

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

January 13, 2021

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Mrs. Beadling:** She heard that the ex-solicitor wants to be the solicitor for the borough again. She asked if there was any truth to the rumor and would council even entertain that idea? Mr. Zrenchak said that was the first he heard of anything like that. Mr. Zrenchak stated that he is perfectly satisfied with the present solicitor and there is no reason to change at this point in time. Mrs. Beadling stated that he is no longer in our state, is that even allowed? Mr. Racunas said that legally it would not be prohibited but logistically it would not be feasible. Mrs. McClelland stated that the ex-solicitor will always be trying and she finds it very unlikely that you will find the majority support for that.

**Margaret Mansfield:** Ms. Mansfield lives on Glenn Avenue. She stated that the plow truck will go down Liberty Way and turn on Glenn Avenue. There is a split. The truck will stay to the left and salt that road but does not come up in front of their house. She is tired of having to call the borough for someone to come down and salt the road. They do one side of the road and not the other. Mr. Matlos stated that Port Vue does the right side and Liberty Borough does the left. The last time she had to call Mr. Sikorski to get the road done. Mr. Matlos will ask Bruce to make sure it gets plowed.

**PROPERTY:** Elizabeth Lape, Chairman, reporting

There was nothing to report.

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

There was nothing to report.

**LEGISLATION:** Chris Gretz, Chairman, reporting.

The Quality of Life Ordinance was discussed during the work session.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Jennifer McClelland, Chairman, reporting.

Congratulations to the Holiday Decorating Contest winners:

1028 Glenn Avenue  
305 Latrobe Street  
3211 Monaca Drive

3408 Orchard Drive

**HEALTH & ORDINANCE:** Elizabeth Lape, Chairman, reporting.

There was nothing to report.

**LIGHTS:** Mike Matlos, Chairman, reporting.

Mr. Matlos has a list of the 100 LED lights to be replaced this year. He is waiting for Chris Urich from Duquesne Light to get to him with the total number of street lights we have in the borough.

**FINANCE:** Janice Matyasovsky, Chairman, reporting.

**Motion to Pay:**

Bills for Ratification \$25,344.80 and List of Bills \$22,454.58

**Motion:** Mr. Matlos

**Second:** Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

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| 12/12/2020 | EFT   | FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK                | -1,301.99 |
| 12/16/2020 | 21688 | MATT MCDANEL                           | -10.85    |
| 12/21/2020 | 21689 | ALLEGHENY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES     | -420.00   |
| 12/21/2020 | 21690 | AQUA FILTER FRESH INC                  | -80.32    |
| 12/21/2020 | 21691 | BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS OF PA | -165.00   |
| 12/21/2020 | 21692 | CNH CAPITAL                            | -90.48    |
| 12/21/2020 | 21693 | COMCAST                                | -469.58   |
| 12/21/2020 | 21694 | DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS                 | -283.96   |
| 12/21/2020 | 21695 | GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC              | 0.00      |
| 12/21/2020 | 21696 | ONE DIGITAL                            | -40.00    |
| 12/21/2020 | 21697 | ORKIN EXTERMINATING                    | -207.92   |
| 12/21/2020 | 21698 | RC WALTER & SONS INC                   | -19.26    |
| 12/21/2020 | 21699 | RIVERVIEW CHEVROLET                    | -981.00   |
| 12/21/2020 | 21700 | SPRINT                                 | -87.23    |
| 12/21/2020 | 21701 | UPMC HEALTH PLAN                       | -4,817.59 |
| 12/21/2020 | 21702 | VERIZON (LBAA)                         | -55.48    |
| 12/21/2020 | 21703 | WESTCOM WIRELESS INC                   | -55.00    |
| 12/21/2020 | 21704 | GAYDOS-BEHANNA KENNEL                  | -300.00   |
| 12/28/2020 | 21705 | JO-LYNN PIZZARIA                       | -150.00   |
| 12/29/2020 | 21706 | AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES                | -57.92    |
| 12/29/2020 | 21707 | AMERICAN NATURAL SUPPLY LLC            | -497.53   |
| 12/29/2020 | 21708 | AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA                  | -2,990.00 |

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| 12/29/2020 | 21709 | CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY  | -14.94            |
| 12/29/2020 | 21710 | DRAVOSBURG TRUCK STOP      | -434.98           |
| 12/29/2020 | 21711 | ECONO SIGNS LLC            | -679.58           |
| 12/29/2020 | 21712 | JO-LYNN PIZZARIA           | -50.00            |
| 12/29/2020 | 21713 | MCI                        | -31.85            |
| 12/29/2020 | 21714 | ORKIN EXTERMINATING        | -207.92           |
| 12/29/2020 | 21715 | PA AMERICAN WATER          | -126.70           |
| 12/29/2020 | 21716 | QUILL                      | 0.00              |
| 12/29/2020 | 21717 | R A FOSTER & SON CO        | -79.40            |
| 12/29/2020 | 21718 | RICOH USA                  | -149.42           |
| 12/29/2020 | 21719 | S & D CALIBRATION SERVICES | -39.00            |
| 12/29/2020 | 21720 | QUILL                      | -263.90           |
| 01/04/2021 | 21721 | ADAMS, CHRISTOPHER         | -425.00           |
| 01/04/2021 | 21722 | BRUCE TAKAHT               | -450.00           |
| 01/04/2021 | 21723 | DALE MCGLAUGHLIN           | -475.00           |
| 01/04/2021 | 21724 | JOHN MAYERNIK              | -425.00           |
| 01/04/2021 | 21725 | JOSH TAKAHT                | -225.00           |
| 01/04/2021 | 21726 | MICHAEL MATLOS             | -450.00           |
| 01/04/2021 | 21727 | NICHOLAS CAITO             | -500.00           |
| 01/04/2021 | 21728 | PFOERTNER, JASON E         | -425.00           |
| 01/04/2021 | 21729 | RAYMOND JOHNSON            | -425.00           |
| 01/07/2021 | 21730 | AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA      | -6,236.00         |
| 01/08/2021 | 21731 | ADAMS, CHRISTOPHER         | -50.00            |
| 01/08/2021 | 21732 | DALE MCGLAUGHLIN           | -25.00            |
| 01/08/2021 | 21733 | RAYMOND JOHNSON            | -75.00            |
|            |       |                            | <u>-25,344.80</u> |

Mr. Zrenchak abstained from voting on the bill from Zrenchak Environmental Services. Mr. Matlos abstained from voting on the clothing allowance for the Street Department.

**PERSONNEL:** Jennifer McClelland, Chairman, reporting.

Mrs. McClelland stated that last month an advertisement for a full-time police office was approved and placed. The candidates were narrowed down to 3 and 1 stood out above the rest.

**Motion** to hire John Mayernik as a full time Police Officer with the Borough of Liberty Police Department.

**Motion:** Mr. Sloss  
**Roll Call Vote:**

**Second:** Mrs. Lape

Mr. Zrenchak            Yes  
Mr. Sloss                Yes

Mrs. Matyasovsky Yes  
Mr. Matlos Yes  
Mrs. McClelland Yes  
Mrs. Lape Yes  
Mr. Gretz Yes  
All in Favor. Motion Carries

**STREETS AND SEWERS:** Mike Zrenchak and Tim Sloss, Chairmen

Mr. Zrenchak stated that we for a CDBG grant last year for the B Street Storm Sewer Separation Project for year 46. The project was funded in its entire amount. The bid specs and plans have all been put together and have been submitted to Steel Rivers COG. We are just waiting to hear back. Mr. Glenn stated that it is out for bid now. When the bids come in we will move forward with that project.

Mr. Zrenchak stated that Mrs. Underwood has been concerned with the alley between B and E Streets. State Representative Nick Pisciotitano attended the last meeting and expressed interest in any projects we may have. He is taking on this project. It is a dirt alley and there are some drainage issues. We are looking into some grants to fund this project.

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

There was nothing to report.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Matt Racunas

**Motion** to adopt Resolution 2021-01 establishing the tax rate for the year of 2021.

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

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Don Glenn

Mr. Glenn stated that DEP gave their approval and the paperwork has been filed for the Penn Vest project.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Zrenchak stated that we are looking into updating our computer system for the borough office. We are looking for another quote and will then move forward.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion to have Mark Turnley and Associates perform our audit.

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

Motion to have Mockenhaupt Benefits Group perform an Actuary Study of the pension plan at a cost of \$1,200.

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

Motion to accept the Shred-It Proposal at \$325

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

**Motion** to accept the typed minutes from the December 9, 2020.

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

Next meeting dates/times: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 – Work Session at 6:00 pm; Regular Session at 7:30 pm

**Motion** to adjourn

**Motion:** Mrs. McClelland                      **Second:** Mrs. Lape

Meeting ended at 7:45

Respectfully submitted by:

Jill Pack  
Borough Secretary