

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020

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Regular session of Borough Council convened at 7:45 pm. Present were Councilors Tim Sloss, Mike Matlos, Jennifer Riley-McClelland, Christopher Gretz, Elizabeth Lape and Michael Zrenchak, Mayor Larry Sikorski, Solicitor Matt Racunas and Engineer Adam Prince.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Louis Attanucci – 407 Southern Avenue – Read a written statement:  
Our concern is the unpaved alley between D and E Streets. This is a high traffic alley due to the 10 families that need to access this alley daily with their vehicles to use their garages. Excessive dust and dirt is a result of the multiple daily passages in the alley with normal speed and driving. Our home is a 407 Southern Avenue with a white shaker shingle vinyl finish. The dust is embedded in the finish and cannot be hosed off; actual manual scrubbing is required to remove this dirt. Additionally, our outside dining table is covered each day with excessive dust blown up from the heavy alley traffic making it an unpleasant experience to eat there. We are requesting someone to come to this area and observe exactly what has been described. The borough has paved many alleys in the borough. Why not pave the alley between D and E Streets? I would appreciate your prompt response and solution to this problem at our property on Southern Avenue.

Mr. Sloss said that they had problems with water going into peoples' yards after paving other alleys. Mr. Zrenchak said that they will go over and take a look at it and see if it is even feasible to pave. They need to make sure that there is the proper drainage so you are not flooding anyone out. Mr. Zrenchak said they will reach out to Don Glenn after looking at the alley and see what can be done.

Mr. Bill Wall asked for permission to order cleaning supplies. Mr. Zrenchak said to go wherever he has to go to get the supplies he needs.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Property:** Mrs. Lape, Chairman, Reporting

There was nothing to report

**Police, Fire, and EMS:** Mr. Sloss, Chairman, and Mr. Gretz, Chairman, reporting

Mr. Gretz read the VFD June 2020 report

Mr. Gretz thanked the police officers, EMS, and most importantly our fire department for doing a great job.

**Legislation:** Mr. Gretz, Chairman, reporting

Nothing to report

Mr. Zrenchak asked that Mrs. Beadling be sent a copy of the election information Jamie Leber collected in answer to her question at the prior meeting regarding why we used paper ballots.

**Parks and Recreation:** Mrs. McClelland, Chairman, reporting

The LBAA is suspended for 2 weeks due to a participating player testing positive. It is in limbo to see how the season will progress. The officers of LBAA are handling this and will keep everyone informed.

**Health & Ordinance:** Mrs. Lape, Chairman, reporting

There was nothing to report

**Lights:** Mr. Matlos, Chairman, reporting

Mr. Matlos submitted an application for the LED Light conversion. He asked for a motion to purchase 10 LED lights in the amount of \$1,090 that will go from Scene Ridge down to the gas station.

Motion: Mr. Gretz                      Second: Mrs. Riley-McClelland  
All in favor, motion carries.

**Finance:** Mrs. Matyasovsky, Chairman, reporting

Mrs. Matyasovsky presented the bills for ratification for July as follows:

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Groff Tractor                    | \$ 420.00    |
| UPMC Health Plan                 | \$ 4,252.23  |
| Volunteer Fireman's Assoc.       | \$ 36,250.00 |
| AmTrust                          | \$ 4,128.74  |
| Blue Ridge Supply                | \$ 90.00     |
| Building Inspection Underwriters | \$ 55.00     |
| Guy Norelli Graphics             | \$ 517.00    |
| HTM Designs                      | \$ 200.00    |
| North Eastern Uniforms           | \$ 125.10    |
| O'Reilly                         | \$ 37.74     |
| Orange Coast Lender              | \$ 12.26     |
| Slack Overhead Doors             | \$ 300.00    |
| Robert Tomasic                   | \$ 4,400.00  |
| Westcom Wireless                 | \$ 55.00     |
| American Legal Services          | \$ 43.44     |
| Conney Safety                    | \$ 200.70    |
| Dobosh Center                    | \$ 95.00     |
| MCI                              | \$ 29.63     |
| O'Reilly                         | \$ 127.86    |
| PA American Water                | \$ 118.50    |

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|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Ricoh                      | \$ 149.42       |
| Sprint                     | \$ 85.23        |
| Verizon                    | \$ 58.29        |
| Artman Equipment           | \$ 170.84       |
| David Collura              | \$ 175.00       |
| First Commonwealth Bank    | \$ 519.07       |
| HTM Designs                | \$ 45.00        |
| Peoples Natural Gas        | \$ 48.10        |
| Aflac                      | \$ 74.88        |
| PA Mun Retirement System   | \$ 324.60       |
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| Amtrust                    | \$ 304.26       |
| PA American Water (Sewage) | \$ 87,501.12    |
| American Water             | \$ <u>43.26</u> |

