MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

January 22, 2025

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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, Solicitor Jeff Ries, David Sowa, Janice Matyasovsky, Chris Ponchak, Michael Zrenchak, Mayor Larry Sikorski.

Mr. Zrenchak took a moment of silence for State Representative Matthew Gergely.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**NONE.**

**BLIGHT COMMITTEE**: Amanda Rausch

Mrs. Rausch stated the Blight Committee continues to work on the little free library. Committee members participated in the Light Up Night that was held December 7th, 2024, in Liberty Borough. Mrs. Rausch stated they had a discussion on the former dairy store and several home improvements and are looking into other financial possibilities and avenues for the properties they turned in for ACT 152. They are not sure they will get the money. Mrs. Rausch is requesting the council advertise openings for the Blight Committee. There are two open spots.

**PROPERTY:** Chris Ponchak

No Report.

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

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

Alarm System Activation – no fire, unintentional 1

Building Fire 4

Cooking Fire – confined to container 1

Cover Assignment, standby, move up 5

Fire - Other 2

Medical Assist - assist EMS crew 2

Motor Vehicle Accident - no injuries 2

Vehicle Accident – general cleanup 1

Total Incidents 18

Mr. Ponchak read the EMS Report for December 2024. There were 20 EMS Calls, and the average response time was 9.4 minutes.

Chief Ralph Marsico read the Police Report for December 2024.

Administrative Report 2

Animal Complaint 3

Assault – Reports 2

Assist Other Agency 11

Assist Person 2

Burglar Alarm - Residence 1

Death – Natural 1

Domestic Disturbance 6

DPW Request 1

EMS Call 7

Misc Disturbance 1

PFA Violation 4

Traffic Complaint 3 Unauthorized Use of a Motor VehicleHealth/Safety 1

Welfare Check 3

Total Incidents 48

Chief Marsico let everyone know his department is now certified in NIBRS, which is a reporting system law enforcement uses to report crime data to the FBI.

Chief Marsico stated he did hear back from Kush Kustoms and he will be working with the office manager, Madison to take care of an invoice Liberty Borough Police was billed for the Chevy Tahoe which was not fixed properly. They are also trying to work with the Firehall on the UTV which has not been fixed properly. Kush Kustoms stated they are waiting for parts to come in.

**LEGISLATION:** Janice Matyasovsky

No Report.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** David Sowa

Mr. Sowa stated he will be checking dates for the 2025 Borough activities. The first date will be the Senior Dinner and once the date is selected the Borough will post it on the Facebook page and the Saavy Citizen page.

**HEALTH & ORDINANCE**: Chris Ponchak

No Report.

**LIGHTS:** Michael Matlos

No Report.

**FINANCE:** Elizabeth Lape

**Motion to Pay:**  Bills for Ratification in the amount of **$ 244,687.49** and List of Bills to Pay **$ 26,644.11.**

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**MR. MATLOS ABSTAINS FROM HIS CLOTHING ALLOWANCE CHECK.**

**Bills for Ratification:**

**Payroll**

12/27/2024 EFT ADP[INVOICE] - 99.69

12/27/2024 EFT ADP[CHECKS] - 16,574.52

12/27/2024 EFT ADP[TAXES] - 5,446.08

01/03/2025 EFT ADP[INVOICE] - 113.83

01/10/2025 EFT ADP[CHECKS] - 17,240.41

01/10/2025 EFT ADP[TAXES] - 5,963.76

01/17/2025 EFT ADP[INVOICE] - 214.17

01/10/2025 EFT ADP[CHECKS] - 17,212.80

01/10/2025 EFT ADP[TAXES] - 5,825.23

**TOTAL - 68,576.66**

**Sewer Fund**

12/18/2024 12572 AMERICAN WATER - 82.47

12/18/2024 12573 CMA - 1,350.00

01/06/2025 12574 PA AMERICAN WATER - 166,061.96

01/06/2025 12575 PA MUNICIPAL SERVICE - 1,118.38

**TOTAL - 168,612.81**

**Highway Fund**

01/06/2025 4607 DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY - 3,527.46

01/06/2025 4608 CARGILL INC - 3,970.56

**TOTAL - 7,498.02**

**General Fund**

12/17/2024 24363 FASTENAL CO - 59.28

12/17/2024 24364 OREILLY AUTO PARTS - 33.86

12/18/2024 24365 WESTCOMM WIRELESS - 55.00

12/19/2024 24366 PC TIRE & FOAMFILL SPECIALISTS - 1,819.96

12/20/2024 EFT UPMC HEALTH PLAN - 8,570.28

01/02/2025 24367 VOLUNTEER FIREMENS ASSOC - 36,250.00

01/06/2025 24368 EXPERT OUTDOOR POWER - 297.95

01/06/2025 24369 WATERFRONT EMBROIDERY - 288.00

01/06/2025 24370 ORKIN EXTERMINATING - 461.04

01/06/2025 24371 PEST B GONE - 300.00

01/06/2025 24372 HOME DEPOT - 271.64

01/06/2025 24373 MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT - 245.40

01/06/2025 24374 RC WALTER & SONS - 225.93

01/06/2025 24375 PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM - 115.34

01/06/2025 24376 TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #205 - 205.00

01/06/2025 24377 VERIZON GARAGE - 60.54

01/06/2025 24378 ALAN LINDSEY (CLOTHING ALLOWANCE) - 500.00

01/06/2025 24379 BRUCE TAKAHT (CLOTHING ALLOWANCE) - 250.00

01/06/2025 24380 MATTHEW MCDANEL (UNIFORM ALLOWANCE) - 550.00

01/06/2025 24381 MICHAEL BIRCHFIELD (UNIFORM ALLOWANCE) - 550.00

01/06/2025 24382 MICHAEL MATLOS (CLOTHING ALLOWANCE) - 500.00

01/06/2025 24383 OREILLYS AUTO PARTS - 29.97

01/06/2025 24384 AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA - 8,546.00

01/06/2025 24385 PA AMERICAN WATER - 122.91

01/06/2025 24386 MCI - 32.05

01/06/2025 24387 NAPA AUTO PARTS - 140.95

01/06/2025 24388 PA ONE CALL SYSTEM INC - 4.92

01/06/2025 24389 AQUA FILTER FRESH INC - 34.00

01/06/2025 24390 AFLAC - 125.84

01/06/2025 24391 ANDREW TELEGDY (UNIFORM ALLOWANCE ) - 475.00

01/06/2025 24392 JOSEPH POCSATKO (UNIFORM ALLOWANCE) - 550.00

01/06/2025 24393 MATTHEW MAYERSKY (UNIFORM ALLOWANCE) - 475.00

01/06/2025 24394 RYAN SCHNEIDERLOCHNER - 475.00

01/06/2025 24395 DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY - 662.92

01/06/2025 24396 T-MOBILE - 176.73

01/06/2025 24397 FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD) - 1,785.88

01/06/2025 24398 H B SOUTH PRINTERS - 47.00

01/06/2025 24399 KUSH KUSTOMS - 600.00

01/06/2025 24400 SAFSECUR LLC - 941.94

01/06/2025 24401 SUMMIT FIRE & SECURITY LLC - 353.75

01/06/2025 24402 BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS OF PA - 65.00

