MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL April 14, 2021

Regular session of Borough Council convened at 7:30 pm. Present were Councilors Tim Sloss, Mike Matlos, Janice Matyasovsky, Jennifer Riley-McClelland, Elizabeth Lape, and Michael Zrenchak, Mayor Larry Sikorski, Solicitor Matt Racunas and Engineer Don Glenn. Christopher Gretz was not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

John Kish – 611 Southern Avenue: Right behind the ambulance garage, there is a tree coming out of the foundation. He is trying to clean up his property back there. He asked if the borough can cut it down since it is on borough property. Mike Matlos said that they would take care of it.

Sam Holloway – 426 Scene Ridge Drive: He was walking up Scene Ridge towards Liberty Way the other day. Between Jeffrey Drive and River Ridge there is a storm drain that the wall is still collapsing inside and it is now starting to affect the pavement. Mike Matlos said he will take care of it.

Russell Jameyson – 2724 Washington Boulevard: He has a condemned building right next to him at 2720 Washington Boulevard that he is requesting be demolished. Mr. Jameyson stated that there are 2 houses with the address 2720. He explained that it was not the house over the hill, it is the first one with the garage torn out. Mike Bogdan stated that it is condemned but we are waiting to get funding to get it torn down. Mr. Racunas asked if we had gone through the condemnation process. Mike Bogdan confirmed that we had over a year ago. Mr. Bogdan stated that there are 4 other properties that are condemned that we are waiting to get funding to tear down. Mr. Zrenchak stated that there is a program that has just opened up, the Act 152 Blight Program, and we are actually filling out an application for demolition funding to do multiple projects. The property and the other ones Mr. Bogdan mentioned including the school are on the list to try and get funding to demolish. Mr. Zrenchak explained that if asbestos is found that is what drives up the cost of demolition and it can cost \$10,000 to \$15,000 to tear down a property. We are looking into getting the application done for blight remediation. Applications are due in May. Mr. Glenn said that we will not hear if we got funding until early fall.

PROPERTY: Elizabeth Lape, Chairman, reporting

They met with Representative Pisciottano a couple of weeks ago to discuss the alleyway by Mrs. Underwood's house. They were able to discuss some other projects that we will try to receive funding for. Representative Pisciottano is very willing to help us apply for grants or any federal assistance. Mrs. Lape followed up with him regarding the grant application for the school demolition. They were supposed to meet in March which did not take place so they are going to try and meet in May so maybe we will hear something then. Mr. Zrenchak stated that the process can be slow going. He explained that Allegheny County is very strict about their asbestos rules.

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

Rescue and Emergency 25% Good Intent Calls 33.33% Fires 41.67%

Fire Report Breakdown by Type and Date:

4 **Building Fire** 1 Brush Fire 1 Medical Assist, Assist EMS Motor Vehicle Accident with Injuries 1 Motor Vehicle Accident with no Injuries 1 Dispatched and Cancelled En Route 3 1 Smoke Scare, Odor of Smoke 12 Total

Motion to purchase 2 AR rifles price not to exceed \$2,500.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to purchase 2 Tasers for the purchase price of \$4,300.06.

Motion: Mrs. Lape Second: Mr. Matlos

All in favor. Motion carries

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-04 Allegheny County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. McClelland

All in favor. Motion carries.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Zrenchak reporting for Mr. Gretz.

Registration for the ALON 2021 Educational Conference June 17-20, 2021.

We have been looking at a Quality of Life Ordinance. We have a couple draft copies that have been given to Mr. Bogdan to review. He will forward them on to everyone if they do not already have copies. Hopefully at the next meeting, Mr. Bogdan and Mr. Gretz can make a recommendation to council and get that put away.

PARKS & RECREATION: Mrs.McClelland, chairman, reporting

We are in the early planning phases for a Memorial Day recognition. She will get in touch with the legion, vets and high school band and then pass it on to the rest of council.

She stated that she heard very nice things about the Easter Egg Hunt and thanked everyone who jumped in to make it happened.

HEALTH & ORDINANCE: Mrs. Lape, Chairman, reporting

There was nothing to report

LIGHTS: Mr. Matlos, Chairman, reporting

There was nothing to report.

FINANCE: Janice Matyasovsky, Chairman, reporting

Motion to Pay: Bills for Ratification \$58,658.57 and List of Bills \$9,621.67

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mr. Sloss

All in favor. Motion carries.

