MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

September 25, 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 Don Glenn.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**None.**

**BLIGHT COMMITTEE**: Amanda Rausch

Mrs. Rausch said the library boxes will be taken to get sand blasted and primed for painting. Once finished, the boxes will be painted. Liberty Borough Council has submitted to the CAP Fund to help pay for the overhaul of the library boxes. Mrs. Rausch stated the Blight Committee will be participating in Fall Clean Up Day. Mrs. Rausch also said the Blight Committee has noted some improvements on properties. 507 Owens Avenue is being rehabbed and has been sold. 2823 E Street has had significant progress as well as 2908 Woodrow Street. The houses that remain on the Blight Committee’s list, such as 2720 Washington Boulevard and 201 Latrobe Street have been resubmitted for ACT 152. There is also an LSA award for demolition. 2715 C Street there has been some work being done. Mrs. Rausch said they had asked Mr. Bogdan to check into as the house is in bad shape.

**PROPERTY:** Chris Ponchak

Mr. Ponchak stated council is reviewing quotes and looking into replacing one of the air conditioning units for the Liberty Borough Building.

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

No Fire Report.

**Motion to advertise** ordinance 2024-02 amending the non-uniform pension plan administered by Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System.

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

Chief Ralph Marsico read the Police Report for August 2024.

Accident – non-reportable 1

Burglar Alarm-Residence 1

Citizen Complaint 1

Civil Dispute – Child Custody 1

Harassment 1 Health/Safety Health/Safety 1

Medical 2

Missing Juvenile 1

Police Service Call 1

Social Services – Domestic Violence 1

Theft 1

Traffic Stops 19

Welfare Check 3

Total Incidents 34

Chief Marsico explained we had a call for a dog running at large approximately a week ago in Liberty Borough. The police attempted to catch the dog; however, he kept running away from people. Into the next few days, the dog had attacked and killed another dog and a kitten while on the loose.

Chief Marsico wanted to recognize Councilman Mike Matlos who did an excellent job and a huge community service by setting an elaborate trap at his house and catching the dog. Mr. Matlos called Chief Marsico on Sunday morning to let him know he captured the dog and animal control was there already. Chief Marsico said he did a great job at getting the dog off the street and this speaks volumes about our council looking out for our community.

Chief Marsico said police do not know who the owner of the dog is currently. The dog had a collar on but no tags and no microchip. Police are still searching for the owners. The dog is with Robin Gaydos at Who Rescued Who Humane Society.

**LEGISLATION:** David Sowa

No Report.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Janice Matyasovsky

Mrs. Matyasovsky mentioned the Halloween parade will be held on Halloween night October 31, 2024. The lineup will be at 5:00 PM at the corner of Scene Ridge Road and River Ridge Road. The parade starts at 5:30 PM from there and will continue down Liberty Way to the Liberty Borough Building. Trick or Treating will be from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Mrs. Matyasovsky also mentioned Liberty Borough will be having a decorating contest, and residents are encouraged to decorate for the contest.

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 there is a light out on D Street and Duquesne Light was notified.

**FINANCE:** Elizabeth Lape

Mrs. Lape let everyone know we will be starting to work on the budget for 2025.

**Motion to Pay:**  Bills for Ratification of **$ 69,214.15** and List of Bills to Pay **$ 9,790.70**

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Mr. Zrenchak abstains from the invoice for Zrenchak Environmental Services.**

**Bills for Ratification:**

**Payroll**

08/30/2024 EFT ADP[INVOICE] - 118.55

09/05/2024 EFT ADP[CHECKS] - 15,120.99

09/05/2024 EFT ADP[TAXES] - 4,925.83

09/13/2024 EFT ADP[INVOICE] - 92.61

09/20/2024 EFT ADP[CHECKS] - 16,368.57

09/20/2024 EFT ADP[TAXES] - 5,333.66

**TOTAL - 41,960.21**

**Sewer Fund**

09/10/2024 12551 PA AMERICAN WATER - 1,325.86

09/10/2024 12552 AMERICAN WATER - 82.32

09/10/2024 12554 GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC - 205.00

**TOTAL - 1,613.18**

**Highway Fund**

09/10/2024 4601 DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY - 3,489.42

**TOTAL - 3,489.42**

**General Fund**

09/09/2024 EFT PA SCDU - 82.52

08/28/2024 24177 TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #205 - 205.00

08/28/2024 24178 PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM - 115.34