01/06/2025 24403 EJC SECURITY SERVICES - 496.00

01/06/2025 24404 QUILL - 101.95

**TOTAL - 67,852.03**

**List of Bills to Pay:**

**Sewer Fund**

01/20/2025 12576 PA AMERICAN WATER - 82.40

01/21/2025 12577 PA AMERICAN WATER - 420.00

**TOTAL - 502.40**

**Highway Fund**

**TOTAL - 0.00**

**General Fund**

01/13/2025 EFT UPMC HEALTH PLAN - 8,570.28

01/15/2025 24405 PENN STATE UNIVERSITY - 834.00

01/20/2025 24406 ONE DIGITAL - 100.00

01/20/2025 24407 ALLEGHENY COUNTY TREASURER - 50.00

01/20/2025 24408 KERRY DIBATTISTA - 52.00

01/20/2025 24409 PSAB U/C PLAN - 729.63

01/20/2025 24410 VERIZON GARAGE - 61.88

01/20/2025 24411 PEOPLES NATURAL GAS - 796.85

01/20/2025 24412 COMCAST - 359.65

01/20/2025 24413 CARA SLOSS - 33.05

01/20/2025 24414 DANLOVICH ELECTRIC LLC - 100.00

01/20/2025 24415 AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA - 4,299.00

01/20/2025 24416 SHELLEY AQUILANTE - 25.00

01/20/2025 24417 TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #205 - 205.00

01/20/2025 24418 DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO - 171.60

01/20/2025 24419 LEAF - 196.96

01/20/2025 24420 NUTTAL PUBLIC SAFETY - 261.80

01/20/2025 24421 SATTERLEE RESOURCES - 2,675.87

01/20/2025 24422 GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC - 2,280.00

01/20/2025 24423 OIL SERVICE INC - 87.12

01/20/2025 24424 JUST-KLEAN INC - 535.75

01/20/2025 24425 PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM - 126.79

01/21/2025 24426 WESTCOMM WIRELESS - 55.00

01/21/2025 24427 AXON ENTERPRISE - 370.50

01/21/2025 24428 STEEL RIVERS COG - 3,000.00

01/21/2025 24429 PA-AMERICAN WATER - 163.98

**TOTAL - 26,141.71**

**PERSONNEL:** Tim Sloss

**Motion to accept** Kimberly Maywood’s resignation effective November 29, 2024.

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**STREETS AND SEWERS:** Tim Sloss

Mr. Zrenchak stated Robinson Pipe will be out Tuesday, January 28, 2025 to camera properties in the Borough. Mr. Zrenchak will confirm with Robinson Pipe on Friday and let Mr. Matlos know.

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

Mayor Sikorski read the thank you card, and gift of prayer card from the family Officer Roger Itzel donated Christmas to a family in need.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** Mr. Jeff Ries (in place of Solicitor Matt Racunas)

No Report.

**ENGINEER’S REPORT:** Lou Corrales

**Motion to accep**t the bid from Precision Fence in the amount of $8,924.00.

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Zrenchak provided an update regarding the newly established waste collection contract with Pro Waste LLC. The discussions surrounding garbage services have spanned several months throughout 2024, during which the council convened numerous meetings. When the existing garbage contract with Waste Management reached their expiration, a competitive bidding process became necessary. Mr. Zrenchak noted that there were no significant issues with Waste Management, whose performance had been commendable. However, the transition to automated pickup posed a challenge, as it would have involved the provision of a single 96-gallon receptacle per household, with additional cans incurring supplementary monthly fees. Though automation is likely to become the standard in the future, the council determined that it was not an opportune moment to adopt this approach, as it would impose additional costs on residents.

In contrast, Pro Waste closely aligns with the services previously provided by Waste Management. They accommodate bulk item disposal, but excluding chemicals, televisions, freon, and tires, while also accepting certain building materials within reasonable limits.

Mr. Zrenchak indicated that the cost for this service will be $59.25 per quarter, with garbage pickups scheduled for Wednesdays. In the event of a holiday, collections will be delayed by one day. Pro Waste maintains a comprehensive list of recognized holidays on their website. He encouraged residents to reach out directly to Pro Waste at 724-433-3440 should they encounter any issues related to billing or waste collection.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Motion to accept** the typed minutes from the December 18, 2024, regular meeting.

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

Next meeting dates/times: Workshop Session Meeting – Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm, and the Regular Session Meeting -- Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

**Motion to adjourn**.

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

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Rachael Waltonbaugh

Secretary/Treasurer