

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL  
November 10, 2020

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Regular session of Borough Council convened at 7:30 pm. Present were Councilors Tim Sloss, Mike Matlos, Janice Matyasovsky, Jennifer Riley-McClelland, Christopher Gretz, Elizabeth Lape, and Michael Zrenchak, Mayor Larry Sikorski, Solicitor

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Vicki Underwood – 207 Southern Avenue** – Wanted an update on the alley between D & E Streets. Mr. Zrenchak stated that he, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Sloss and Mr. Matlos met with her and her husband to look at the alley. Mr. Glenn’s report shows that there are some drainage issues there that will need to be addressed. What we are looking at are the drainage issues and also to tie into the storm line the continues down on Roberts. The total cost to do the project – paving and all the storm work – is \$104,145.00. It is more than just paving it. There are a couple of other options to control dust – the spread of rock salt, you can use oil but that is not DEP approved. There are a couple grant programs out there. One is called the Low Volume Road Program. Mr. Zrenchak said that we will continue to work on it and see what we can come up with.

**Rodney Naccarato – 823 Elizabeth Street** – He was at the meeting in March regarding the borough digging up his property which caused some issues with mud slide. Mr. Zrenchak said he has taken a look at some things. Pointing at a map – Mr. Zrenchak showed where his property is and that there is a right of way through the bottom of that property that is owned by Bell Telephone. The borough owns a big wedge that goes along the other side of that property. There is a portion of borough property where his pins are that they are allowed to dig in. Mr. Zrenchak was there taking pictures and noticed that someone is dumping lawn and household debris there. Mr. Naccarato stated that he had work done on his home and he put dirt and rocks there but on his property. Mr. Zrenchak stated that there are downspouts that come to the edge of that hillside and that in contributing to the erosion. Mr. Naccarato said that he had no problems until his property was dug through by the borough. He said that if they dig closer than 3 feet to a property line, you are supposed to put up a retaining wall. He said that the borough dug the toe away from his yard and he has lost 3 feet of his yard over the last few years. It was dug through just a month and a half ago. Mr. Zrenchak said that they dug on the other side of the property stake. Mr. Zrenchak said again that there is a right of way through there. The debris that has been dumped over that hillside is falling and clogging that drain and if the borough does not keep that drain clear, there will be flooding instances on Scene Ridge Extension, the fire department ect. The drain line through there is very flat. The survey Mr. Naccarato gave to Mr. Zrenchak shows the property line further over into the borough property. The google shot is showing the survey pin to be on borough property. He does not have a problem with the digging as long as the borough puts up a retaining wall. Mr. Zrenchak questioned if the retaining wall that is already there was legal because it is made out of tires. Mr. Naccarato said that he did not know it was there until the erosion happened. Mr. Zrenchak said that he is aware of them keeping the trench open but not of them digging the hillside. Mr. Naccarato said that he is worried he will lose his garage next.

**PROPERTY:** Elizabeth Lape, Chairman, reporting

There was nothing to report

**POLICE, FIRE and EMS:** Tim Sloss and Chris Gretz, Chairmen, reporting

Mr. Gretz thanked any veterans in attendance for their service. He also thanked our first responders for doing a fabulous job.

Fire Department Report:

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| Fire calls                   | 2 |
| Rescue and Emergency Medical | 4 |
| Hazardous Condition          | 1 |
| Service Call                 | 1 |
| Good Intent Call             | 3 |
| False Alarm                  | 2 |

**LEGISLATION:** Chris Gretz

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Jennifer McClelland, Chairman, reporting

Mrs. McClelland thanked everyone who helped make the community movie night and Trick or Treating a success for the families. There was very positive feedback about the whole weekend. When she picked up the equipment that Port Vue loaned us for the movie, coincidentally Officer McGlaughlin was working. He jumped in and helped set-up the sound system and lighting in between calls. He was a great help.

The Vet's club is doing a luncheon at noon tomorrow for any veterans. The color guard from the legion is going to try to have a quick service at the memorial tomorrow at noon, weather permitting.

She is trying to figure out the logistics for a light up night.

When she went to the polls on election day, the ladies at the fire hall asked if we would do a home holiday decorating contest. She will reach out to some local businesses to set up something for a winner. She will post this on Savvy Citizen and social media. Mr. Gretz wants to nominate the Mayor to be the judge.

**HEALTH & ORDINANCE:** Elizabeth Lape, Chairman, reporting

There was nothing to report

**LIGHTS** Mike Matlos, Chairman, reporting

There was nothing to report

**FINANCE:** Janice Matyasovsky, Chairman, reporting

**Motion to Pay:**

Bills for Ratification: \$14,112.01 Bills to Pay \$13,832.61

**Motion:** Mr. Matlos

**Second:** Mr. Gretz

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Num</u> | <u>Name</u>                      | <u>Amount</u>     |
|-------------|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 10/22/2020  | 11195      | AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA            | -304.26           |
| 10/27/2020  | 11196      | AMERICAN WATER                   | -137.13           |
| 10/20/2020  | 21595      | In-Synch Systems, LLC            | -1,995.00         |
| 10/22/2020  | 21596      | AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA            | -4,128.74         |
| 10/22/2020  | 21597      | AQUA FILTER FRESH INC            | -72.87            |
|             |            | BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS |                   |
| 10/22/2020  | 21598      | OF PA                            | -55.00            |
| 10/22/2020  | 21599      | CHER-BAN TIRE SERVICE            | -390.00           |
| 10/22/2020  | 21600      | DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO.      | -182.98           |
| 10/22/2020  | 21601      | MR JOHN                          | -630.86           |
| 10/22/2020  | 21602      | O'REILLY AUTO PARTS              | -72.89            |
| 10/22/2020  | 21603      | ONE DIGITAL                      | -84.84            |
| 10/22/2020  | 21604      | PA AMERICAN WATER                | -172.15           |
| 10/22/2020  | 21605      | PSAB                             | -476.00           |
| 10/22/2020  | 21606      | QUILL                            | -294.97           |
| 10/22/2020  | 21607      | RC WALTER & SONS INC             | -39.18            |
| 10/22/2020  | 21608      | SPRINT                           | -87.23            |
| 10/22/2020  | 21609      | UPMC HEALTH PLAN                 | -4,637.27         |
| 10/22/2020  | 21610      | VERIZON GARAGE                   | -55.62            |
| 10/22/2020  | 21611      | WESTCOM WIRELESS INC             | -55.00            |
| 10/22/2020  | 21612      | RICOH USA                        | -149.42           |
| 10/28/2020  | 21613      | JO-LYNN PIZZARIA                 | -50.00            |
| 10/30/2020  | 21614      | AFLAC                            | -40.60            |
|             |            |                                  | <u>-14,112.01</u> |

**PERSONNEL:** Jennifer McClelland, Chairman, reporting

There was nothing to report

**STREETS AND SEWERS:** Mike Zrenchak and Tim Sloss, Chairmen, reporting

Mr. Zrenchak stated that we are getting pricing to do more LED lights on Liberty Way. Also we received a grant of \$200,000 to replace the pump station and we will continue to move forward with that.

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

Police Report:

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| Total Call Activity       | 95 |
| Calls for Service         | 23 |
| Crimes Against Persons    | 2  |
| Traffic Related Incidents | 7  |
| Traffic Citations Issued  | 3  |
| Mutual Aid Activity       | 41 |

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Dennis Very representing Matt Racunas

Scene Ridge lot consolidation in progress – Contacted KLH Engineering to perform survey

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:** Don Glenn, Engineer

Motion to approve Invoice #2 from Allegheny Electric in the amount of \$13,200.00 to be paid by Allegheny County

**Motion: Matlos**

**Second: McClelland**

All in favor. Motion carries

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Zrenchak stated that there were some complaints about poaching issues. It was discussed in executive session that they are going to allow everyone to hunt down by the ECC but we are going to post signs to make sure that everyone follows the hunter safety rules that are enforced there. We are also looking into the possibility of enrolling in the game commission safety program. We are trying to find the balance between keeping people safe and the hunters can do what they do responsibly.

**Motion** to accept the typed minutes from the October 9, 2020 meeting minutes.

**Motion: Mr. Matlos**

**Second: Mrs. Lape**

Next meeting dates/times: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – Work Session at 6:00 pm; Regular Session at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Zrenchak continued this meeting until Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm to finalize the potential budget for the year 2021.

Meeting ended at 7:52 pm