08/30/2024 24179 LINCOLN BOROUGH - 81.98

09/10/2024 24180 DRAVOSBURG TRUCK STOP - 891.73

09/10/2024 24181 PEST B GONE - 300.00

09/10/2024 24182 NAPA AUTO PARTS - 47.60

09/10/2024 24183 HOME DEPOT - 114.12

09/10/2024 24184 MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT - 98.80

09/10/2024 24185 AFLAC - 125.84

09/10/2024 24186 T-MOBILE - 176.73

09/10/2024 24187 ANDREWS & PRICE - 729.00

09/10/2024 24188 CIT OF MCKEESPORT - 50.00

09/10/2024 24189 PA ONE CALL SYSTEM - 13.53

09/10/2024 24190 PEOPLES NATURAL GAS - 73.74

09/10/2024 24191 FIRST COMMONWALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD - 3,462.52

09/10/2024 24192 DUQUESNE LIGHT CO - 802.46

09/10/2024 24193 LEAF - 196.96

09/10/2024 24194 RC WALTERS & SONS INC - 52.25

09/10/2024 24195 SAFSECUR LLC - 838.26

09/10/2024 24196 GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC - 3,030.00

09/11/2024 24197 O’REILLY AUTO PARTS - 37.98

09/11/2024 24198 ONE DIGITAL - 100.00

09/11/2024 EFT UPMC HEALTH PLAN - 6,341.79

09/11/2024 24199 COMCAST - 354.19

09/11/2024 24200 AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA - 3,829.00

**TOTAL - 22,151.34**

**List of Bills to Pay:**

**Sewer Fund**

09/24/2024 12555 ZRENCHAK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - 980.00

**TOTAL - 980.00**

**Highway Fund**

**TOTAL - 0.00**

**General Fund**

09/20/2024 EFT PA SCDU - 82.52

09/23/2024 24201 SHAUN M FINNERAN - 300.00

09/23/2024 24202 VERIZON - 60.07

09/23/2024 24203 MARK C. TURLEY - 3,250.00

09/23/2024 24204 TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #205 - 205.00

09/23/2024 24205 PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM - 115.34

09/23/2024 24206 WESTCOMM WIRELESS - 55.00

09/23/2024 24207 AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES LLC - 94.12

09/23/2024 24208 ORKIN EXTERMINATING - 207.92

09/23/2024 24209 MCI - 32.81

09/23/2024 24210 JUST-KLEAN INC - 384.00

09/23/2024 24211 NOGA SERVICES - 2,233.56

09/24/2024 24212 DERKAS AUTO SERVICE - 714.26

09/24/2024 24213 OREILLY AUTO PARTS - 88.90

09/24/2024 24214 RALPH MARSICO - 126.00

09/24/2024 24215 TRUGREEN CHEMLAWN - 582.80

09/24/2024 24217 MARTIN’S FLOWERS AND SHRUBS - 278.40

**TOTAL - 8,810.70**

**PERSONNEL:** Tim Sloss

**Motion to ratify** to hire part time police officer Joshua Morrow and Roger Itzel effective September 23, 2024.

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Motion to adopt** the resolution for 2024-04 accepting Winter Maintenance

Agreement.

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Motion to adopt** the resolution for 2024-05 accepting the Slums and Blight Resolution.

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Motion to adopt** the resolution for 2024-06 accepting the Concurring Resolution for ACT 152.

**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 stated Chief Marsico will give the police report and speak in more detail regarding the dog incident.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Racunas

No Report.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:** Don Glenn

Mr. Zrenchak let Mr. Glenn know Konzel still has not fixed the step at the River Road Pump Station.

Mr. Glenn stated the Borough of Liberty was reimbursed $267,750 for Liberty Way Slide Phase 1.

GEDTF Grant Application for $348,500 for the Municipal Building and Public Works Garage has been filed.

CD 51 Grant Application was filed to pave four streets:

* Spring Steet
* Memory Lane
* Jeffrey Drive
* Short Street.

ACT 152 Demolition was filed in the amount of $81,000:

* 2720 Washington Boulevard
* 201 Latrobe Street
* 309 South Allegheny Drive
* 221 South Allegheny Drive

The Generator was installed at the River Road Pump Station.

New RFPS for the River Road Pump Station fencing will be sought. Mr. Glenn is confident we will receive better bids this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fall Clean Up Day is October 19, 2024, 9:00 AM to 12 PM.**

**Motion to advertise** the bids for garbage collection**.**

**Motion: Mr. Ponchak Second: Mr. Sowa**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Motion to advertise** a handicap ordinance for 306 Owens Avenue McKeesport, PA 15133.

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Motion to accept** the typed minutes from the August 28, 2024, regular meeting.

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

Next meeting dates/times: Workshop Session Meeting – Wednesday, October 9, 2024, and the Regular Session Meeting -- Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

**Motion** to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Rachael Waltonbaugh

Secretary/Treasurer