

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013
7:00 PM – BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MINUTES

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE GLASSPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, TERRY DIMARCO.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

ROLL CALL: BRADLEY, PRESENT; CRNCIC, PRESENT; KOWALSKI, PRESENT; KUDLA, PRESENT; SKERKOSKI, PRESENT; TRUNZO, PRESENT; DIMARCO, PRESENT; MAYOR EVANOVICH, PRESENT.

Mayor Michael Evanovich presented a proclamation to Ken Jugan aka (Lord Zoltan) for receiving the 2013 Jason Sanderson Humanitarian Award for his charity work, including Deaf Wrestlefest, where Jugan volunteers his time and talents. Other proclamations will be forthcoming to Mr. Jugan for his many fundraising events to help cancer research, Gilda's Club, PA Connecting Communities, Toys For Tots, Police Organizations, and the Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Department. He was the 4th recipient of the Keystone State Wrestling Competition. This Glassport native was well worth recognizing.

A roll call vote was taken for the hiring of a full time police officer, Michael Piccini. All Council was in favor of the hiring. Mayor Michael Evanovich officially swore Mr. Piccini in to his new position. Mayor Evanovich also commented on the drug bust that Michael was involved in.

CITIZENS CONCERNS AND REQUESTS:

Rosemary Bradley – 831 Indiana Avenue, Glassport

Asked if we have a paving program in place yet? Rosemary said that Cherry Alley between Broadway and Ninth Street there is a guy who lives there in a wheelchair and he cannot even ride up this alley to get to the store, or go watch a ball game, because the alley is so bad. These long time residents should have access especially if they are handicapped.

John DeSue said that we will compile a list of streets for when we are ready to pave this year.

Denny Frost – Edmundson Drive, Glassport – The Borough workers were up by Edmundson doing work but then they stopped. One week later you came back and did more crack repair and they stopped. You did the first three homes and forgot about the rest of the 19 homes.

John DeSue said the equipment is not in the Borough's hands. Right now we do not have it.

Denny Frost said I sent an email out and I never got an answer. You agree that Edmundson Drive is on the list. I don't want the whole road paved, I just want some repairs to be made. Please take care of the other 19 homes on the street.

Vina March – Senior Citizen's Director – I had a girl come down that wanted to rent the hall on July 13 which is a Saturday. She asked if she could get in the night before, but I told her the men play cards Friday night and that she couldn't. She rented the hall in October, November, December 2012. She used the kitchen. I haven't heard from her at all. She asked if the men paid to use the hall Friday night?

She asked how often I rent the hall? Should I tell her to go and jump in the lake? She said I was willing to go \$150 but I will not take this away from the men. She said she wanted the hall because it is so clean. Two minutes after she said she had to call her husband down here to mop the floors because it was so dirty. I run this center and I don't have to give her the hall.

Michael Ruffing – Emil Drive – Complaining about the condition of Emil Drive. Showed pictures to Council. Wife went off of the road and there was a 8 to 10" drop off. My wife busted a side wall off the car. It has never been paved to the concrete.

Gus Hapsias – Emil Drive – For thirty three years this road has not been paved. This is supposed to be a 50 ft road.

Michael Ruffing said the only thing holding it up is when the water company came up and put a patch 20 X 10.

Eugene Skerkoski, Council, addressed Washington Boulevard Rear – Was a dirt road and the Borough does all the plowing and other work on that road. Right off of Ridge Street.

Tom Bradley, Council said Ninth Street got messed up Indiana to Cherry Water leak a month ago. Atlantic Avenue – get some millings to fill potholes

Gus Hapsias said when you guys switched the sewage bills to Oakmont they are making \$60,000 to \$70,000 with the increase of \$3.00. You could hire someone to collect for this amount of money.

Tom Bradley said all of the additional monies that we collect go into a special account for the upgrading of the plant. That is what that was designed for. That \$3 a month is not for the collector.

John DeSue said we are paying the collector 40 or 50 cents a resident.

Motion: Crncic seconded by Kudla

To approve the minutes for the Month of April, 2013.

Motion Carried.

Motion: Skerkoski seconded by Crncic

To approve the financial reports for April, 2013.

Motion Carried.

Motion: Kudla seconded by Skerkoski

To pay bills for the Month of April, 2013.

Motion Carried.

TRCOG/Municipal Buildings and Property – Nancy Crncic, Chair/Council

For the St. Cecilia's Demolition Project the contractor will redo the grass, plant wildflowers, repair sidewalk that wasn't extended. It is not complete. They will not be paid the full amount until the work is finished.

