**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017**

**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, DAVID F. KOWALSKI.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Bradley, present; DiMarco, present; Hickman, present; Norelli, present; Skiba, present; Trunzo, present; Kowalski, present; Mayor Bradley, present.

**Motion:** Bradley seconded by DiMarco

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing for Demolition held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 and the Regular Monthly Meeting of Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

Motion Carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Sanitation Committee – Dennis Hickman – Chair/Council**

The Spring Clean Up will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 – Volunteers are needed. This will be held from 8:00 am to Noon. Gloves, Vests, Bags, and a little continental breakfast will be provided. The bagged garbage should be put out on Sunday evening for Monday pickup. There is a paper bin down at the Borough garage. A white item bin is located at the Borough Garage for washers, dryers, electronic pickup.

**Municipal Buildings/Property Honor Roll Committees/Del. RE – Angelo Norelli,Chairman/Councilman**

The Delinquent Tax Collections for January 26, 2017 through February 25, 2017 are as follows:

Total tax collections: $3,959.32

Commissions due to Keystone Collections: $ 59.05

Postage and or Costs Advanced: $ 150.00

Total Withheld by Keystone Collections: $ 150.00

Total Remitted to the Borough of Glassport: $3,750.26

Year to Date………………………………………………………………..$5,362.00

We will be fertilizing the lawn at the Memorial in April.

Preparation are being made to hang the Veteran Banners for Memorial Day.

Representative Bill Kortz and Senator Brewster have donated new flags to put on the

Telephone poles in front of the Honor Roll Memorial.

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Angelo Norelli asked for a motion to rescind the motion to hire Legal Tax Service as our Delinquent Tax Collector.

Motion: Bradley seconded by Hickman

To rescind the motion for the hiring of Legal Tax Service.

Motion Carried.

Motion: Bradley seconded by DiMarco

To Hire Maiello, Brungo & Maiello, LLP for the collection of the delinquent borough real estate taxes.

Motion Carried.

**Street & Light Committee: Elaina Skiba-Chair/Councilwoman**

Read report for the Month of February, 2017

Angelo from the Community Food Bank will be selling produce and other items on Wednesdays from 5 to 6 pm at Third and Monongahela Avenue

BIU – I spoke to them about the thirty days and they clarified that it is thirty business days. That is where the confusion was.

A Public Hearing for demolition of five properties was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, and also a time frame and watch was put on 725 Peach Way which does not officially absolve it from being demolished. The property ownerse were sent out another certified letter after the Public Hearing with Council’s decision to condemn their properties. A letter was also sent to the lienholders and the properties were posted. There is a 30 day waiting period to appeal the decision by March 30, 2017.

Steel Valley COG has received a total of $140,092.00 for CD43 funding. Glassport will receive $20,000 for Iowa Avenue Retaining Wall. Ten other municipalities did not receive anything so I don’t see us getting anything next year. The bid that came in for the Fourth Street Steps was $68,547.00. This bid to be rejected. Approve for COG to readvertise.

Motion: Hickman seconded by Bradley

To have Steel Valley COG readvertise the bid for Fourth Street Steps.

Motion Carried.

**Parks & Recreation – Keith DiMarco, Chair/Council**

The Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 9 am to Noon at Club 22.

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Our Glassport website storage is full due to a rate increase. Up to $12.99 per month plus $16 a year charge for domain name. I did some research and found a site for $83.88 a year and free domain name for first year, $14 every year after and so with talking with the representative I can lock in a three year deal for $197.64 with the free domain name for these three years.

To pay yearly over three years price would be $279.64. Going with the promotional deal I worked with them and it would come out to $197.64 up front saving to us of $82 over three years.

Staying with our current would be $518.64 for the same three year period.

Motion: Trunzo seconded by Norelli

To accept this carrier for the website in the amount of $197.64.

Motion Carried.

Keith said that he would call and get it set up.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION/POLICE & ORD. CHAIRMAN – David F. Kowalski, President of Council**

The deadline for payment of the 2017 Residential Rental Licenses was February 28, 2017. If you have not paid your residential rental license fees you are now delinquent and will have to pay the $50 fee in accordance of the ordinance. We are in the process of sending out citations to the landlords that haven’t paid. To avoid getting a citation, please stop at the Borough Office and pay your residential rental license fees. Once you are cited, you cannot pay at the Borough Office. The Chief has received the first round of names for citations to be issued. Total that he received was 43. You will have to attend the hearing and the Magistrate will make the decision. All landlords were sent a copy of the Borough Ordinance regarding the residential rental requirements. These rules must be abided by. We need your cooperation as a responsible landlord to do background checks on your tenants and to report who is living in your apartments. By signing the paper that you received in the mail, indicates that you understand your obligation as a landlord. If you have an empty apartment, you still must pay this fee unless the Borough verifies that your water has been shut off. If you have someone other than yourself living in an apartment and not paying rent you still must pay the residential rental fee.

The Amusement Tax for mechanical and video games was also due in February. Every commercial establishment owner that has these types of amusement games are responsible for paying an annual fee. We also have an ordinance that stipulates the amount owed for each type of machine. If you have not paid this tax, we urge you to comply with the ordinance or a citation will be issued for non-payment.

We have received the supplements for the Ordinance Books. These ordinances are available to be viewed on the [www.americanlegal.com](http://www.americanlegal.com) website.

The Borough will meet with the auditors at the Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

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The Borough will meet with R.T. Walker, Vice President of Energy Facilities Group, to discuss the old foundry site at the Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Bill Schroeder – Cocca Development – The corner of First and Monongahela Avenue, Glassport – Small parking lot – Would like to bring in a Medical Building – This is being turned over to the Zoning Officer (Dan Beisler, Esquire) for review. A site plan has been provided.

The Borough Auditors will meet with Council on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m.

R. T. Walker will meet at 6:30 p.m.

On March 30, 2017, Council met with South Allegheny School Board to discuss some issues to make sure that they are conforming to what we need done.

At the next Reality Tour – Sheriff Mullen will be present. That will be this coming Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. The school teachers will also be present.

They are having something about addiction – Everything is moving along well.

**Sewage Committee – Thomas W. Bradley, Jr. – Vice President of Council/Chair**

EXPENSES FEBRUARY, 2017…………………………………………………………………………….$ 57,168.03

EXPENSES JANUARY………………………………………………………………………………………..$ 38,477.27

EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE………………………………………………………………………………..$ 97,904.14

RECEIPTS FEBRUARY……………………………………………………………………………………….$ 58,320.80

RECEIPTS JANUARY…………………………………………………………………………………………$ 54,887.62

RECEIPTS YEAR TO DATE…………………………………………………………………………………$ 113,208.42

TOTAL DELINQUENT SEWAGE COLLECTED TO DATE……………………………………….$ 39,865.21

We are in the process of cancelling PAMS and opening up bids for a new company at the Workshop Meeting in April. We have over 100 shut off notices. Our sewage plant will not survive with unpaid sewage bills. The new company is to go after them. A lot of repairs and things that come up at the plant. Big dollar items at the plant. The payment plan is $21.00 per month. Sorry about your luck. I did not mean to sound smart. I hear how Council sits around and does nothing. We had a list of projects and had meeting after meeting. We have done projects in this Borough and roads that haven’t been paved in forty years. We have been doing things that haven’t been done in a long time. Clairton had a meeting and their flat rate fee was $8.00 for every 1,000 gallons. Everything goes up. Sorry, but we can’t help it.

Pool Project – The plan that Keith just put in for the pool. We don’t spend hundreds of hours a month doing nothing. We don’t do nothing.

**Dave Kowalski, President,** said over the last fifteen to twenty years Keystone has not done the job and neither has PAMS. I am not sure that everyone knows this.

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Tom Bradley, Vice President, said we were out over $400,000. Ange Norelli collected this money calling people. He has a very big part in this collection. He collected over ½ because of phone calls. He has collected over ½ of what was collected. Things are getting done here so please don’t say that we are not doing anything.

**Fire, Water and Ambulance Committees/Senior Citizens – Paul Trunzo, Council/Chair**

Next Bingo will be April 4th. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. All paper Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Free Income Tax has a full schedule. AARP does the work. No openings at this time.

Citizens Hose Company No. 22

57 Calls for this year

April 1 Training

New lights on the engine truck

Bought used fire tools just for cutting open car/truck

Angelo Norelli, Council, said we contacted the Valley Mirror newspaper. They will be available at Fuzzy’s and Hot Spot. We put out feelers to Rite Aid and Dollar Generals. The cost if $.50. We need to to sell this out. It is going to help us with the cost of advertisements. Try it and see if you like it.

**MAYOR ROSEMARY BRADLEY**

**February Report**

Mayor told Angelo thank you for getting that done for us. I am sure that we will be able to get the police report in there.

American Legion has donated two vests for the police department.

Our police officers have been very busy. Our officers that made arrests did a very good job.

Mayor read Police report and Juvenile Report.

Total police calls were 396

We will be towing abandoned cars off of the street or in people’s driveways.

C&D Towing will take these vehicles. We will give proper notice. There will not be any cost to the Borough. The Chief will work with them as he has in the past. On Atlantic Avenue we moved a ton of cars up there.

Council to consider approving a resolution to the County for an emergency demolition of two properties located at 501 and 605 Monongahela Avenue. Very much interested in seeing how much these would cost.

MADD Proclamation – 3/22/2017 – Power Talk 21 – April 1 to April 22, 2017. Ask Council for a motion to adopt this.

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Solicitor said that we will start working on the Chief’s pursuit policy. We have to take this more seriously than what we have. The Chief said this will put our officers in a better position.

Mayor said this policy is to be confidential and not to be made available to the public. When they are in pursuit you see ten or fifteen cars all over the place. They are not allowed to have a caravan. Only two vehicles behind.

Chief said there is a limit to the amount of cars in a pursuit. Some of us aren’t even on the same channels.

**TAX COLLECTOR – Jennifer Bell**

**Month of February Report**

Balance Collectable…………………………………………………………………$207,856.05

Less: Face Collected for the Period…………………………………………$ 8,811.10

Balance Collectable – End of Period………………………………………..$199,044.95

Business Privilege Taxes Collected…………………………………………..$ 3,400.00

Total cash collected per column……………………………………………...$ 9,692.25

Total remitted this period………………………………………………………..$ 13,092.25

**TREASURER – Linda Aquilante**

**FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK**

Community Youth Center

Balance as of February 1, 2017…………………………………………………….$2,386.29

No activity in the fund for two months

Fire Escrow Account

Balance as of February 1, 2017…………………………..…………………………$5,062.75

No activity in the fund for eight months

General Fund Checking Account

Balance as of February 1, 2017……………………………………………………$76,544.49

Deposits/Credits (124)……………………………………………………………….$124,588.29

Checks/Debits (87)\*…………………………………………………………………..$129,219.30

Balance as of February 28, 2017…………………………………………….…..$ 71,913.48

\*From the date of the closing of the February statement, 18 additional checks have cleared totaling $12,945.36; four checks have not yet cleared totaling $8,973.82. Several deposits for taxes and fees have been deposited. A positive balance is maintained in the account.

Payroll Account

Balance as of February 1, 2017…………………………………………………..$ 22,204.70

Deposits/Credit (2)……………………………………………………………………..$ 70,522.00

Checks/Debits (22)\*……………………………………………………………………$ 68,345.46

Balance as of February 28, 2017…………………………………………………$ 24,381.24

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\*Includes $60.63 Account Analysis Fee

There are no outstanding checks for the Month of February.

A positive balance is maintained in the account.

Sewer Fund (Home Town Money Market Account)

Balance as of February 1, 2017……………………………………………….$2,860.66

(2017 Year-to-Date Interest Paid: $.23)

(No activity in the fund for eight months)

Sewer Maintenance Reserve Fund

Balance as of February 1, 2017………………………………………………$23,413.18

No Activity in the fund for 23 months, but the Account inactivity period has been extended to November, 2017)

Sewer Revenue Fund

Balance as of February 1, 2017………………………………………………..$ 63,632.75

Deposits/Credits (12)……………………………………………………………….$ 58,320.80

Checks/Debits (35)\*…………………………………………………………………$ 57,370.30

Balance as of February 28, 2017………………………………………………$ 64,583.25

Since the closing of the February statement, six additional checks have cleared totaling $4,186.89.

There are no outstanding checks for February.

A positive balance is maintained in the fund.

