

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL
June 17, 2021

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

Mr. Zrenchak explained that the adoption of Resolution 2021-3 extending thanks and appreciation to Chief Riley will be moved to the July meeting due to a miscommunication. We did not have a chance to call him to have him come tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aly Zombek – 2801 B Street: She had 2 requests: She asked if she could post signs for a vendor show in Irwin to draw people from this area to the show. There were no objections to her posting the signs. Mrs. McClelland asked her to please pick them up when the show was over. Her other request – she lives on the corner of Roberts and B Streets. She has told people many times to slow down and stop at the stop sign. She was wondering if the borough could put a stop sign coming down Roberts at B Street rather than having the one just at B Street crossing Roberts. She said that people fly up the hill from A Street as well as down. Mr. Racunas stated that it would require at least a traffic study. There is a process to justify putting in a stop sign. Mr. Zrenchak said that in the mean time, he asked Lt. Caito to have the officers keep an eye on that area. He also said that the borough will look into it and see what is involved and get an answer for her.

Vicki Underwood asked if she could post signs for the preschool at the Methodist Church. Mr. Zrenchak stated that as long as she takes the signs down there would be no problem. He asked council and there were no objections.

Rodney Naccarato – 823 Elizabeth Street: He has come to many meetings with concerns about his property. He stated that he was away recently and when he came back he saw that some of the vegetation was removed from his hill by the borough. Mr. Zrenchak assured him that the borough has not touched it. He stated that he was at the fire hall for a graduation party the previous Sunday and he looked at the hill and it had not been touched. Mr. Zrenchak said that the Street Department has been instructed not to cut the hillside so as to not cause an issue. Mr. Sloss had pictures he asked Mr. Naccarato to look at. Mr. Naccarato confirmed that it was his hillside in the pictures. Mr. Naccarato stated that he owns 3 lots (150 feet). There was discussion of what part of the hillside belongs to him. Mr. Zrenchak asked him what the ultimate solution he wants would be. Mr. Naccarato stated that he wanted it piped, covered up and then put cement slabs down to keep it from sliding down. He just wants something to prevent his land from sliding down into the trench. Mr. Zrenchak asked for a meeting on site to go over pricing to see what this is going to cost. Mr. Racunas asked whose property the

drain was on. Mr. Zrenchak explained the issue to him. Mrs. McClelland stated that the problem started after the flooding at the Fire Hall and Mr. Naccarato confirmed that.

Mr. Zrenchak expressed thanks to Lt. Caito and Officer Mayernik, Fire Chief Corey Derr, the fire department and Mike Matlos for going out the other day when the storms came through. Everyone was right on it. He thanked everyone very much for all their efforts. It was really appreciated. No one was injured thankfully.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY: Elizabeth Lape, Chairman, reporting.

She had some good news regarding the school. The borough received another \$45,000 grant through the Blight Remediation Program which we applied for almost a year ago. This brings the total to almost \$200,000. The borough is going to look into starting progressively with the asbestos remediation and as we get more money see where to go from there. A woman in attendance asked if there was anything worth saving in the school because she had gone to that school. Mr. Zrenchak stated that, at this point, no. They can put in the demolition contract that if there is a cornerstone or marker that it would be saved to mark the site of the Liberty school. Mrs. Lape mentioned about the bricks being saved.

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

Motion to approve the US Steel CAP money for the Fire Department self-contained breathing apparatus.

Motion: Matlos Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky
All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to advertise White 2014 Impala on Municibid for \$5,000

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. Lape
All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to purchase lockers for the 3 new police officers.

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

Mr. Sloss read the fire report for May 2021:

Smoke Investigation	2
Structure Fire	4
MVC with Injury	3
Search Detail	2
Stand By	2
MVC with No Injury	5
Fire Alarm	1
EMS Assist	1

Karen Morris – F Street - called to commend Lt. Caito and Officer Mayernik and all the firemen for all the great work they did during the storm.

LEGISLATION: Chris Gretz

Motion to advertise the Quality of Life Ordinance.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor. Motion carries.

This ordinance is very similar to the one the City of Jeannette has. It is more comprehensive about debris, dumping, dwelling units, garbage, junked vehicles, landlord/tenant topics, animal and animal waste maintenance, grass, snow removal. We would keep that people have 24 hours to remove snow and ice from sidewalks. It will cover swimming pools. This ordinance will help the borough and Mike Bogdan be a bit tighter on some of these properties. Mike Bogdan explained that this ordinance enables him to issue \$25 citations after they have been given a warning. This way the \$25 is payable to the borough. He can still take them to the magistrate if it gets bad enough. It gives him the capability to address things that right now he can't and make things better for the borough.

PARKS & RECREATION: Jennifer McClelland

The only thing she has tonight is the South Allegheny Football Boosters Sponsorship that was just received today. The deadline is after the July meeting. She is in favor of it but believes council needs to meet to decide at what amount for the sponsorship. She suggested to talk about it at the next caucus meeting and vote on it next month.

HEALTH & ORDINANCE: Elizabeth Lape, Chairman, Reporting

Nothing to report

LIGHTS: Mike Matlos, Chairman, Reporting

Nothing to report

FINANCE: Janice Matyasovsky

Motion to Pay: Bills for Ratification \$111,551.24 and List of Bills \$106,824.83

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mr. Sloss

All in favor. Motion carries.

05/17/2021	12333	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	-58.77
05/17/2021	21768	Liberty Borough General Fund-Brentwood Ba	-23,184.66
05/13/2021	22001	ALLEGHENY LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	-1,050.00
05/13/2021	22002	SEVEN SPRINGS	-300.00
05/17/2021	22003	PA SCDU	-82.52

05/17/2021	22004	AMERICAN NATURAL SUPPLY LLC	-2,647.39
05/17/2021	22005	AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA	-5,200.00
05/17/2021	22006	CENTER INDEPENDENT ENERGY	-22.41
05/17/2021	22007	COMCAST	-301.76
05/17/2021	22008	DERKAS AUTO SERVICE	-20.00
05/17/2021	22009	DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	-225.03
05/17/2021	22010	JEFFERSON HILLS LAWN & EQUIP	-35.97
05/17/2021	22011	MR JOHN	-390.00
05/17/2021	22012	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	-39.44
05/17/2021	22013	ORKIN EXTERMINATING	-207.92
05/17/2021	22014	RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC	-2,958.00
05/17/2021	22015	RATVASKY, LARRY G	-200.00
05/17/2021	22016	SPRINT	-87.23
05/17/2021	22017	UNITED STATES TREASURY	-2,693.72
05/17/2021	22018	UPMC HEALTH PLAN	-4,817.59
05/17/2021	22019	VERIZON GARAGE	-56.67
05/20/2021	22020	DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO.	0.00
05/20/2021	22021	Penn Suburban Abstract LLC	-12.78
05/20/2021	22022	Robert Felkay, Attorney at Law	-13.55
05/20/2021	22023	DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO.	-74.89
05/24/2021	22024	AMERICAN LEGAL SERVICES	-50.68
05/24/2021	22025	BRUCE TAKAHT	-50.00
05/24/2021	22026	MICHAEL MATLOS	-50.00
05/24/2021	22027	PA MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	-295.44
05/24/2021	22028	TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION #205	-321.00
06/01/2021	22029	PA SCDU	-82.52
06/01/2021	22030	ARTMAN EQUIPMENT, INC	-210.95
		BUILDING INSPECTION UNDERWRITERS OF	
06/01/2021	22031	PA	-165.00
06/01/2021	22032	ELIZABETH ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	-145.50
06/01/2021	22033	HTM DESIGNS	-235.00
06/01/2021	22034	JEFFERSON HILLS LAWN & EQUIP	-111.97
06/01/2021	22035	LIBERTY BORO AUTO SALES	-60.75
06/01/2021	22036	LUTZ TENNIS & ASPHALT CO	-950.00
06/01/2021	22037	MCI	-32.70
06/01/2021	22038	MCKEESPORT, CITY OF	-25.00
06/01/2021	22039	MR JOHN	-390.00
06/01/2021	22040	ONE DIGITAL	-269.24
06/01/2021	22041	PA AMERICAN WATER	-134.62
06/01/2021	22042	PEOPLES NATURAL GAS	-148.92
06/01/2021	22043	PV Settlement, LLC	-32.93

06/01/2021	22044	QUILL	-14.78
06/01/2021	22045	RICOH USA	-149.42
06/01/2021	22046	ROTELICA INC	-580.18
06/01/2021	22047	SPRINT	-51.48
06/01/2021	22048	TRUGREEN CHEMLAWN	-1,252.82
06/01/2021	22049	UNITED STATES TREASURY	-638.19
06/01/2021	22050	Universal Settlement Services, Inc.	-50.54
06/01/2021	22051	WESTCOM WIRELESS INC	-55.00
06/02/2021	22052	SLOSS, TIMOTHY	-180.00
06/02/2021	22053	LINCOLN BOROUGH	-200.00
06/04/2021	22054	COMMONWEALTH OF PA - PIB LOAN	-23,686.31
06/09/2021	22055	VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOC OF LIBERTY	-36,250.00
			<u>-111,551.24</u>

List of Bills:

AMERICAN WATER

05/01/2021	4000212994	05/11/2021	<u>69.46</u>
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Total AMERICAN WATER

69.46

AQUA FILTER FRESH INC

06/02/2021	1410456	06/12/2021	<u>58.24</u>
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Total AQUA FILTER FRESH INC

58.24

COLLURA, DAVE

06/01/2021	222150	06/11/2021	<u>175.00</u>
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Total COLLURA, DAVE

175.00

COMCAST

06/01/2021	8993209080108581	06/11/2021	<u>163.81</u>
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Total COMCAST

163.81

CONNEY SAFETY PRODUCTS

06/08/2021	05988002	06/18/2021	<u>261.63</u>
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Total CONNEY SAFETY PRODUCTS

261.63

DUQUESNE LIGHT CO

06/01/2021	9723-500-000	06/11/2021	3,261.19
06/02/2021	3993-460-000	06/12/2021	70.12
06/02/2021	1744-720-000	06/12/2021	46.81
06/02/2021	0744-720-000	06/12/2021	129.47
06/02/2021	0823-500-000	06/12/2021	<u>41.64</u>

Total DUQUESNE LIGHT CO

3,549.23

FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)

05/27/2021	5305203280016958	06/21/2021	<u>2,665.13</u>
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Total FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK (CREDIT CARD)

2,665.13

GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC

05/31/2021	21-06-22	06/10/2021	<u>5,451.25</u>
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Total GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOC				5,451.25
HOME DEPOT				
	05/28/2021	6035322501195428	06/07/2021	<u>33.02</u>
Total HOME DEPOT				33.02
MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT				
	05/31/2021	3274	06/10/2021	<u>85.00</u>
Total MON VALLEY INDEPENDENT				85.00
O'REILLY AUTO PARTS				
	05/26/2021	5108-242299		<u>-20.91</u>
Total O'REILLY AUTO PARTS				-20.91
ONE DIGITAL				
	06/02/2021	10205-000095 ver.1	06/12/2021	<u>40.00</u>
Total ONE DIGITAL				40.00
ORKIN EXTERMINATING				
	06/04/2021	209833049	06/14/2021	<u>207.92</u>
Total ORKIN EXTERMINATING				207.92
PA AMERICAN WATER				
	05/28/2021	1024- 220022821568	06/07/2021	89,432.28
	06/01/2021	1024- 210032153289	06/11/2021	<u>1,158.51</u>
Total PA AMERICAN WATER				90,590.79
PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC				
	05/31/2021	907772	06/10/2021	<u>8.26</u>
Total PA ONE-CALL SYSTEM INC				8.26
RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC				
	05/01/2021	1329	05/11/2021	<u>2,472.00</u>
Total RACUNAS LAW GROUP LLC				2,472.00
ZRENCHAK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC				
	06/09/2021	183	06/19/2021	315.00
	06/09/2021	184	06/19/2021	385.00
	06/09/2021	185	06/19/2021	<u>315.00</u>
Total ZRENCHAK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC				<u>1,015.00</u>
TOTAL				<u><u>106,824.83</u></u>

Mr. Zrenchak abstained from voting on the payment to Zrenchak Environmental Services. Mr. Matlos abstained from voting on the uniform allowance payment. Mr. Sloss abstained from the reimbursement payment for the tinting of the police car windows.