Parks & Recreation – David Kowalski, Chair/Council

There was a basketball tournament and approximately 50 people showed up and a few young ladies. Glassport Police and Crime Watch put this together. Would like to thank Emily Vasquez, Grace Merta, Mayor Hranics of Port Vue,. We will have a summer basketball program schedule. We are meeting this week. We are planning on painting blue and gold at the ballfield to match the look of the football stadium. We will be replacing the bathroom doors at the ballfield. Mr. DeSue is working on the doors I am sure. We will have a hot dog cookout at 6:30 pm on June 5 at the Senior Citizens Center for Crime Watch. There will be food and snacks to share. The turn out for clean up was very small. Mayor Evanovich and his wife Kathy were there. The Royal Rangers with a total of (11) showed up. Would like to thank them and also John D'Angelo, Terry, Jamie Donovan. Tom Bradley, Mark Stecak and Amy Nabors went around with a truck and picked up all the garbage bags. They were up at the Youth Center and they went from Ninth Street to the Elementary School. They were collecting all the buggies from Shop 'n Save. Thank all of the volunteers for the great job that they did.

GDC Committee/Sewage Plant Committee – Thomas Bradley, Chair/Council

The sign at Penn Coil needs to be straightened. Will have the street department pull out the I beams and reset the sign.

Sewage Report Month of April, 2013

Expenses April, 2013.....	\$ 30,687.07
Expenses January to March, 2013.....	\$146,350.64
Expenses Year To Date.....	\$177,037.71
Receipts April, 2013.....	\$ 44,846.42
Receipts January to March, 2013.....	\$186,066.17
Receipts Year To Date.....	\$232,079.10

Total Delinquent Sewage Collected to date.....\$ 57,052.03

Street Department – Terry DiMarco, Chair/President of Council

Take off salt spreaders, clean basement of borough building, cut honor roll and youth center, put green strips on stop signs, open ballfield, clean up and repair road Harrison Street after storm, clean up yard behind sewage plant, clean catch alls Harrison and Detroit Hollows, cut weeds, cut tree honor roll, snake drain boro building roof, repair catch basins, fill sink hole and dye test sewer at 7th and Cherry Alley, cut up down tree Lemon Alley, Cold Patch, put up handicapped signs.

POLICE COMMITTEE: Eugene Skerkoski, Chair/Council

Vehicle	Work Performed	Cost	Ending Mileage	Miles
2011 CV	No Repairs Reported		40,730	2,523
2010 Ch	Transmission Repair (Warranty)		56,422	1,177
2007 CV	No Repairs Reported		107,580	875
SUV	OUT OF SERVICE		115,550	0
			Total Miles	4,575

Traffic Citations 15
 Non-Traffic Citations 22

Parking Meters	\$400	JP Fines	\$3,607
Parking Violations	46	Parking/Meter	446
Total	\$446	Total	\$4,053

Calls for Service 423
 Arrests 25
 Reportable Offenses 39

April UCR Reports Available Upon Request

FIRE COMMITTEE: Anna Kudla, Chair/Council

Total Incidents were 19

First Annual Golf Outing sponsored by Citizen's Hose Company No. 1 will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2013, at Noon. The cost is \$320 for four people.

A letter was received from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner congratulating the Boro Fire Chief on successfully attaining the 50% recognition level. The Participating Department Recognition Program recognizes those departments that support, promote and encourage their emergency response personnel to voluntarily certify at various levels in accordance with nationally recognized and sanctioned Professional Qualification Standards.

SANITATION AND SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEES: Paul Trunzo, Chair/Council

There were 429 meals served. The next Bingo will be held on June 24, 2013. Profit made at the Bingo.

Waste Management is the new sanitation company. Their collections are on Mondays only. We used the list from the sewage for them to generate the garbage billing. An updated list will be sent in by the Borough to Waste Management for anyone who did not receive a bill.

Mike Ruffing asked if you cut out the tire well will they pick up the tires?

Paul Trunzo said did you get your newsletter? It will tell you in there what they will and will not pick up. No tires will be picked up.

Mayor Evanovich Report

A moment of silence for Michael Lupinacci, who fought a battle of cancer and was hoping to see his daughter graduate but did not make it. He worked for us on the police department and was the Chief of Police of Lincoln Borough.

As the temperature goes up the calls get a little higher. We had a drug bust in Hemlock Alley. The Borough gets half of that money back. We are going to get back \$50 or something like that. The police are working on this.

Paul Trunzo asked does this mean that we go after the landlords?

Mayor Evanovich said the Borough received a grant to buy difibulators in the amount of \$3,100.00. The grant was given to us anonymously. The one that we have is coming up on its expiration.

The Annual Police Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2013, at Harrison Street. We are taking donations towards this event for the kids.

