MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL July 15, 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, and Solicitor Matt Racunas. Mayor Sikorski arrived at 6:30 pm due to a family issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lavina Kerklo - 3227 Liberty Way: She heard a rumor and wants to get it straight. First, she has lived in this borough for a long time and served on council for 34 years. She heard that we are going to put a business in the drug store and she wants the truth. Mr. Zrenchak said that a rumor that an adult bookstore is going in there. He went on to say that #1 it is an absolute rumor and #2, in our zoning ordinances it is not even permitted The problem is that there is too much being put out on Facebook and that is something that he wanted to address tonight. If it is not coming directly out of our office or on the sign out front it is not true. If you have something to ask, call the office. There is too much hearsay about everything - rumors about businesses, rumors about that kind of stuff, rumors that we don't have police coverage. There is all kinds of stuff going around. If somebody wants to know please feel free to call the office and ask. They can give out his phone number and you are welcome to call him and he will answer any questions. He has no problem doing that. He is tired of trying to get things done and all it is is rumor after rumor. It gets them nowhere. We have heard that they are putting self-storage units in. The only thing that the gentleman has done so far is state that he wants to turn the old Family Dollar into storage for his classic cars. He went through the zoning, all the neighbor approvals. Mr. Bogdan has spoken with him and he has no other plans except to demolish that building. He brought the dirt in early because there was a lull and that is what is going to be used to fill in the foundation. We checked the ordinances to make sure everything was on the up and up. There is no ordinance that says he cannot pile dirt on his own property he only has to provide proper ENS control so it can't run into the storm sewers or the street. There is nothing we can do about it because he is following all of the ordinances and he has applied for the demolition permit. We have had multiple people look at that building but the problem was the liquor license was not included with the building. Mrs. Kerklo stated that she did not see it on Facebook. Mr. Zrenchak said that the gas station is the biggest place for rumors starting. He said again that if anyone wants to know for sure come to the borough building. Mrs. Kerklo stated that when she mentioned about the adult bookstore, she knows it not zoned for that. And it has to go through a lot of process - first it is a bus stop for children and we don't need that here anyway. She thanked Mr. Zrenchak. She said that she found out all she needed to know.

Cathy Beadling - She wanted to continue about the Belmont. The other thing being storage units. We already have storage units down the street which are an eyesore. She asked if he was going to be used it to store RV's. Mr. Zrenchak stated that those are not his and that people have been parking them there for years. The man that purchased the property was upset that people were parking there. He has been allowing people to park

in the front part of the lot but asked that no one park inside the fenced part. It helps keep an eve on his property with the neighbors parking there. Mrs. Beadling stated that it is a big piece of property and she is sure he going to use it for something down the road. If he were to use it for some sort of storage, is there an ordinance? Mr. Zrenchak said that he would have to go through zoning if it is not in our ordinance. There would be a public comment portion to the zoning hearing to express their concerns. Mrs. Beadling commented on the bump on Roberts Street. Mr. Zrenchak said that they discussed it at the caucus meeting. He has Mr. Glenn coming out to meet with Mr. Nacaratto about his property, they are going to take a look at the bump on C Street, and some storm drainage issues. It is on the list to look at. Mrs. Beadling asked Corey Derr about the fire hydrant Mr. Derr said there was nothing wrong with it. Mrs. when Jo-Lynn's caught on fire. Beadling then asked if it was possible, because our ordinances probably have not been reviewed in a while, to get a committee together to review them and maybe update them? Mr. Racunas explained that is referring to codification. Ms. Pack stated that they are codified through General Code. General Code will take them and update them and make them accessible on line. In that situation you do not have to go through the full process. If there are specific ordinances you want to look at and update we can do that. Mr. Zrenchak said that brings up that it would be nice to have a couple of citizens to help with what to do to revitalize Liberty Way so it is not all on council's shoulders. Mrs. Beadling asked if there is a conflict of interest clause in our by-laws that would address who sits on council? She explained that what she was referring to was a prior solicitor who was with the school district and there were teachers on council which was a conflict of interest in many ways. And now we are going to have a father possibly and a daughter on council and she thinks that seems like it would be a conflict of interest for council members to be blood related. Mr. Racunas said that there is nothing in the borough code preventing it. Any conflicts would be dealt with under the Pennsylvania Public Officials Ethics Act and the ethics commission. It is very common in other communities. Mrs. Beadling said that other communities charge a yearly fee for every tenant which would be a good moneymaker for the borough. Mr. Zrenchak said that they could look into that. There are other fees that they can look into. Council could look into fees for dumpsters and things like that. What that would do is prevent dumpster being thee for a year or two. Mrs. Beadling stated that the rental permit is to keep track of how many people are living there is case of a fire. Mr. Racunas explained that what she was talking about is a tenant registration ordinance. Typically how it works is on an annual basis ithe code enforcement officer will do an inspection each year and the fee is to cover the cost of those inspections. We do not have the manpower here to do that. Mrs. Beadling stated that Glassport did not do an inspection, they just did the annual permit. It would bring money into the borough

Amanda and Erika from Liberty National: Lincoln Borough referred them to us. They provide employee benefits which does not cost the borough anything and helps save on some payroll taxes as well. They provide 2 no cost benefits – an accidental death benefit and a health discount card. They offer some life and health benefits as well. Most of their health benefits cost only a couple of dollars. She will get in touch with Jill and set up a meeting. Mrs. McClelland would like to be present for the meeting.

