MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

August 28, 2024

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Regular session of Borough Council convened at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Councilors Michael Matlos, Elizabeth Lape, Tim Sloss, David Sowa, Janice Matyasovsky, Chris Ponchak, Michael Zrenchak, Mayor Larry Sikorski, Solicitor Matt Racunas, and Borough Engineer Lou Corrales.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**JOHN KISH 611 SOUTHERN AVENUE:** Mr. Kish asked if Council could have someone build up the curb on the uphill side above the property next to his house to prevent water from coming into his cellar when it rains. Mr. Zrenchak asked Mr. Matlos to look at it. Mr. Matlos will go look at it.

**BLIGHT COMMITTEE**: Amanda Rausch

Mrs. Rausch said they did not have a Blight Committee meeting this month. They will resume next month. Mrs. Rausch asked Mr. Zrenchak if he got ahold of the person to do the blasting on the little free library. Mr. Zrenchak said he did call him to come out and look to see if he could do it. Mr. Zrenchak will follow back up to see when he can make it out.

**PROPERTY:** Chris Ponchak

No Report.

**POLICE, FIRE and EMS:** Michael Zrenchak

No Fire Report.

Mr. Ponchak read the Fire Department Report for July 2024 submitted by Fire Chief Corey Derr:

Fires 5

Rescue & Emergency Medical Services 1

Hazardous Conditions 2

Service Call 4

Good Intent Call 2

False Alarm & False Call 3

Total Incidents 17

Chief Ralph Marsico read the Police Report for July 2024.

Assist Other Agencies 3

Burglar Alarm-Residence 1

Business Check 5

Citizen Complaint 3

Disabled Vehicle 2

Domestic Disturbance 10

Hazardous Conditions 1 Health/Safety 3

Local Ordinance Violations- Dumping 1

Mental Health/Welfare Check 2

Property Damage 1

Traffic Stop 33

Total Incidents 65

**LEGISLATION:** David Sowa

**Motion to advertise** the updated ordinance 2024-01 amending the non-uniform pension plan administered by Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System.

**Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mr. Ponchak**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Janice Matyasovsky

Mrs. Matyasovsky mentioned the Fun To Be A Kid Day was a huge success and we had a beautiful day for it.

Coming up: Halloween, October 31, 2024; Light Up Night, December 7, 2024.

**HEALTH & ORDINANCE**: Chris Ponchak

No Report.

**LIGHTS:** Michael Matlos

Mr. Matlos informed everyone that Duquesne Light will be starting the community wide streetlight conversion to LED mid-September. Residents will start to see contractor bucket trucks (Sargent Electric) on the roads, converting old globe lights to the new flat panel lights.

**FINANCE:** Elizabeth Lape

**Motion to Pay:**  Bills for Ratification of **$ 332,926.19** and List of Bills to Pay **$ 105,220.39**

**Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mr. Sloss**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Mrs. Lape abstains from the reimbursement for the Lupinacci gift basket.**

**Bills for Ratification:**

**Payroll**

07/25/2024 EFT ADP[INVOICE] - 116.19

07/25/2024 EFT ADP[CHECKS] - 15,818.72

07/25/2024 EFT ADP[TAXES] - 5,146.46

07/19/2024 EFT ADP[INVOICE] - 97.33

08/09/2024 EFT ADP[CHECKS] - 15,719.66

08/09/2024 EFT ADP[TAXES] - 5,070.29

08/16/2024 EFT ADP[INVOICE] - 102.04

08/09/2024 EFT ADP[CHECKS] - 16,957.74

08/09/2024 EFT ADP[TAXES] - 5,458.38

**TOTAL - 64,486.81**

**Sewer Fund**

07/22/2024 12542 AMERICAN WATER - 150.00

07/22/2024 12543 PA AMERICAN WATER - 1,195.78

07/22/2024 12544 PA AMERICAN WATER - 10,987.12

08/13/2024 12545 PA AMERICAN WATER - 1,213.72

08/13/2024 12545 PA MUNICIPAL SERVICE - 1,062.82

08/13/2024 12547 AMERICAN WATER - 82.17

08/13/2024 12548 GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC - 50.00

08/13/2024 12549 GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC - 745.00

08/13/2024 12550 PA AMERICAN WATER -179,230.41

**TOTAL -194,717.02**

**Highway Fund**

08/13/2024 4600 DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY - 3,490.37