SOLICITOR: Gary Matta

A resolution needs to be passed regarding the Central Business District Plan Acceptance.

Motion: Crcnic seconded by Skerkoski

To accept the plan for the Central Business District.

Motion Carried.

A motion is needed to ratify the action taken by Council to submit the CDBG40 Project.

Motion: Crcnic seconded by Trunzo

To approve the CDBG40 Grant request for the Community Youth Center Repairs as submitted by our Borough Engineer.

Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Terry DiMarco, President of Council

Received a call from James McFarland of Penn Coil regarding the Glassport Development sign in their front lawn. The sign is crooked and they would like to either have it removed or straightened.

Received a letter from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County regarding the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program for 2013 Side Yard and Community Beautification Program. The County will waive the standard parcel fee of \$3,000 for applicants for side yards to their primary residence and will discount it to \$1,400 for applicants proposing to beautify properties that do not abut their primary residence. All applicants will also be responsible for the appraised value of the property, a 10 percent Good Faith Deposit, and closing costs of approximately \$300.

Clairton Meals On Wheels has called looking for volunteers and meal plans are available to seniors for \$20 a week. Homebound seniors over the age of 60 and there are a few exceptions. Anyone interested in volunteering or need to set up a meal plan please contact (412)233-6325.

Residents are reminded to keep their grass cut. We have a Code Enforcement Officer that will issue citations to the owners if you do not take care of your property. Please contact the Borough Office if you have issues with uncut properties.

The Borough of Glassport Real Estate Taxes for 2013 have been mailed out by our Tax Collector, Jennifer Bell. The discount period is due now through June 30, 2013. Face amount is due July 1 thru August 31, 2013. Face amount is due July 1, thru August 31, and after that you will be in the penalty period. The Borough encourages all residents to be timely with their tax payments.

Received a letter from Senate Engineering Company on April 30, 2013, that the Borough of Glassport funding application for the emergency demolition of 508 Monongahela Avenue to Allegheny County Department of Economic Development has been approved. The request has been made to waive the asbestos assessment due to the unsafe nature of this property.

We received notification from Pennsylvania American Water Company of a notice of proposed rate change. This request has been submitted to the Public Utility Commission to increase your water rates as of June 29, 2013. For example, residential customers using 3,960 gallons of water a month would increase from \$52.51 to \$58.63 per month.

A request from Maryann Murin to make a donation to Make A Wish to fulfill the wishes of children with diagnosed, life threatening conditions. There was a golf outing and family picnic to raise money for the Make-A-Wish and was scheduled this year for May 18. A donation of \$25 was approved by motion.

Motion: Kowalski seconded by Bradley

To send a donation of \$25 to Maryann Murin for the Make A Wish Foundation.

Motion Carried.

Application deadline for the CDBG Year 40 Grant is August 2, 2013.

Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry State Workers Insurance Fund is asking for the Borough to establish a list of designated healthcare providers from which our injured employees must seek treatment for their work related injuries/illnesses for 90 days from the date of their first visit in order for their medical bills to be paid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Citizen's Hose Company No. 1 will be planning their annual street fair on July 18th thru July 20th. They are asking for permission to shut down the 500 block of Allegheny Avenue. Permission was granted.

Motion: Crncic seconded by Skerkoski

To approve the invoice of SMV Associates for the Month of April, 2013, in the amount of \$1,560.00.

Motion Carried.

Question: Dave Kowalski, Council, asked about the use of one of the buildings for the mental health meetings of South Allegheny Students. I suggested Thursdays from Noon to 3 pm at the Community Youth Center.

Nancy Crncic asked the Mayor if he made a statement that he wanted the therapist to come and meet with Council?

There was a motion made to approve what the therapist wanted to do.

Motion: Kowalski seconded by Kudla

To approve the request of the therapist Sarah Kichta to use the Community Youth Center on Thursdays from Noon to 3 for mental health therapy of SA students.

Motion Carried.

Motion: DiMarco seconded by Crncic

To table this request until the therapist comes and talks with Council.

Motion Carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE was all in agreement to table the request and Mr. Kowalski was a no vote.

Dave Kowalski asked if he could contact Sarah and have her come in and talk with Council.

He was given permission.

Nancy Crncic said she tried to contact the woman who wanted to hold meetings with the girl scout cadettes but has been unable to get a response.

CALL OF THE CHAIR.

Motion: Trunzo seconded by Skerkoski

To adjourn to the call of the chair.

Motion Carried.

SUBMITTED BY:

BOROUGH OF GLASSPORT

Nancy M. Piazza-Whaby
Borough Secretary

APPROVED BY:

BOROUGH OF GLASSPORT

Terry DiMarco
President of Council

Dated: Friday, May 31, 2013