Misty Kovatch, Port Vue: She has gone to Port Vue and Glassport's meetings as well. She is trying to start a rescue shelter for cats and she needs a space to do that and she has someone willing to give her start-up money to do that. She needs a location and would like it to be in Liberty, Port Vue or Glassport. She wants to trap, neuter or spay them and return them. She wants to get the support of council and the community and find out if there is any place for her to lease to do that. Mr. Zrenchak said they need to look into our zoning ordinances to see if we can even zone for that. Council would also need to have a business plan. Council would need more information to see if was even feasible. He said to give Jill a call and she will put you in contact with who you need to speak with.

PROPERTY: Elizabeth Lape

There was nothing to report

MOTIONS FOR THE U.S. STEEL CAP MONEY:

Motion to approve the US Steel CAP money for the Traffic Monitoring Trailor in the amount of \$9,663.20.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. Lape

All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the US Steel CAP money for the Fire Department selfcontained breathing apparatus \$41,994.

Moton: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. Mrs. McClelleand

All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the US Steel CAP money for 6 bodycams and 3 car cameras for the Police Department in the amount of \$15,181.96.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. Lape

All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the US Steel CAP money for the John Deere mower quote in the amount of \$21,448.25.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mr. Sloss

All in favor: Motion carries.

The vendor is a member of CoStars so no additional quotes were required.

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

Mr. Sloss read the Fire Report for June 2021:

Commercial Fire

2

Residential Fire

3

Automatic Fire Alarm

3

Carbon Monoxide	2
Tree down	6
Wire down	2
EMS Assist	1
Vehicle Crash	<u>2</u>
Total	21

Motion to accept the \$5,000 bid for the white 2014 Impala from Keith and Nadine Reed.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor. Motion carries

Motion to approve appointing Phillip Semplice of Safsecur LLC as the Local Agency Information Security Officer for the Pennsylvania State Police CLEAN network.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-03 extending thanks and appreciation to Chief Luke Riley for his 47 years of service.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor. Motion carries.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Zrenchak reporting for Mr. Gretz

Councill is looking into adopting the Quality of Life ordinance. There are some items that need to be finalized before we advertise it. This ordinance is to enable the Code Enforcement Officer to write tickets for different code violations and it does not have to go to the magistrate. At some point in time there will be a 3 member board to hear appeals. Right now it is just in the preliminary stage to get it tailored to what we need. Bill Wall spoke about outside grass cutters who blow grass out onto the street and into the sewers. Mr. Zrenchak said that is something that is very important and can be addressed. He will mention it to Mr. Bogdan.

PARKS & RECREATION: Jennifer McClelland

Motion to approve the SA Football Boosters Sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00

Motion: Mrs. Lape Second: Mr. Matlos

All in favor. Motion carries.

We are planning Fun To Be A Kid Day to take place sometime in late August early September.

HEALTH & ORDINANCE: Elizabeth Lape

There was nothing to report.

LIGHTS: Mike Matlos

There was nothing to report.

FINANCE: Janice Matyasovsky

Motion to Pay: Bills for Ratification \$33,269.82 and List of Bills \$119,081.93.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. Lape

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Zrenchak abstained from voting on the bill to Zrenchak Environmental Services.

Mrs. Matyasovsky abstained from voting on her mileage reimbursement.

Bills for Ratification:

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07/09/2021	EFT	ADP [INVOICE]	-75.45
06/22/2021	12337	AMERICAN WATER	-69.52
06/22/2021	12338	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	-64.01
06/22/2021	12339	West Newton Boro	-500.00
06/22/2021	22073	WESTCOM WIRELESS INC	-55.00
06/22/2021	22074	VERIZON GARAGE	-56.67
06/22/2021	22075	UPMC HEALTH PLAN	-4,817.59
06/22/2021	22076	TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #205	-321.00
06/22/2021	22077	SPRINT	-87.23
06/22/2021	22078	S & D CALIBRATION SERVICES	-28.00
06/22/2021	22079	RR DONNELLEY	-20.00
06/22/2021	22080	RICOH USA	-149.42
06/22/2021	22081	PETTY CASH	-155.61
06/22/2021	22082	Park Place Settlement Group LLC	-71.75
06/22/2021	22083	PA SCDU	-306.37
06/22/2021	22084	PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-310.17
06/22/2021	22085	PA AMERICAN WATER	-156.45
06/22/2021	22086	JEFFERSON HILLS LAWN & EQUIP	-87.89
06/22/2021	22087	JANICE R MATYASOVSKY	-26.88
06/22/2021	22088	GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC	-50.00
06/22/2021	22089	GIPSON BEARING AND SUPPLY CO	-27.60
06/22/2021	22090	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	-273.52
06/22/2021	22091	DERKAS AUTO SERVICE	-36.80

06/22/2021	22092	COMCAST			-372.93 -22.41		
06/22/2021	22093	CENTER INDEP BUILDING INSP	-180.00				
06/22/2021	22094	PA	PA				
06/22/2021	22095	AUTO PLUS			-46.47		
06/22/2021	22096	AMTRUST NOR	TH AMERICA		-5,200.00		
06/22/2021	22097	Allied 100			-1,803.20		
07/02/2021	22098	PA SCDU	PA SCDU				
06/30/2021	22099	FINAL SCORE T	ROPHIES		-16.50		
07/12/2021	22100	PA SCDU			-334.06		
					-33,269.82		
Bills to Pay:							
AMERICAN LEGAL S	ERVICES						
		06/21/202	1 118-23901	07/01/2021	72.40		
Total AMERICAN LEG	AL SERVICES				72.40		
AMERICAN NATURAL	L SUPPLY LLC						
		06/30/202	1 INV-1013859-AN	07/10/2021	887.31		
		06/30/202	1 INV-1013862-AN	07/10/2021	1,614.96		
Total AMERICAN NAT	URAL SUPPLY LI	LC			2,502.27		
AQUA FILTER FRESH	INC						
		06/28/202	1 1459156	07/08/2021	63.00_		
Total AQUA FILTER F	RESH INC				63.00		
ARTMAN EQUIPMEN	T, INC						
		06/30/202	1 6308	07/10/2021	298.90		
		07/06/202	1 6324	07/16/2021	7.86		
Total ARTMAN EQUIP	MENT, INC				306.76		
BARRIER PROTECTION	ON SYSTEMS IN	C					
		07/04/202	1 240266	07/14/2021	32.50		
Total BARRIER PROT	ECTION SYSTEM	IS INC		•	32.50		
CENTER INDEPENDE	NT ENERGY						
		06/30/202	1 036021	07/10/2021	50.43		
Total CENTER INDEP	ENDENT ENERG	Y			50.43		
COLLURA, DAVE							
		06/25/202	1 396855	07/05/2021	175.00		
Total COLLURA, DAVI	E				175.00		
COMCAST							
		07/01/202	1 8993209080108581	07/11/2021	163.81		
		07/03/202	1 8993209080009060	07/13/2021	442.30		
Total COMCAST					606.11		
DERKAS AUTO SERV	/ICE						
		07/12/202	1 17642	07/22/2021	226.95_		

Total DERKAS AUTO SERVICE				226.98
DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS				
	07/07/2021	3602	07/17/2021	63.83
	07/07/2021	3600	07/17/2021	308.2
	07/07/2021	3603	07/17/2021	21.28
	07/07/2021	3601	07/17/2021	38.88
Total DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS				432.2
DUQUESNE LIGHT CO				
	07/01/2021	3993-460-000	07/11/2021	92.9
	07/01/2021	9723-500-000	07/11/2021	3,291.3
	07/01/2021	1744-720-000	07/11/2021	47.7
	07/01/2021	0823-500-000	07/11/2021	34.9
	07/01/2021	0744-720-000	07/11/2021	161.9
Total DUQUESNE LIGHT CO				3,629.0
E J LOWERY				
	07/13/2021	17812	07/23/2021	500.0
Total E J LOWERY			-	500.0
ELIZABETH ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO				
	06/28/2021	421885	07/08/2021	15 1 .2
	06/30/2021	421932	07/10/2021	33.0
Total ELIZABETH ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO				184.2
FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)				
,	06/25/2021	5305203280016958	07/05/2021	359.4
Total FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)				359.4
FLYNN'S TIRE				
	07/02/2021	1105328	07/12/2021	558.2
Total FLYNN'S TIRE				558.2
FOSTER & SON				
	06/22/2021	0000025		-39.5
Total FOSTER & SON				-39.5
HOME DEPOT				
	06/28/2021	6035322501195428	07/08/2021	85.
Total HOME DEPOT				85.
HTM DESIGNS				
	06/23/2021	6232021	07/03/2021	200.0
Total HTM DESIGNS			Warning	200.0
LICOINC				
2.00	06/24/2021	059207	07/04/2021	223.1
Total LICO INC				223.1
Mark C. Turnley				
main of Fairney	06/28/2021	Progress Billing	07/08/2021	2,000.0
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Total Mark C. Turnley				2,000.00
MCI				
	06/16/2021	08648909459	06/26/2021	33.26
Total MCI				33.26
MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT				
	06/30/2021	00003274	07/10/2021	59.00
Total MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT				59.00
MR JOHN				
	06/23/2021	606059	07/03/2021	260.00
	06/23/2021	606058	07/03/2021	130.00
Total MR JOHN				390.00
NAPA AUTO PARTS				-
	06/16/2021	261918	06/26/2021	46.47
Total NAPA AUTO PARTS				46.47
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS				
	05/26/2021	5108-242299		-20.91
	06/27/2021	5219-181191	07/07/2021	14.98
Total O'REILLY AUTO PARTS				-5.93
ONE DIGITAL				
	07/02/2021	10205-000096 ver. 1	07/12/2021	40.0
Total ONE DIGITAL				40.0
ORKIN EXTERMINATING				
	07/02/2021	210929073	07/12/2021	207.9
Total ORKIN EXTERMINATING				207.9
PA AMERICAN WATER				
	05/28/2021	1024- 220022821568	06/07/2021	89,432.2
		1024-		
	07/01/2021	210032153289	07/11/2021	1,158.5
Total PA AMERICAN WATER				90,590.7
PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC	0.000 (0.004	0000044077	07/40/0004	04.0
	06/30/2021	0000911377	07/10/2021	31.8
Total PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC				31.8
PEOPLES NATURAL GAS			07/07/0004	00.0
	06/25/2021	200006476069	07/05/2021	30.2
	06/25/2021		07/05/2021	28.0
	06/28/2021	2000006476150	07/08/2021	25.0
Total PEOPLES NATURAL GAS				83.3
PSAB U/C PLAN				
	06/30/2021	2nd Qtr UE	07/10/2021	723.7
Total PSAB U/C PLAN				723.70
QUILL				
	06/14/2021	17383361	06/24/2021	101.25

Total QUILL				101.25
RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC				
	06/01/2021	1340	06/11/2021	2,643.00
Total RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC				2,643.00
RC WALTER & SONS INC				
	06/28/2021	618240	07/08/2021	33.45
Total RC WALTER & SONS INC				33.45
ROTELICA INC				
	06/30/2021	46	07/10/2021	1,064.86
Total ROTELICA INC				1,064.86
Safsecur LLC				
	04/20/2021	2575	04/30/2021	8,691.08
Total Safsecur LLC			-	8,691.08
SPRINT				
	06/27/2021	479142366-165	07/07/2021	51.48
Total SPRINT			-	51.48
STEEL RIVERS COG				
	07/01/2021	21-2018	07/11/2021	425.00
Total STEEL RIVERS COG			_	425.00
ULINE				
	06/18/2021	135159024	06/28/2021	803.73
Total ULINE		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		803.73
Who Rescued Who Humane Society				
This residue this remains costs,	06/30/2021	2nd Qtr	07/10/2021	225.00
Total Who Rescued Who Humane Society	00,00,2021	2114 441		225.00
ZRENCHAK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC				
ZALINGIAA LIVIKGINALIVIAL SERVICES ING	07/09/2021	186	07/19/2021	675.00
Total ZRENCHAK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC	0110312021	100	0111012021	675.00
TOTAL				119,081.73

2020 Annual Audit and Financial Report has been\ completed.

Motion to advertise the Liberty Borough Combined Balance Sheet for All Fund Types for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. Lape

All in favor. Motion carries.

PERSONNEL: Jennifer McClelland, Chairman

There was nothing to report.

STREETS AND SEWERS: Mike Zrenchak and Tim Sloss, Chairmen

Mr. Zrenchak stated that at last month's meeting we had a resident inquire about a stop sign at Roberts and B Street. We looked into that with PennDot to see if we need to do a traffic study. We reached out to the PennDot engineer and have not heard back yet. We will keep working on that.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Larry Sikorski, Mayor

Mayor Sikorski stated that council was generous enough to give the police department extra money so they can buy a sign with flashing lights to give the people warning of their speed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Matt Racunas

Nothing to report

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Zrenchak reported for Laura Branthoover

Motion to ratify the adoption of Resolution No. 2021-07 recording the plan for The Scene Ridge Plan No. 2

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor. Motion carries

Motion to award B Street guide rail project to WBS, Inc. in the amount of \$2,959.40.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mr. Sloss

All in favor. Motion carries

Motion to approve the simple subdivision for South Allegheny School District.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Zrenchak reported that the computers have been installed and they are up and running.

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion to accept the typed minutes from the June 17, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

Next meeting dates/times: Work Session, Wednesday August 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm – Regular Session, Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor. Motion carries.

Second: Mrs. McClelland

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Jill Pack Borough Secretary.