

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
September 16, 2021

Regular session of Borough Council convened at 6:00 pm. Present were Councilors Tim Sloss, Mike Matlos, Janice Matyasovsky, Elizabeth Lape, Jennifer McClelland, Michael Zrenchak, Chris Gretz, Mayor Sikorski, Solicitor Matt Racunas and Engineer Laura Branthoover.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one signed up to speak.

PROPERTY: Elizabeth Lape

There was nothing to report

POLICE, FIRE and EMS: Tim Sloss and Chris Gretz

Motion to approve the ammunition quote from Witmer Public Safety \$4,899.21.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Sloss read the Fire Report for August 2021:

Vehicle Fire	2
Residential Fire	5
Automatic Fire Alarm	1
Carbon Monoxide	1
Smoke Investigation	3
Physical Rescue	2
EMS Assist	2
Vehicle Crash	1
Stand By	1
Tree Down	2
Electrical Fire	1
Total	21

Mr. Sloss read the SouthEast Regional EMS Report for August 2021:

Life Threats	3
Serious	7
Stable-Advance Care	4
Stable-Basic Care	2
Stand By/assist no treatment	2
Event Standbys and PR details	0
Total	18

Average response time was 9 minutes for each call.

LEGISLATION: Chris Gretz

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-02 Quality of Life Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Zrenchak Yes

Mr. Sloss Yes

Mr. Matlos Yes

Mrs. Matyasovsky Yes

Mrs. McClelland Yes

Mrs. Lape Yes

Mr. Gretz Yes

All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to accept the estimate from General Code not to exceed \$3,785 to codify 17 ordinances.

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Gretz explained that General code organizes the ordinances in our code book and then they are put online for the residents to reference.

PARKS & RECREATION: Jennifer McClelland

Mrs. McClelland reported that we hosted Fun To Be A Kid Day on Saturday. It was an excellent event for the community and the kids had a lot of fun. Most of the people in the room were there with all hands on deck. They wrapped up the day with a movie at the Manor ballfields that evening. The event earlier in the day was all first responders themed. The police car and fire truck were there and the Paw Patrol came which was a really great tribute to 9/11. She thanked everyone who made it happen and who participated. It was a great sense of small town love.

Mrs. McClelland mentioned that Trick or Treat will be on Halloween. We are hosting the parade. Line up will be at 5pm. The South Allegheny marching band will be part of the parade. It will go right up Liberty Way. The parade will be at 5:30pm and Trick or Treating will be from 6pm to 8pm. Council will also sponsor a house decorating contest for Halloween.

HEALTH & ORDINANCE: Elizabeth Lape

There was nothing to report.

LIGHTS: Mike Matlos

Duquesne Light has begun installing lights. No count on how many lights are in yet.

FINANCE: Janice Matyasovsky

Mrs. Matyasovsky presented check in the amount of \$41,994 from the CAP fund to Fire Chief Corey Derr for the breathing apparatus.

Mrs. Matyasovsky presented checks to Mr. Zrenchak, Council President for Presentation of the CAP checks for the borough for the purchase of the John Deer Tractor, Stalker SAM Trailer, and the Body/Car Cameras.

The next round of CAP money has to be in by October 18th if anyone has any other ideas. The next CAP meeting is November 18, 2021.

Motion to Pay: Bills for Ratification \$94,236.94 and List of Bills \$24,765.94

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mr. Sloss

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Zrenchak abstained from approving payment for Zrenchak Environmental Services, Inc. Mrs. McClelland abstained from approving reimbursement for Fun To Be A Kid Day sno-cone machine rental.