First Commonwealth Money Market Account

Balance as of February 1, 2017…………………………………………………$482,796.26

Interest Paid……………………………………………………………………………..$ 18.52

Balance as of February 28, 2017……………………………………………….$482,814.78

(2017 Year-to-Date Interest Paid: $30.09)

S&T Bank (Interest bearing account)

Glassport 2015 Projects

Balance as of January 28, 2017………………………………………………….$505,996.73

Deposits and Other Additions (Interest)…………………………………….$ 4.06 (Annual Percentage Yield)

Checks Paid and Other Subtractions (5)\*…………………………………..$ 71,452.53

Balance as of February 28, 2017………………………………………………..$434,548.26

(2017 Year-to-Date Interest Paid: $8.58)

\*(One payment on the 4th and 9th Street Concrete Steps Project, one payment on the Street Paving Project, two payments on the Swimming Pool Demolition Project, and one payment on the police station project).

As of the closing date of the February statement, one check in the amount of $2,150.00 was outstanding

(Police Station Project).

A positive balance is maintained in the account.

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

INVEST DEPARTMENT - Treasury

0001 General Fund

Beginning Balance as of February 1, 2017………………………………………………………..$0.01

0002 Liquid Fuels

Beginning Balance as of February 1, 2017…………………………………………………………$1.97

Total Market Value as of February 28, 2017……………………………………………………..$1.98

Purchase………………………………………………..Liquid Fuels Deposit…………….…$132,880.52

Ending Balance as of March 1, 2017……………………………………………………….$132,882.50

Motion: Norelli seconded by Bradley

To transfer $100,000 from the money market account to the general fund.

Motion Carried.

**FINANCIEL REPORT: David F. Kowalski, President of Council**

**Motion to approve the Monthly Financial Report for February, 2017**

**Motion: Skiba seconded by DiMarco**

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve and pay bills for the Month of February, 2017 for $140,401.69 (Gen. Fd)**

**Motion: Hickman seconded by Trunzo**

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve and pay bills for the Month of February, 2017 for $57,168.03 (Sew.Fd.)**

**Motion: Bradley seconded by Trunzo**

**Motion Carried.**

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Falco Muscante – (Maiello Brungo and Maiello)**

**Delinquent Borough R.E. Tax Collection – (Maiello, Brungo & Maiello)**

**Motion: Norelli seconded by Skiba to sign the agreement for Maiello, Brungo & Maiello to collect the delinquent Borough Real Estate Taxes.**

**Motion Carried.**

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**Resolution No. 1 (3/21/2017) – Providing a schedule of Attorney’s Fees, charges and expenses in accordance with Act 1 of 1996 and Act 20 of 2003 for the collection of delinquent Borough RE Taxes.**

**The fees and costs are the responsible to those that owe.**

**Motion: Norelli seconded by Trunzo**

**Motion Carried.**

**Ordinance No. 1064 – To amend the wages 2017 Borough Fire Chief and Borough Assistant Fire Chief.**

**Motion: Trunzo seconded by Bradley**

**Motion Carried.**

**Ordinance No. 1065 – An Ordinance enacting and acopting supplements to the Code of Ordinances.**

**Motion: Bradley seconded by Hickman**

**Motion Carried.**

**Ordinance No. 1066 – Reducing the Planning Commission from seven to three members.**

**Motion: Skiba seconded by Bradley**

**Motion Carried.**

**Claim #1168966 – EMC Insurance Company – Need Motion to pay deductible of $2,500.00.**

**Motion: Bradley seconded by Trunzo**

**To pay the deductible.**

**Motion Carried.**

**ELECTION DAY IS MAY 16, THE SAME DATE AS THE REGULAR MEETING. CHANGE DATE TO TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017 for the Regular Monthly Meeting. Advertise.**

**Motion: Skiba seconded by Trunzo**

**Motion Carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS: David F. Kowalski, President of Council**

We received a letter from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection regarding the Three Rivers Marine & Rail Terminals, LLC regarding the technical deficiency regarding the Glassport Barge Handling Area Upgrade. There is a list that specifies the deficiency items. Three Rivers Marine & Rail

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have been notified of the deficiencies since they did not submit a complete or technically adequate application.

Sewage request for proposals delinquent and current will be received by the Glassport Borough Council until Tuesday, April 11, 2017, by 5 p.m. Detailed specifications may be obtained from the Borough Secretary until this same date. This was advertised in the Post Gazette South Legal Extra on Friday, March 10, 2017.

