

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
April 14, 2021

Regular session of Borough Council convened at 7:30 pm. Present were Councilors Tim Sloss, Mike Matlos, Janice Matyasovsky, Jennifer Riley-McClelland, Elizabeth Lape, and Michael Zrenchak, Mayor Larry Sikorski, Solicitor Matt Racunas and Engineer Don Glenn. Christopher Gretz was not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Kish – 611 Southern Avenue: Right behind the ambulance garage, there is a tree coming out of the foundation. He is trying to clean up his property back there. He asked if the borough can cut it down since it is on borough property. Mike Matlos said that they would take care of it.

Sam Holloway – 426 Scene Ridge Drive: He was walking up Scene Ridge towards Liberty Way the other day. Between Jeffrey Drive and River Ridge there is a storm drain that the wall is still collapsing inside and it is now starting to affect the pavement. Mike Matlos said he will take care of it.

Russell Jameyson – 2724 Washington Boulevard: He has a condemned building right next to him at 2720 Washington Boulevard that he is requesting be demolished. Mr. Jameyson stated that there are 2 houses with the address 2720. He explained that it was not the house over the hill, it is the first one with the garage torn out. Mike Bogdan stated that it is condemned but we are waiting to get funding to get it torn down. Mr. Racunas asked if we had gone through the condemnation process. Mike Bogdan confirmed that we had over a year ago. Mr. Bogdan stated that there are 4 other properties that are condemned that we are waiting to get funding to tear down. Mr. Zrenchak stated that there is a program that has just opened up, the Act 152 Blight Program, and we are actually filling out an application for demolition funding to do multiple projects. The property and the other ones Mr. Bogdan mentioned including the school are on the list to try and get funding to demolish. Mr. Zrenchak explained that if asbestos is found that is what drives up the cost of demolition and it can cost \$10,000 to \$15,000 to tear down a property. We are looking into getting the application done for blight remediation. Applications are due in May. Mr. Glenn said that we will not hear if we got funding until early fall.

PROPERTY: Elizabeth Lape, Chairman, reporting

They met with Representative Pisciotano a couple of weeks ago to discuss the alleyway by Mrs. Underwood's house. They were able to discuss some other projects that we will try to receive funding for. Representative Pisciotano is very willing to help us apply for grants or any federal assistance. Mrs. Lape followed up with him regarding the grant application for the school demolition. They were supposed to meet in March which did not take place so they are going to try and meet in May so maybe we will hear something then. Mr. Zrenchak stated that the process can be slow going. He explained that Allegheny County is very strict about their asbestos rules.

03/24/2021	21910	MCI	-31.09
03/24/2021	21911	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	-162.89
03/24/2021	21912	ONE DIGITAL	-40.52
03/24/2021	21913	PA AMERICAN WATER	-150.27
03/24/2021	21914	PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-2,886.20
03/24/2021	21915	R A FOSTER & SON CO	-59.50
03/24/2021	21916	RATVASKY, LARRY G	-265.00
03/24/2021	21917	RICOH USA	-149.42
03/24/2021	21918	SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	-105.74
03/24/2021	21919	SPRINT	-87.23
03/24/2021	21920	TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #205	-228.00
03/24/2021	21921	VERIZON GARAGE	-56.38
03/24/2021	21922	WESTCOM WIRELESS INC	-55.00
03/24/2021	21923	Woehler Landscape Supply	-90.00
03/24/2021	21924	FINAL SCORE TROPHIES	-45.00
04/06/2021	21925	AQUA FILTER FRESH INC	-55.55
04/06/2021	21926	ARTMAN EQUIPMENT, INC	-188.12
04/06/2021	21927	CONNEY SAFETY PRODUCTS	-253.25
04/06/2021	21928	FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)	-794.79
04/06/2021	21929	GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC	-288.75
04/06/2021	21930	JANICE R MATYASOVSKY	-39.64
04/06/2021	21931	MARTINS FLOWERS & SHRUBS	-131.25
04/06/2021	21932	PEOPLES NATURAL GAS	-399.01
04/06/2021	21933	PSAB U/C PLAN	-2,366.33
04/06/2021	21934	QUILL	-81.22
04/06/2021	21935	SPRINT	-52.62
04/06/2021	21936	TURNER DAIRY FARMS INC	-56.00
			<u>-58,658.57</u>

List of Bills

ANDREWS & PRICE

Bill	03/31/2021	94473	<u>387.00</u>
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Total ANDREWS & PRICE

387.00

BARRIER PROTECTION SYSTEMS INC

Bill	04/01/2021	239828	<u>45.00</u>
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45.00

CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY

Bill	03/31/2021	033121	<u>34.55</u>
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Total CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY

34.55

COLLURA, DAVE

	Bill	04/01/2021	222134	<u>175.00</u>
Total COLLURA, DAVE				175.00
COMCAST				
	Bill	04/01/2021	8993209080108581	163.81
	Bill	04/03/2021	8993209080009060	<u>301.69</u>
Total COMCAST				465.50
DERKAS AUTO SERVICE				
	Bill	04/06/2021	14465	497.94
	Bill	04/06/2021	14468	49.95
	Bill	04/07/2021	14477	<u>49.95</u>
Total DERKAS AUTO SERVICE				597.84
DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS				
	Bill	04/08/2021	3601	35.95
	Bill	04/08/2021	3602	129.23
	Bill	04/08/2021	3600	167.98
	Bill	04/08/2021	3603	<u>27.65</u>
Total DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS				360.81
DUQUESNE LIGHT CO				
	Bill	04/04/2021	0823-500-000	46.73
	Bill	04/04/2021	1744-720-000	50.52
	Bill	04/04/2021	3993-460-000	114.60
	Bill	04/04/2021	0744-720-000	<u>86.71</u>
Total DUQUESNE LIGHT CO				298.56
ELIZABETH ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO				
	Bill	03/16/2021	420637	<u>10.12</u>
Total ELIZABETH ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO				10.12
HOME DEPOT				
	Bill	03/28/2021	7512166	<u>92.90</u>
Total HOME DEPOT				92.90
MR JOHN				
	Bill	03/31/2021	596356	370.00
	Bill	03/31/2021	596355	<u>185.00</u>
Total MR JOHN				555.00
NORTH EASTERN UNIFORMS & EQUIP., INC.				
	Bill	03/29/2021	54621	<u>109.44</u>
Total NORTH EASTERN UNIFORMS & EQUIP., INC.				109.44
Nuttal Public Safety Equipment, LLC				
	Bill	04/02/2021	0016737	<u>492.00</u>
Total Nuttal Public Safety Equipment, LLC				492.00
ONE DIGITAL				
	Bill	04/02/2021	10205-000093 ver 1	<u>40.00</u>
Total ONE DIGITAL				40.00
ORKIN EXTERMINATING				

	Bill	03/26/2021	207021229	<u>207.92</u>
Total ORKIN EXTERMINATING				207.92
PA AMERICAN WATER				
	Bill	04/01/2021	1024- 210032153289	<u>1,162.23</u>
Total PA AMERICAN WATER				1,162.23
PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC				
	Bill	03/31/2021	900244	<u>63.26</u>
Total PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC				63.26
POSTMASTER				
	Bill	04/12/2021	12 rolls of stamps	<u>660.00</u>
Total POSTMASTER				660.00
QUILL				
	Bill	03/25/2021	15573159	<u>3.29</u>
Total QUILL				3.29
RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC				
	Bill	03/01/2021	1303	<u>3,361.25</u>
Total RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC				3,361.25
REAL STATS				
	Bill	04/05/2021	00100	<u>500.00</u>
Total REAL STATS				500.00
TOTAL				<u><u>9,621.67</u></u>

PERSONNEL: Jennifer McClelland, Chairman, reporting

Motion to ratify the hiring of Michael Birchfield as a part-time police officer for the Liberty Borough Police Department.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mr. Sloss

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mrs. Riley-McClelland had a resident of Lincoln Borough reach out to her. She had been pulled over on Washington Boulevard and talked about what a great experience she had. They figured it out that it was Officer Mayernik and he went above and beyond to help her with the situation. Mrs. McClelland also mentioned that Officer Birchfield stopped at her house because her son had left the car door open. She said that he has the perfect demeanor for our community.

STREETS AND SEWERS: Mr. Zrenchak, Chairman, reporting

PAMS payment plan/contract is up. They are going to take a look at that contract review to see if we are going to continue on with that seeing if there is anything to be tweaked with it. He stated that PA American has gotten approval for their rate increases. As of April 1st sewage has gone up. We are a bulk customer and he has not seen what it has gone up to just yet. It is a small increase but there is another one next

year. Luckily, since we are a bulk customer, it will probably be a lot less than you would see as a regular rate payer.

We will be entering onto the Street Sweeping Agreement with Steel Rivers COG.

SHACOG Second Year Option Salt Agreement is in effect.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Larry Sikorski, Mayor, reporting

Mayor Sikorski read the following police activity for the month of March 2021:

Total Call Activity	99
911 Hang Up (Unfounded)	2
Accident (Non-reportable)	4
Alarm (False business)	5
Animal Complaint	1
Assist EMS	3
Assist Fire Department	2
Assist Glassport Police	5
Assist Lincoln Police	2
Assist Other Agency (Mental Health)	1
Assist Other Agency (Other)	1
Assist Police Dept (All other depts)	2
Assist Port Vue Police	9
Burglary (Residential)	1
Check Welfare (Person)	3
Civil Complaint	1
Criminal Mischief (All others)	1
Disturbance	2
Domestic (Non arrest)	2
Fraud	19
Juvenile Complaint	1
Missing Person (Juvenile/Runaway)	1
Parking Complaint	4
PFA Service	1
Public Drunkenness	2
Suspicious Activity (Person)	6
Suspicious Activity (Vehicle)	1
Theft	1
Traffic Complaint (no arrest)	1
Traffic Stop – Verbal	9
Traffic Stop – Warning	2
Utility Complaint	4

The rest of the report is a breakdown of which officer was on the calls.