Bills for Ratification:

09/02/2021		McManus Merchants	0.00
08/26/2021	EFT	ADP [CHECKS]	-12,067.89
08/26/2021	EFT	ADP	-4,515.10
09/03/2021	EFT	ADP [INVOICE]	-93.34
08/25/2021	22201	CONNEY SAFETY PRODUCTS	-261.63
08/25/2021	22203	SOUTH ALLEGHENY BAND PARENTS, INC	-90.00
08/25/2021	22204	PA SCDU	-334.06
08/25/2021	22205	PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-426.27
08/25/2021	22206	TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #205	-234.00
08/30/2021	22207	Misty Kovach	-50.00
09/02/2021	22208	10-8 Emergency Vehicle Service	-515.59
09/02/2021	22209	AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES	-65.16
09/02/2021	22210	AMERICAN NATURAL SUPPLY LLC	-2,925.67
09/02/2021	22211	AQUA FILTER FRESH INC	-43.37
09/02/2021	22212	CHRISTIE AND ASSOCIATES	-69,508.00
09/02/2021	22213	COMCAST	-368.48
09/02/2021	22214	DERKAS AUTO SERVICE	-133.94
09/02/2021	22215	Equipment Connection and Party Rental	-50.00
09/02/2021	22216	John Drabisin	-649.66
09/02/2021	22217	MCI	-31.46
09/02/2021	22218	MR JOHN	-390.00
09/02/2021	22219	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	-120.03
09/02/2021	22220	ONE DIGITAL	-20.00
09/02/2021	22221	PA AMERICAN WATER	-144.70
09/02/2021	22222	PA DEP	-100.00

09/02/2021	22223	PEOPLES NATURAL GAS	-46.60
09/02/2021	22224	PGH PARTY CREATIONS	-430.00
09/02/2021	22225	QUILL	-59.51
09/02/2021	22226	R A FOSTER & SON CO	-79.00
09/02/2021	22227	RICOH USA	-149.42
09/07/2021	22228	PA SCDU	-334.06
			<u>-94,236.94</u>

List of Bills to Pay:

AMERICAN WATER

08/01/2021	4000218852	08/11/2021	<u>69.59</u>
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Total AMERICAN WATER

69.59

AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA

09/03/2021	2689980-1	09/13/2021	5,000.00
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09/10/2021	17594925	09/20/2021	<u>5,200.00</u>
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Total AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA

10,200.00

BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS OF PA

08/06/2021	238	08/16/2021	<u>115.00</u>
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Total BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS OF PA

115.00

CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY

08/31/2021	083121	09/10/2021	<u>7.47</u>
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Total CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY

7.47

COLLURA, DAVE

08/30/2021	396872	09/09/2021	<u>175.00</u>
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Total COLLURA, DAVE

175.00

COMCAST

09/01/2021	8993209080108581	09/11/2021	163.72
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09/03/2021	8993209080009060	09/13/2021	<u>378.48</u>
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Total COMCAST

542.20

DUQUESNE LIGHT CO

09/01/2021	9723-500-000	09/11/2021	3,291.05
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09/01/2021	1744-720-000	09/11/2021	77.83
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09/01/2021	3993-460-000	09/11/2021	143.60
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09/01/2021	0744-720-000	09/11/2021	378.25
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09/01/2021	0823-500-000	09/11/2021	<u>59.71</u>
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Total DUQUESNE LIGHT CO

3,950.44

FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)

08/26/2021	5305203280016958	09/05/2021	<u>1,089.94</u>
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Total FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)

1,089.94

GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC

08/31/2021	21-09-14	09/10/2021	<u>2,326.25</u>
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Total GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC

2,326.25

HOME DEPOT

08/27/2021	6035322501195428	09/06/2021	<u>27.47</u>
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Total HOME DEPOT

27.47

McManus Merchants

07/26/2021	111810		<u>-9.30</u>
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Total McManus Merchants

-9.30

MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT

08/31/2021	00003274	09/10/2021	<u>192.25</u>
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Total MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT

192.25

ONE DIGITAL

09/02/2021	10205-000098 ver.1	09/12/2021	<u>40.00</u>
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Total ONE DIGITAL

40.00

ORKIN EXTERMINATING

09/01/2021	213277714	09/11/2021	<u>207.92</u>
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Total ORKIN EXTERMINATING

207.92

PA AMERICAN WATER

09/01/2021	1024- 210032153289	09/11/2021	<u>1,158.51</u>
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Total PA AMERICAN WATER

