

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
May 12, 2021

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Potersnak – Regarding 600 Roberts Street: He stated that years ago Mr. Bonzak had tried to eliminate the paper alley at their house and have the property all bought and adjoined and everyone taking it over. One of the borough residents blocked them from doing it. Years later, he paid to have his mother's property torn down. A few years later, he came to a council meeting and left very encouraged. He talked to Cookie and Glenn (Bonczek) and they told him that there was more to this than he knew. They could not get the paper alley because of 7 feet and one person standing in the way. He has been trying to do something with the property. There is an ordinance that a lot has to be a certain size on which to build. His mother's house was grandfathered in but it was torn down no one could build a house there. A lawn cutting company wanted to put a garage sideways on it for their lawn equipment. He pays a total of \$15.00 property tax. If the lawn company had been permitted to put their garage there, the borough and the school would have gotten tax revenue. He was very sick in November 2020, and it caused him to question what his wife would do trying to maintain this property if he had died. In 15 years, if he is fortunate enough to be around, he will not be able to take care of that property. He wants to know that since the borough has stood in his way and the rules and neighbors that are standing in his way, what is he supposed to do with that property? He doesn't want it to grow into a weed field but he will not be able to maintain it. Mr. Matlos asked if he was trying to sell it. Mr. Potersnak said he would like to but can't because of the paper alley and all of the residents have to agree to take it over. One resident would not agree. He other residents cut the grass on the paper alley. One of them wanted to buy his property but could not due to the paper alley separating the properties. Mr. Racunas said that he will look into his situation because it does not make sense to him. He stated that if you have a paper alley and it has not been opened by the borough in a 21 year period, by operation of the law, that property is split and ownership goes to the adjoining landowners. Mr. Racunas discussed his options with him. He could sell it or donate it. Mr. Potersnak said that the borough blocked him from selling it twice due to the paper alley and the lot not being big enough. Mr. Racunas said that there are ways to get around the ordinance like getting a variance. Mr. Zrenchak asked what he wanted the borough to do so that they might be able to have an answer for him next meeting. Mr. Potersnak told Mr. Zrenchak that he would like the property taken off of him. Mr. Zrenchak said that they would do some research and see if they can come up with a solution for him.

Russel Jameyson – 2724 Washington Boulevard: He came as a follow-up to his request that he made at the April meeting with respect to the demolition of the property at 2720 Washington Boulevard. Mr. Zrenchak stated that they have taken a look at that and they are taking it into

consideration with the Act 152 by putting a list of houses together to be demolished. They can get funding for multiple houses that need torn down.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY: Elizabeth Lape, Chairman, Reporting

Motion to ratify the adoption of Resolution 2021-05 designating Don Glenn the official to complete the Allegheny County Economic Development Act 152 application.

Motion: Mrs. Matyasovsky **Second:** Mr. Gretz
All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to ratify the adoption of Resolution 2021-06 declaring structures that constitute blighted properties.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mr. Gretz
All in favor. Motion carries.

Mrs. Lape expressed thanks and appreciation to Cara Sloss for the flowers at the Memorial. Mrs. Matyasovsky commented on how beautiful the memorial looks.

POLICE, FIRE and EMS: Tim Sloss, Chairman, Reporting

There was nothing to report.

Mr. Gretz praised the police officers and especially Corey Derr and his team for their efforts in locating the missing young man. It was run very well and was very well organized and appreciated.

LEGISLATION: Chris Gretz, Chairman, Reporting

Nothing to report

PARKS & RECREATION: Michael Zrenchak reporting for Jennifer Riley-McClelland

Mr. Zrenchak stated that due to Mrs. McClelland's absence, there was nothing to report this month.

HEALTH & ORDINANCE: Elizabeth Lape, Chairman, Reporting

There will be a dumpster at the Lincoln Borough Building, 45 Abe's Way on May 22, 2021 for disposal of electronics at no charge. This is part of Lincoln Borough's Clean-up Day. Jamie Leber will post this event on Savvy Citizen.

List of Bills:

AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES

Police Legal Insurance	04/20/2021	118-23574	04/30/2021	<u>65.16</u>
Total AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES				65.16

AMERICAN WATER

Usage (Sewage Account)	04/01/2021	4000211297	04/11/2021	<u>69.84</u>
Total AMERICAN WATER				69.84

AQUA FILTER FRESH INC

Monthly fee	04/30/2021	1374615	05/10/2021	10.17
Bottled Water	05/03/2021	1371784	05/13/2021	<u>50.82</u>
Total AQUA FILTER FRESH INC				60.99

AXON ENTERPRISE, INC

Tasers – Already approved	04/16/2021	S11732204	04/26/2021	<u>4,300.06</u>
Total AXON ENTERPRISE, INC				4,300.06

Clear View Mirror & Glass Co., Inc.

Tahoe side mirror	04/28/2021	C30405	05/08/2021	<u>35.50</u>
Total Clear View Mirror & Glass Co., Inc.				35.50

COLLURA, DAVE

Wildlife Control	05/01/2021	222140	05/11/2021	<u>175.00</u>
Total COLLURA, DAVE				175.00

COMCAST

Police Department	05/01/2021	8993209080108581	05/11/2021	<u>163.81</u>
Total COMCAST				163.81

DUQUESNE LIGHT CO

Street Lights (Highway Account)	05/02/2021	9723-500.000	05/12/2021	3,261.12
River Ridge Road (Sewage Account)	05/03/2021	3993-460-000	05/13/2021	90.86
Garage	05/03/2021	1744-720-000	05/13/2021	45.05
EMS Building	05/03/2021	0823-500-000	05/13/2021	38.15
Borough Building	05/03/2021	0744-720-000	05/13/2021	<u>101.38</u>
Total DUQUESNE LIGHT CO				3,536.56

FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)

	04/27/2021	5305203280016958	05/07/2021	<u>505.39</u>
Total FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)				505.39

GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC

South Allegheny EDU's (Sewage Account)	04/30/2021	21-05-06	05/10/2021	2,512.50
General Services	04/30/2021	21-05-154	05/10/2021	<u>80.00</u>
Total GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC				2,592.50

HOME DEPOT

Street Department	04/12/2021	51810	04/22/2021	<u>43.82</u>
Total HOME DEPOT				43.82

LIBERTY BORO AUTO SALES

Police car battery	05/06/2021	234	05/16/2021	<u>141.50</u>
Total LIBERTY BORO AUTO SALES				141.50

MCI

Garage Phone	04/16/2021	08648909459	04/26/2021	<u>32.70</u>
Total MCI				32.70

MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT

Ordinance advertisement	04/30/2021	00003274	05/10/2021	<u>312.50</u>
Total MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT				312.50

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS

Headlight bulb Police Department	04/28/2021	5219-176791	05/08/2021	<u>20.91</u>
Total O'REILLY AUTO PARTS				20.91

ONE DIGITAL

Monthly fee	05/02/2021	10205-000094 ver 1	05/12/2021	40.00
Benefit payment	05/08/2021	7555	05/18/2021	<u>20.00</u>
Total ONE DIGITAL				60.00

ORKIN EXTERMINATING

Termite control	05/01/2021	541729	05/11/2021	<u>318.00</u>
Total ORKIN EXTERMINATING				318.00

PA AMERICAN WATER

Fire Hydrants	05/03/2021	1024- 210032153289	05/13/2021	<u>1,158.51</u>
Total PA AMERICAN WATER				1,158.51

PA MUNICIPAL SERVICE CO

Quarterly bill (Sewage Account)	04/27/2021	92158	05/07/2021	<u>989.16</u>
Total PA MUNICIPAL SERVICE CO				989.16

PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC

One calls	04/30/2021	904020	05/10/2021	<u>21.24</u>
Total PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC				21.24

PEOPLES NATURAL GAS

Borough Building	04/27/2021	200006476069	05/07/2021	123.67
EMS Building	04/27/2021	200008770279	05/07/2021	87.42
Garage	04/28/2021	200006476150	05/08/2021	<u>55.03</u>
Total PEOPLES NATURAL GAS				266.12

R A FOSTER & SON CO

Janitor supplies	04/21/2021	185212	05/01/2021	<u>173.10</u>
Total R A FOSTER & SON CO				173.10

SPRINT

Borough Phones	04/27/2021	479142366-163	05/07/2021	<u>51.48</u>
Total SPRINT				51.48

TRUGREEN CHEMLAWN

Field Maintenance	04/16/2021	136760813	04/26/2021	<u>501.13</u>
Total TRUGREEN CHEMLAWN				501.13

Witmer Public Safety Group

AR Ammo	04/28/2021 2124688	05/08/2021	1,640.00
Total Witmer Public Safety Group			1,640.00
TOTAL			17,234.98

PERSONNEL: Michael Zrenchak reporting for Jennifer Riley-McClelland

Mr. Zrenchak mentioned that Chief Riley retired in January. He has been unable to attend meetings but they do want to recognize him for his 47 years of service. Hopefully he will be able to make it to the meeting next month so they can formally recognize him.

STREETS AND SEWERS: Mike Zrenchak, Chairman, Reporting

Mr. Zrenchak stated that they got the Small Water Grant for the replacement of the River Ridge pump station. He and Mr. Glenn will be working together on getting that moving forward and getting it out for bid. The grant will cover most of the expense.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Larry Sikorski, Mayor, Reporting

Mayor Sikorski stated that he has the reports of the Police activity. If anyone has any questions he will answer them after the meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Matt Racunas, Solicitor

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-01 creating a handicap parking space at 2703 A Street.
 Motion: Mrs. Matyasovsky Second: Mr. Matlos
 All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to accept the Liberty Borough Public Works Department Collective Bargaining Agreement contingent upon the correction of any clerical errors.
 Motion: Mr. Sloss Second: Mrs. Lape
 All in favor. Motion carries.
 Mr. Matlos abstained from the vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Don Glenn and Laura Branthoover, Engineers

Motion to adopt a Resolution requesting the GTRP Grant application for the Manor Field.
Motion: Mr. Matlos **Second:** Mrs. Matyasovsky
 All in favor. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