PERSONNEL: Jennifer McClelland, Chairman
Nothing to report.

STREETS AND SEWERS: Mike Zrenchak and Tim Sloss, Chairmen

We are moving forward with the pump station project. He reached out to WC Wyle to work on getting a number to get that project moving forward. Last Friday we had the wet well at the existing cleaned. Just to keep everyone informed, they did have a problem with one of the floats and used the last of the floats to repair it. He will put together a list for the July meeting. We are going to have to order parts to keep in stock for the pump station in case of emergency.

Mr. Zrenchak reported that our contract with PA Municipal Services for sewage collection has expired. We are looking at a couple different options to either renew with them or go with someone else. They are also going to look into the feasibility of going to monthly instead of quarterly billing. Also, if we have residents who are behind due to covid or losing their jobs, we want to look into payment plans to try to help them out. The B Street Project for which we received a grant is 95% completed. We just need a guide rail and some punch list items.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Larry Sikorski, Mayor

Mayor Sikorski reported that he has a 5 page report of the breakdown of the monthly statistics for May 2021. There were 98 calls for service. The breakdown is as follows:

Abandoned Vehicle	1
Alarm – Panic Residential	1
Alarm – False Business	2
Alarm – False Residential	3
Animal Complaint	3
Assist Clairton Police	1
Assist EMS	5
Assist Glassport Police	3
Assist Lincoln Police	3
Assist McKeesport Police	2
Assist Other EMS/Fire	1
Assist Other Police Departments	1
Assist Port Vue Police	16
Check Hazzard	1
Check Welfare	1
Domestic – Non-arrest	3
Fraud	2
Harrassment	2
Missing Person – Juvenile	3
Ordinance complaint	6
Parking Complaint	4
Police Service Call	2
Public Drunkenness	1
Return Phone Call	4

Suspicious Activity- Person	1
Suspicious Activity – Vehicle	3
Traffic Complaint – No Arrest	2
Traffic Hazzard	2
Traffic Stop Cited	3
Traffic Stop – Verbal	12
Traffic Stop Warning	2
Unknown Trouble	1

If anyone has any questions, please see him after the meeting.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Matt Racunas, Solicitor

Nothing outside of the items discussed at the caucus meeting.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: Laura Branthoover, Engineer

Ms. Branthoover reported that the GTRP Grant application was submitted for the Manor ballfield and restrooms

The B Street Storm Sewer project has been completed. They have submitted and RFP to add guardrails to the B Street project

They need to add a manhole at the South Allegheny High School. The architect want to add a drop manhole, specifically an interior drop but Mr. Glen told him it needs to be an exterior drop manhole. The architect is going to submit his plans to him.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Zrenchak reported that we ordered a new computer system including updating the Wifi system. They ran all the cable so it is about 90% done

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Zrenchak stated that since we have moved the regular council meetings to the 3rd Thursday of the month

Motion to advertise the regular session meetings for a 6:00 pm start time for the rest of the year.

Motion: Mrs. McClelland Second: Mr. Sloss
All in favor. Motion carries.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion to accept the typed minutes from the May 12, 2021 meeting.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. Mayasovsky
All in favor. Motion carries.

Mrs. McClelland abstained from voting since she was not at the May meeting.

Next meeting dates/times: Work Session, Wednesday July 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm –
Regular Session, Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Mr. Matlos Second: Mrs. Matyasovsky

All in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Jill Pack
Borough Secretary