The Great American Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017, from 8 am till Noon. Anyone who wishes to volunteer their time can sign up at the Borough Building.

Dave Kowalski said that he is personally going to put out a letter that it is clean up day. Clean up around the 800 block of Vermont Avenue.

Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. with John Trant, Strategic Solutions to review the final draft of the Zoning Map/Zoning Ordinance/SALDO at a Public Meeting which was advertised.

We have received notification on March 2, 2017, that the Liquid Fuels Tax monies for 2016 in the amount of $132,880.52 was direct deposited into the INVEST Account on February 2, 2017.

Received a letter from Michael Maire and Jeannette Earle of 2 Erie Avenue requesting permission to hold another community party like they did last year. They will be getting married on June 17 in their yard. Halloween in June – Saturday, June 17th at 2:00 p.m. Council, Fire, Police and Mayor are invited.

A letter from the County of Allegheny regarding interceptors for Grease Laden Waste in Commercial Facilities. This was presented for discussions to the Plumbing Advisory Board. The lack of maintenance of the untreated grease laden waste entering the public sewer systems.

Mayor said by the Dollar Tree those barrels have grease in them. I did have a complaint on them.

Dennis Hickman to check on this.

CITIZENS REQUESTS AND CONCERNS:

Adam Tuznik – 4403 Davison Rd. – Breathless – Non profit work – clean air to breathe

The cancer rates are through the roof here. Community event free – Sunday, 2-6 p.m. at Clairton Community Building. They really put together some expert specialists with environmental concerns.

#1 expert in childhood asthma. This is a community based organization. The perspective out of compliance is Sulphur dioxide mainly due to the three US Steel Plants.

Colleen Marshall – 704 Vermont Avenue, Glassport

3 times I have asked them to turn down the music. There is something going on there. They just got an Occupancy Permit. I can’t set on the front porch. We were watching kids go back and forth in the street.

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They have a pitt bull with no collar, no leash, and we asked is that your dog? If you say something to the people that live there they just look at you. Something has to be done.

I don’t want them to target me.

The Mayor said when this happens you should call 911.

Elaina Skiba, Council said when those kids are on the street say we are going to call 911.

Dave Kowalski said you have to call 911 when this is going on.

 Robin Gotham – I live in Ohio but own the apartment building at 501-503 Allegheny Avenue, Glassport

I have two or three issues. My wife is Casandra Gentile -

The lot next to us. I don’t know how you feel about what goes on here. My father in law built that place in 1945. The issue is the concern of trying to keep the place clean. With respect to the properties. I am not sure who I should be addressing. In the alley between Fifth and Sixth there is a sewer line which shortly after my father in law dug up the basement the water comes down the hill and forces things in the basement. The rain coming down the hill goes into the sewer system and it pumped human waste into the basement of the house. The fire department did not want to have anything to do with it. We worked with those plumbers for fifteen years on this. Eventually my wife got a firm to come out and run a roto rooter between the line and the house. They dug out roots and human waste. A lot of the rotor rooter cleaned the human waste out of the basement and sanitized. Following all of this the plumbers wanted to get paid. We gave them $275 up front. They sent a second bill for $3,500. We contacted our insurance company. They in turn contacted Safe Company. The long and short of it is that isn’t the first time. That has happened about three times in the last twenty years. A lot of water does this. It has to involve other sections of that street or alley. I want to address this to you people today. In the course of all of this I am not sure who did this and they send a letter to me. These people are under orders of eviction. They are going to be in court. As long as it goes through court as long as someone is addressing it properly. God calls the shots with the weather. My mother in law got red rashes on her face from this. Everybody needs to cooperate. It has happened more than once.

Tom Bradley, Vice President of Council said we did have meetings in other areas in the Borough. Ninth and Vermont. The Borough was in agreement to purchase back flow preventors. You have to hire a plumber. The next solution would be to separate the sewer system for about one billion dollars. We had that meeting twice but no one came down. We can purchase it for you and your plumber can install it. By the time it gets to the plant and the pipes are only so big. This is what you have to have installed.

Motion: Trunzo seconded by Hickman

That the meeting be adjourned to the call of the chair.

Motion Carried.

Submitted by: Approved by:

BOROUGH OF GLASSPORT David F. Kowalski

Nancy M. Piazza-Whaby President of Council April 7, 2017