**TOTAL - 3,490.37**

**General Fund**

07/26/2024 EFT PA SCDU - 82.52

08/09/2024 EFT PA SCDU - 82.52

07/24/2024 24111 CELESTE CAPRIO - 224.24

07/31/2024 24113 KAG SIGNWORKS - 80.00

07/31/2024 24114 PSAB/U/C PLAN - 1,552.78

08/05/2024 24115 CHRISTINE PATTON - 200.00

08/06/2024 24116 RITA’S ITALIAN ICE - 168.98

08/06/2024 24117 TRIPLE A EXPRESS N MORE LLC - 525.00

08/09/2024 24118 KAG SIGNWORKS - 40.00

08/13/2024 24119 NUTTAL PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT, LLC - 650.00

08/13/2024 24120 MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT - 768.60

08/13/2024 24121 REAL STATS - 560.00

08/13/2024 24122 DRAVOSBURG TRUCK STOP - 1,308.15

08/13/2024 24123 MARK C. TURNLEY - 2,500.00

08/13/2024 24124 RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC - 1,869.00

08/13/2024 24125 SINGER PAINT & GLASS INC - 2,600.00

08/13/2024 24126 DERKAS AUTO SERVICE - 82.80

08/13/2024 24127 WELL MINISTRIES INC - 144.00

08/13/2024 24128 ANDREWS & PRICE - 270.00

08/13/2024 24129 JEFFERSON HILLS LAWN & EQUIP - 33.08

08/13/2024 24130 PA ONE CALL SYSTEM INC - 19.68

08/13/2024 24131 AFLAC - 125.84

08/13/2024 24132 PRECISION - 94.92

08/13/2024 24133 AQUA FILTER FRESH INC - 31.75

08/13/2024 24134 O’REILLY AUTO PARTS - 36.02

08/13/2024 24135 T-MOBILE - 176.73

08/13/2024 24136 ONE DIGITAL - 100.00

08/13/2024 24137 PEOPLES NATURAL GAS - 71.55

08/13/2024 24138 FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD) - 890.94

08/13/2024 24139 LEAF - 196.96

08/13/2024 24140 H B SOUTH PRINTERS - 168.00

08/13/2024 24141 COMCAST - 354.19

08/13/2024 24142 DUQUESNE LIGHT CO - 981.51

08/13/2024 24143 COMMONWEALTH OF PA - 65.00

08/13/2024 24144 HOME DEPOT ` - 142.94

08/13/2024 24145 QUILL - 116.97

08/13/2024 24146 RC WALTER & SONS INC - 91.05

08/13/2024 24147 SAFSECUR LLC - 846.98

08/13/2024 24148 GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC - 9,087.50

08/13/2024 24149 PEST B GONE - 300.00

08/14/2024 EFT UPMC - 6,341.79

08/14/2024 24150 VOLUNTEER FIREMENS ASSOC OF LIBERTY -36,250.00

**TOTAL - 70,231.99**

**List of Bills to Pay:**

**Sewer Fund**

**TOTAL - 0.00**

**Highway Fund**

**TOTAL - 0.00**

**General Fund**

08/21/2024 24151 SOUTH ALLEGHENY FALL BOOSTERS - 200.00

08/21/2024 24152 SOUTH ALLEGHENY SOFTBALL BOOSTERS - 200.00

08/21/2024 24153 MON YOUGH TRAIL COUNCIL - 500.00

08/27/2024 24154 HTM DESIGNS - 240.00

08/27/2024 24155 RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC - 1,672.00

08/27/2024 24156 CHRISTIE AND ASSOCIATES - 91,450.00

08/27/2024 24157 SHERWIN WILLIAMS - 527.70

08/27/2024 24158 ELIZABETH LAPE - 62.76

08/27/2024 24159 VOLUNTEER FIREMENS ASSOC - 1,200.00

08/27/2024 24160 DERKAS AUTO SERVICE - 471.83

08/27/2024 24161 O’REILLYS AUTO PARTS - 35.94

08/27/2024 24162 WESTCOMM WIRELESS - 55.00

08/27/2024 24163 SHALONDA WILLIAMS - 209.33

08/27/2024 24164 RUSSELL STANDARD CORP - 286.00

08/27/2024 24165 AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA - 3,829.00

08/27/2024 24166 VERIZON GARAGE - 58.91

08/27/2024 24167 AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES - 86.88

08/27/2024 24168 ORKIN EXTERMINATING - 207.92

08/27/2024 24169 MCI - 31.72

08/27/2024 24170 PA AMERICAN WATER - 141.79

08/27/2024 24171 AMERICAN NATURAL SUPPLY LLC - 2,268.25

08/27/2024 24172 JUST-KLEAN INC - 384.00

08/27/2024 24173 PA DEP - 100.00

08/27/2024 24174 ECONO SIGNS LLC - 180.98

08/27/2024 24175 WESCO INSURANCE CO - 588.00

08/27/2024 24176 DERKAS AUTO - 232.38

**TOTAL - 105,220.33**

**PERSONNEL:** Tim Sloss

**Motion to hire** Ralph Marsico for Chief of Police effective August 29, 2024.

**Motion: Mr. Ponchak Second: Mr. Matlos**

**Mr. Matlos Yes**

**Mrs. Lape Yes**

**Mr. Sloss Yes**

**Mr. Sowa Yes**

**Mrs. Matyasovsky Yes**

**Mr. Ponchak Yes**

**Mr. Zrencak Yes**

**Motion carries.**

**Motion to hire** full time police officer Joseph Pocsatko.

**Motion: Mr. Sowa Second: Mr. Matlos**

**Mr. Matlos Yes**

**Mrs. Lape Yes**

**Mr. Sloss Yes**

**Mr. Sowa Yes**

**Mrs. Matyasovsky Yes**

**Mr. Ponchak Yes**

**Mr. Zrencak Yes**

**Motion carries.**

**Motion to accept** Chief Michael Lynch’s resignation effective September 1, 2024.

**Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mr. Ponchak**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**STREETS AND SEWERS:** Tim Sloss

No Report.

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

Mayor Sikorski reiterated the two cars Mr. Bogdan spoke about earlier were finally removed from the property.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Racunas

Mr. Racunas has been working on the garbage specifications and should have those out in the next few weeks. They will be discussed at the next workshop meeting on September 11, 2024. Bids to come back in October to take effect by the end of the year.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:** Lou Corrales

**Motion to accept** the bid for Liberty Way Slide Phase 2.

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

Mr. Corrales reported the Liberty Way Slide reimbursement was sent in the amount of $227,277.39 to Harrisburg today.

Harrisburg requested additional information which was sent.

Phase Two

Bids were opened on July 29,2024 and following are the results:

Paliotta $217,000

R. Johnson $264,525

Allison Park $335,875

Paliotta completed Phase 1 and did excellent work.

It is recommended that council award Phase 2 to Paliotta at $217,000

**E Street & Roberts Storm Sewer and Paving**

The project is completed as follows:

Murin & Murn - Storm Sewer.

Morgan Excavating – Paving.

There were no change orders required.

**Walnut Storm Sewer**

This project is completed and there were no change orders.

**Pump Station**

RFPs were opened on July 1, 2024. Fencing, generator and shed installations were sought and only 3 RFPs were received.

Allegheny Fence $29,460

Tuff Shed $3,428

D & S Generator $39,768

Tuff Shed and D & S Generator were sent Notice-Of-Awards.

The fence has been readvertised and RFPs will be opened on August 29,2024 at 10:00 AM.

Konzel and El Grande paved the pad and Konzel needs to submit his final invoice. There were no change orders.

A 2024 Streetscape intermodal grant was submitted in the amount of $1,139,617 to install sidewalks and paving along Liberty Way from the bend at Latrobe to Southern Avenue.

Mr. Zrenchak advised Mr. Corrales to check with Konzel as they still had not pulled that step out at the pump station. Mr. Corrales will check into this.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Bogdan stated there were two vehicles abandoned on a piece of property, the owners of the vehicles were contacted but they were not removing them, so Mr. Bogdan asked Chief Ralph Marsico to tag them for towing and they were gone that day. Mr. Bogdan said it worked out very well.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion to donate** $500 to the Mon Yough Trail Council.

**Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mr. Sloss**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Motion to donate** $1,200 to the Liberty Borough Fire Department for the cost of the stage for the Fall Festival 2024.

**Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mr. Sowa**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Motion to accept** the typed minutes from the July 24, 2024, regular meeting.

**Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mr. Sowa**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

Next meeting dates/times: Work Session Meeting – Wednesday, September 11, 2024, and the Regular Session Meeting -- Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

**Motion** to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Rachael Waltonbaugh

Secretary/Treasurer