/01/2022	1024- 210032153289	02/11/2022	<u>1,175.89</u>
Total PA AMERICAN WATER				1,175.89
PA MUNICIPAL SERVICE CO				
	01/27/2022	93042	02/06/2022	<u>1,060.99</u>
Total PA MUNICIPAL SERVICE CO				1,060.99
PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC				
	01/31/2022	0000938616	02/10/2022	<u>14.46</u>
Total PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC				14.46
PEOPLES NATURAL GAS				
	01/28/2022	200006476069	02/07/2022	545.96
	01/28/2022	200008770279	02/07/2022	377.63
	01/31/2022	200006476150	02/10/2022	<u>426.29</u>
Total PEOPLES NATURAL GAS				1,349.88
PUSH -N- PULL INC				
	01/19/2022	124612	01/29/2022	<u>99.02</u>
Total PUSH -N- PULL INC				99.02
RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC				
	01/01/2022	1448	01/11/2022	<u>2,625.00</u>
Total RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC				2,625.00
ROTELICA INC				
	01/19/2022	222	01/29/2022	208.20
	01/31/2022	236	02/10/2022	<u>368.29</u>
Total ROTELICA INC				576.49
Safsecur LLC				
	02/02/2022	3304	02/12/2022	<u>1,251.64</u>
Total Safsecur LLC				1,251.64
SPRINT				
	01/27/2022	479142366-172	02/06/2022	<u>112.20</u>
Total SPRINT				112.20
STEEL RIVERS COG				
	01/01/2022	22-1029	01/11/2022	<u>400.00</u>
Total STEEL RIVERS COG				400.00
T-Mobile				
	01/21/2022	976894502	01/31/2022	<u>23.14</u>
Total T-Mobile				23.14
WESTCOM WIRELESS INC				
	01/14/2022	1190	01/24/2022	<u>55.00</u>
Total WESTCOM WIRELESS INC				55.00
ZRENCHAK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC				

	02/02/2022	November 2021	02/12/2022	420.00
	02/02/2022	December 2021	02/12/2022	385.00
	02/02/2022	January 2022	02/12/2022	315.00
Total ZRENCHAK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC				1,120.00
TOTAL				<u>59,646.10</u>

PERSONNEL: Jennifer Riley

Motion to hire Michael Kemple as a part-time police officer for the Liberty Borough Police Department.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mr. Sloss

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Lape	Yes
Mr. Sloss	Yes
Mr. Matlos	Yes
Ms. Riley	Yes
Mr. Gretz	Yes
Mr. Riley	Yes
Mr. Zrenchak	Yes

Mayor Sikorski performed the swearing in of Officer Kemple.

Motion to hire Tyler Hinerman as a part-time police officer for the Liberty Borough Police Department

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mr. Sloss

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Lape	Yes
Mr. Sloss	Yes
Mr. Matlos	Yes
Ms. Riley	Yes
Mr. Gretz	Yes
Mr. Riley	Yes
Mr. Zrenchak	Yes

Mayor Sikorski performed the swearing in of Officer Hinerman.

STREETS AND SEWERS: Tim Sloss

Mr. Sloss reported that everything is running smoothly. Mr. Zrenchak added that they have finally gotten the specs for the pump station from Smith and Loveless. They are in the process of getting the pump station ordered.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Larry Sikorski, Mayor

Mayor Sikorski stated that there are 26 items that you can get arrested for – anything from murder to vagrancy. There was only 1 and that was for vandalism. Either the weather kept people “good” or we just have good people.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Dennis Very

Mr. Very had nothing to report this evening.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Don Glenn

Mr. Glenn stated that the property owner at Washington Boulevard where there was grading and filling going on in Liberty Borough said that he will honor the cease and desist order but it still needs to be monitored. There is a meeting Friday, February 25th at 9:00 am. Any member of council is welcome to be there.

Mr. Glenn has had no more correspondence with the owner of 2922 Liberty Way with the property owner. The ball is in his court. There is a magistrate hearing scheduled.

Mr. Glenn's final item is to remind council that there is a LSA grant that we can apply for. He is looking for projects from council. Mr. Zrenchak explained that the grants for demolition, infrastructure, property acquisition, equipment and there is no match required. Mr. Glenn said that the maximum that can be applied for is \$1,000,000 and the minimum is \$25,000.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing under old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Lape reported that we received a \$75,000 grant for inlets from DCED. Senator Brewster helped in getting that grant.

Mr. Zrenchak informed everyone that the voting session of council has been moved to the 4th Wednesday of each month. Our Solicitor had a conflict in his schedule. The work session will still be the 2nd Wednesday of the month and the regular voting session will be the 4th Wednesday starting in March.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion to accept the typed minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Ms. Riley

All in favor. Motion carries.

Next meeting dates/times: Work Session, Wednesday March 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm.
Regular Session, Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Ms. Riley

Second: Mr. Matlos

All in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jill Pack
Secretary