03/19/2021	EFT	ADP [INVOICE]	-73.53
03/23/2021	EFT	ADP [CHECKS]	-13,714.16
03/23/2021	EFT	ADP	-5,182.59
03/12/2021	EFT	FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK	-1,301.99
04/02/2021	EFT	ADP [INVOICE]	-83.13
04/07/2021	EFT	ADP [CHECKS]	-11,806.66
04/07/2021	EFT	ADP- TAXES	-4,528.32
03/24/2021	12321	AMERICAN WATER	-69.91
03/24/2021	12322	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	-163.90
04/06/2021	12323	GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC	-248.75
03/15/2021	21896	Monkenhaupt Benefits Group	-1,200.00
03/17/2021	21897	Kerry DiBattista	-52.00
03/17/2021	21898	UPMC	-4,817.59
03/17/2021	21899	John Mayernik	-39.22
03/19/2021	21900	AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA	-5,180.00
03/19/2021	21901	FINNERAN, SHAUN M	-225.00
03/24/2021	21902	AFLAC	-74.88
03/24/2021	21903	AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS OF	-57.92
03/24/2021	21904	PA	-55.00
03/24/2021	21905	CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY	-26.15
03/24/2021	21906	COMCAST	-298.94
03/24/2021	21907	DERKAS AUTO SERVICE	-25.35
03/24/2021	21908	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	-275.61
03/24/2021	21909	LICO INC	-39.20

03/24/2021	21910	MCI	-31.09
03/24/2021	21910	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	-162.89
03/24/2021	21912	ONE DIGITAL	-40.52
03/24/2021	21912	PA AMERICAN WATER	-150.27
03/24/2021	21913	PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-2,886.20
03/24/2021	2191 4 21915	R A FOSTER & SON CO	-59.50
	21915	RATUSTER & GON GO RATUSKY, LARRY G	-265.00
03/24/2021		RICOH USA	-149.42
03/24/2021	21917	SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	-105.74
03/24/2021	21918		-87.23
03/24/2021	21919	SPRINT	-228.00
03/24/2021	21920	TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #205	-56.38
03/24/2021	21921	VERIZON GARAGE	
03/24/2021	21922	WESTCOM WIRELESS INC	-55.00
03/24/2021	21923	Woehler Landscape Supply	-90.00
03/24/2021	21924	FINAL SCORE TROPHIES	-45.00
04/06/2021	21925	AQUA FILTER FRESH INC	-55.55
04/06/2021	21926	ARTMAN EQUIPMENT, INC	-188.12
04/06/2021	21927	CONNEY SAFETY PRODUCTS	-253.25
		FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT	704 70
04/06/2021	21928	CARD)	-794.79
04/06/2021	21929	GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC	-288.75
04/06/2021	21930	JANICE R MATYASOVSKY	-39.64
04/06/2021	21931	MARTINS FLOWERS & SHRUBS	-131.25
04/06/2021	21932	PEOPLES NATURAL GAS	-399.01
04/06/2021	21933	PSAB U/C PLAN	-2,366.33
04/06/2021	21934	QUILL	-81.22
04/06/2021	21935	SPRINT	-52.62
04/06/2021	21936	TURNER DAIRY FARMS INC	
			-58,658.57

List of Bills

ANDREWS & PRICE	
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Total ANDREWS & PRICE				387.00
BARRIER PROTECTION SYSTEMS INC				
	Bill	04/01/2021	239828	45.00
Total BARRIER PROTECTION SYSTEMS INC				45.00
CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY				
	Bill	03/31/2021	033121	34.55
Total CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY				34.55

COLLURA, DAVE

	Bill	04/01/2021	222134	175.00
Total COLLURA, DAVE				175.00
COMCAST				
	Bill	04/01/2021	8993209080108581	163.81
	Bill	04/03/2021	8993209080009060	301.69
Total COMCAST				465.50
DERKAS AUTO SERVICE				
	Bill	04/06/2021	14465	497.94
	Bill	04/06/2021	14468	49.95
	Bill	04/07/2021	14477	49.95
Total DERKAS AUTO SERVICE				597.84
DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS				
	Bill	04/08/2021	3601	35.95
	Bill	04/08/2021	3602	129.23
	Bill	04/08/2021	3600	167.98
	Bill	04/08/2021	3603	27.65
Total DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS				360.81
DUQUESNE LIGHT CO				
	Bill	04/04/2021	0823-500-000	46.73
	Bill	04/04/2021	1744-720-000	50.52
	Bill	04/04/2021	3993-460-000	114.60
	Bill	04/04/2021	0744-720-000	86.71
Total DUQUESNE LIGHT CO				298.56
ELIZABETH ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO				
,	Bill	03/16/2021	420637	10.12
Total ELIZABETH ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO				10.12
HOME DEPOT				
	Bill	03/28/2021	7512166	92.90
Total HOME DEPOT				92.90
MR JOHN				
MIN DO. III	Bill	03/31/2021	596356	370.00
	Bill	03/31/2021	596355	185.00
Total MR JOHN				555.00
NORTH EASTERN UNIFORMS & EQUIP., INC.				
,	Bill	03/29/2021	54621	109.44
Total NORTH EASTERN UNIFORMS & EQUIP., INC.				109.44
Nuttal Public Safety Equipment, LLC				
	Bill	04/02/2021	0016737	492.00
Total Nuttal Public Safety Equipment, LLC				492.00
ONE DIGITAL			10205-000093 ver	
	Bill	04/02/2021	10205-0000 5 3 Vei 1	40.00
Total ONE DIGITAL				40.00
ORKIN EXTERMINATING				