1,158.51

PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC

08/31/2021	0000918664	09/10/2021	<u>11.80</u>
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Total PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC

11.80

PEOPLES NATURAL GAS

08/26/2021	2000064769150	09/05/2021	<u>22.45</u>
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Total PEOPLES NATURAL GAS

22.45

RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC

08/01/2021	1375	08/11/2021	<u>3,021.00</u>
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Total RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC

3,021.00

RATVASKY, LARRY G

09/01/2021	20210901	09/11/2021	<u>50.00</u>
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Total RATVASKY, LARRY G

50.00

RC WALTER & SONS INC

08/25/2021	630652	09/04/2021	<u>22.89</u>
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Total RC WALTER & SONS INC

22.89

RILEY-MCCLELLAND, JENNIFER

09/11/2021	Sno-Cone Machine	09/21/2021	<u>53.00</u>
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Total RILEY-MCCLELLAND, JENNIFER

53.00

Safsecur LLC

09/06/2021	2900	09/16/2021	<u>411.08</u>
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411.08

Total Safsecur LLC				411.08
SPRINT				
	08/27/2021	479142366-167	09/06/2021	51.48
Total SPRINT				51.48
TURNER DAIRY FARMS INC				
	09/10/2021	5397180	09/20/2021	29.50
Total TURNER DAIRY FARMS INC				29.50
ZRENCHAK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC				
	09/05/2021	187	09/15/2021	420.00
	09/05/2021	188	09/15/2021	580.00
Total ZRENCHAK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC				1,000.00
TOTAL				24,765.94

Mr. Gretz asked how much the lawnmower, body cameras and the stalker trailer cost. Mrs. Matyasovsky stated that the mower cost #21,448.25, the stalker trailer is \$8,563.20, and the body cameras and car cameras are \$15,181.96.

PERSONNEL: Jennifer McClelland, Chairman

Motion to promote Officer John Mayernik to Sergeant.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Zrenchak	Yes
Mr. Sloss	Yes
Mr. Matlos	Yes
Mrs. Matyasovsky	Yes
Mrs. McClelland	Yes
Mrs. Lape	Yes
Mr. Gretz	Yes

All in favor. Motion carries.

STREETS AND SEWERS: Mike Zrenchak and Tim Sloss, Chairmen

Motion to accept the bid from Watt Fencing Inc. in the amount of \$540.00 for fence repair.

Motion: Matlos **Second: Mrs. McClelland**

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Zrenchak stated that McKeesport has looked into purchasing flow meters to go towards their billing. He is looking into getting pricing for next month's meeting to purchase a laser flow meter for our pump station so we can make sure that what we are sending them and what they are billing us is accurate.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Larry Sikorski, Mayor

Mayor Sikorski reported that the police department had a total of 109 calls – Alexander Appleby handled 2, Michael Birchfield handled 7, Nicholas Caito handled 32, John Mayernik handled 52,

Matthew McDanel handled 3, and Zachary Stumpf handled 13. He explained that the numbers are misleading because 2 of the officers are full-time and the rest are part-time.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Matt Racunas

Solicitor Racunas stated that after the workshop meeting, he was able to review the police department's policy and procedure manual. It is acceptable and has been adopted. (A motion was made and passed at the August 2021 meeting to approve the manual contingent on Solicitor Racunas' final approval.)

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Laura Branthoover

They sent a letter to the Allegheny County Economic Development to receive reimbursement for the 2018 street resurfacing program in the amount of \$100,000.

They applied for a grant for the Act 152 demolition of the old school and, unfortunately, we were not granted the \$250,000.

The old school demolition specs were sent to Carla at Steel River COG for advertisement.

The Scene Ridge Plan II was approved by the Allegheny County Department of Development and a letter was given to the recorder of deeds on August 23rd.

Motion to accept the bid from Murin and Murin in the amount of \$5,904.00 for the B Street inlet.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mr. Sloss

All in favor. Motion carries

Don Glenn sent in the extra items for the GTRP grant for Manor Park. They are waiting on approval.

There are loads of millings that will be delivered next week to the public works garage.

The GEDTF grant application is due at the end of October for paving, storm sewers, recreation, and demo. A motion needs to be made at the next meeting. Mr. Zrenchak asked council to think of projects for the next meeting.

The last item is the Pennsylvania Intermodal Sidewalks. Mr. Zrenchak said that is something they can look into for Liberty Way.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Zrenchak explained that with the new Quality of Life Ordinance they are looking for letters of interest for people to sit on the Quality of Life appeal board. If anyone is interested in being on

that board, please send a letter to the borough. This will be a board of 3 people to hear appeals for fines for the Quality of Life Ordinance.

Mr. Zrenchak explained that we are also looking for letters of interest for a Blight Committee. There seems to be a lot of people talking on Facebook that nothing is getting done on Liberty Way. This is everyone's chance, instead of posting on Facebook, to decide how to revitalize Liberty Way. Anyone who is interested. Please submit a letter. Maybe someone will think of something that council would not think of. Mr. Gretz added that the state enacted Act 152 which is when a mortgage and deed changes hands there is money collected. Liberty Borough was not accepted for any of that. There was \$1,935,076 that was disbursed to communities. Representative Bob Macy represents us and we got none of that money. Some communities have more blight than we do but we received nothing. He said that Rep. Bob Macy should stop in to see us. We are all looking for extra money. Mr. Zrenchak added that he thinks that it would help if the residents put pressure on the Representatives by calling and sending letters as well as council reaching out.

Mr. Zrenchak stated that Liberty Borough is going to have a clean-up day in conjunction with Lincoln Borough October 16. There will be some more details to follow. There will be 2 dumpsters that residents can put anything they want into and another for electronics. It is free of charge

Mr. Zrenchak said that we have an issue with dogs being unleashed or not contained. We have an ordinance pertaining to this and so does Allegheny County. Please make sure you keep your dogs leashed or contained in the yard. We have had numerous incidents where people are walking, and dogs have come out of their yard. Mrs. Wall said that it happened to her that morning. The dog was tied up and the dog broke its' leash and went after her.

Mr. Zrenchak reported that there is an Allegheny County Covid 19 Utility Assistance Program. It is for Pa American Water and waste water customers. There are some eligibility requirements and information on how to apply. He will have it put on our website and Savvy Citizen to get the information out there.

Mr. Gretz spoke about unlicensed vehicles, go carts, quads – he called Lt. Caito about a couple of kids going up Scene Ridge. He is concerned there may be an accident. There have been tragic accidents with these types of vehicles.

Mr. Gretz wants to start a farmer's market partnering with the students. He is looking at a tentative date of August 2022. They have a program at the school that the county works with on how to grow crops. It is a lifelong activity. He wanted to do this prior to covid. It will get residents together and involved on a Saturday morning.

Mrs. Matyasovsky stated that she went to the school board meeting last night to ask what their plans were for the ECC because it is sitting there empty. They said they really did not have any plans. It is shuttered right now but they are not going to abandon it. Maybe if they work on the elementary school, they may have to move some of the kids down there. Mr. Gretz had the same conversation with the assistant to the Superintendent and the Superintendent. The board's decision is to put it into a hovering situation because of a number of things that have taken place. The board

and administration's plan is to look at maybe potentially doing something with it – a fitness center or community center but for right now they are on hold. Mrs. McClelland said she may be extra sensitive to it because she lives directly across from it. If they were maintaining it a little better, the residents would not mind as much. Back in August, the weeds were so bad that there were snakes in them. Mike called the school and was told it was a mulch issue. She said that it is a legitimate reason, but they can still maintain the weeds. Mr. Bogdan saw someone cutting grass and asked when the hillside would be addressed. He said he would be back but he did not return. Mr. Gretz said that the superintendent said to email or stop with any questions or concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion to accept the typed minutes from the August 19, 2021 meeting

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor. Motion carries.

Next meeting dates/times: Work Session, Wednesday October 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm – Regular Session, Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Mrs. McClelland Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jill Pack
Borough Secretary

Posted September 15, 2021 on the Liberty Borough website and on the bulletin board in the lobby of the borough building.