**Total Bills to Ratify \$141,015.21**

Mrs. Matyasovsky presented to list of bills for payment for July as follows:

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Aqua Filter Fresh              | \$ 105.77           |
| Comcast                        | \$ 163.81           |
| Duquesne Light Co              | \$ 3,634.78         |
| Glenn Engineering              | \$ 1,967.50         |
| Home Depot                     | \$ 128.44           |
| Lehigh Hanson                  | \$ 118.90           |
| Mr. John                       | \$ 384.00           |
| One Digital                    | \$ 81.47            |
| PA-American Water              | \$ 1,097.18         |
| PA Mun Retirement System       | \$ 2,600.00         |
| Peoples Natural Gas            | \$ 24.70            |
| Racunas Law Group              | \$ 2,202.00         |
| RC Walter                      | \$ 74.97            |
| Sprint                         | \$ 69.04            |
| THIR Heating & Cooling         | \$ 250.00           |
| Tractor Supply                 | \$ 47.02            |
| United States Treasury         | \$ 7.62             |
| Zrenchak Environmental         | \$ <u>350.00</u>    |
| <b>Total Bills for Payment</b> | <b>\$ 13,274.22</b> |

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. McClelland

Mr. Zrenchak abstained from voting on the bill for Zrenchak Environmental.  
All in favor, motion carries.

- Receipts for the month of July 2020 \$487,027.58
- 2019 Liquid Fuels Audit done 7/7/2020 – The audit is finished and went well.

**Personnel:** Mrs.Riley-McClelland, chairman, reporting:

- **Motion to accept** Officer Jodi Leitzell Written Resignation  
Motion: Mr. Gretz                      Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky  
All in favor, motion carries
- **Motion to accept** Officer Jon Harrison Verbal Resignation  
Motion: Mr. Matlos                      Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky  
All in favor, motion carries
- Negotiations for the Union Contracts for Police and Public Works are in the very early stages

**Streets and Sewers:** Mr. Zrenchak, Chairman and Mr. Sloss, Chairman, reporting

Last month we received a letter from Three Rivers COG about a CDBG grant application that we had submitted for B Street Storm Sewer project. Initially the project was \$63,000 and our portion was going to be 35% - roughly \$22,500. We received a letter from Steel Rivers COG that some extra funding was available and the \$22,500 was deferred. We will only be responsible for the soft costs which are the engineering fees and any type of application fees to COG.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Sikorski reporting

Mayor Sikorski read the Police report for June 2020

**Solicitor's Report:** Mr. Racunas, Solicitor, reporting

- **Motion to adopt** Ordinance 2020-03 amending the Non-Uniform Pension Plan administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System  
Motion: Mr. Maltos                      Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky  
All in favor, motion carries

**Engineer's Report:** Mr. Prince, Engineer, reporting:

Mr. Prince commented that it was good news about the extra funding for the B Street Storm Sewer project. They are currently in the design phase. When they are finished he will let Steel Rivers COG know and they will let us know when they are ready to advertise

- **Motion to adopt** Resolution 2020-05: Blight Remediation program grant through DCED for the Demolition of 2910 Liberty Way designating Michael Zrenchak and Jill Pack as officials to execute all documents and agreements between Liberty Borough and the Commonwealth Financing Authority.  
Motion: Mrs. McClelland              Second: Mr. Matlos

All in favor, motion carries

Mr. Prince said that we are applying for the \$300,000

**Old Business:**

Bids for cleaning and/or repairing Veterans Memorial

Mr. Zrenchak said that we acquired bids – Brent Biagi was awarded the work at \$2,000 for cleaning and repairing.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mr. Sloss

All in favor, motion carries

**New Business:**

- Bids for Tax Collector window -

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. McClelland

All in favor, motion carries

**Motion** to accept the typed minutes from Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. Riley-McClelland

All in favor, motion passes.

Mr. Zrenchak asked Mr. Prince if Don Glenn had met with the generator company. He said that Joe Dursa from their office was handling that. He was supposed to call him with an update today. Mr. Prince said that as far as he knew, he is still working with the supplier to get something figured out. He will send a letter or have an update at the next meeting. Mr. Zrenchak said that he had to call Mr. Glenn about another issue so he will remind him

Next meeting date/times: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 Workshop Session at 6:00p.m; Regular Session at 7:30 p.m.

**Motion** to Adjourn.

Motion: Mrs. Matyasovsky

Second: Mrs. Riley-McClelland

All in favor, motion passes.

Meeting ended at 8:00pm

Respectively Submitted by:

Jill Pack

Secretary/Treasurer