	Bill	03/26/2021	207021229	207.92
Total ORKIN EXTERMINATING				207.92
PA AMERICAN WATER			1001	
	Bill	04/01/2021	1024- 210032153289	1,162.23
Total PA AMERICAN WATER				1,162.23
PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC				
	Bill	03/31/2021	900244	63.26
Total PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC				63.26
POSTMASTER				
	Bill	04/12/2021	12 rolls of stamps	660.00
Total POSTMASTER				660.00
QUILL				
	Bill	03/25/2021	15573159	3.29
Total QUILL				3.29
RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC				
	Bill	03/01/2021	1303	3,361.25
Total RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC				3,361.25
REAL STATS				
	Bill	04/05/2021	00100	500.00
Total REAL STATS				500.00
TOTAL				9,621.67

PERSONNEL: Jennifer McClelland, Chairman, reporting

Motion to ratify the hiring of Michael Birchfield as a part-time police officer for the Liberty Borough Police Department.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mr. Sloss

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mrs. Riley-McClelland had a resident of Lincoln Borough reach out to her. She had been pulled over on Washington Boulevard and talked about what a great experience she had. They figured it out that it was Officer Mayernik and he went above and beyond to help her with the situation. Mrs. McClelland also mentioned that Officer Birchfield stopped at her house because her son had left the car door open. She said that he has the perfect demeanor for our community.

STREETS AND SEWERS: Mr. Zrenchak, Chairman, reporting

PAMS payment plan/contract is up. They are going to take a look at that contract review to see if we are going to continue on with that seeing if there is anything to be tweeked with it. He stated that PA American has gotten approval for their rate increases. As of April 1st sewage has gone up. We are a bulk customer and he has not seen what it has gone up to just yet. It is a small increase but there is another one next

year. Luckily, since we are a bulk customer, it will probably be a lot less than you would see as a regular rate payer.

We will be entering onto the Street Sweeping Agreement with Steel Rivers COG.

SHACOG Second Year Option Salt Agreement is in effect.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Larry Sikorski, Mayor, reporting

Mayor Sikorski read the following police activity for the month of March 2021:

Total Call Activity	2	99
911 Hang Up (Unfounded)	4	
Accident (Non-reportable)	5	
Alarm (False business)	1	
Animal Complaint	3	
Assist EMS		
Assist Fire Department	Z 5	
Assist Glassport Police	3	
Assist Lincoln Police	2 5 2 1	
Assist Other Agency (Mental Health)	1	
Assist Other Agency (Other)	2	
Assist Police Dept (All other depts)	9	
Assist Port Vue Police	9 1	
Burglary (Residential)		
Check Welfare (Person)	3	
Civil Complaint	1	
Criminal Mischief (All others)	7	
Disturbance	1 2 2	
Domestic (Non arrest)		
Fraud	19	
Juvenile Complaint	1	
Missing Person (Juvenile/Runaway)	1	
Parking Complaint	4	
PFA Service	1	
Public Drunkenness	2	
Suspicious Activity (Person)	6	
Suspicious Activity (Vehicle)	1	
Theft	1	
Traffic Complaint (no arrest)	1	
Traffic Stop – Verbal	9	
Traffic Stop – Warning	2	
Utility Complaint	4	
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The rest of the report is a breakdown of which officer was on the calls.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Matt Racunas

Motion to approve advertisement of Ordinance 2021-01 creating a handicap parking space at 2703 A Street.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mrs. Lape

All in Favor. Motion carries.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Don Glenn

All of Mr. Glenn's items were discussed during the work session.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Zrenchak stated that we have been looking to update the secretaries' computer. We received 3 quotes. The quote that seems to meet our needs is the one from Safsecur in the amount of \$14,355.00

Motion to purchase the new computer system from Safsecur for te purchase price of \$14,355.00

Motion: Mrs. Lape

Second: Mrs. Riley-McClelland

All in Favor. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion to accept the typed minutes from the March 10, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Matlos

Second: Mr. Sloss

All in Favor. Motion carries

Mrs. McClelland abstained from voting on the minutes because she did not attend the March 2021 meeting.

Next meeting dates/times: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – Work Session at 6:00 pm; Regular Session at 7:30 pm.

Mr. Zrenchak called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Mrs. McClelland All in favor. Motion carries.

Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky