

Call to Order:

Mr. Erbeldinger

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor O'Malley

Roll Call:

Mr. Burleigh	present	Mr. Erbeldinger	present
Mr. Karas	present	Mayor O'Malley	present
Mr. Kiley	present	Janet Sullivan, Tax Collector	absent
Ms. Sowiski	present	Stephen Korbel, Solicitor	present
Mr. Tomasic	present	David Gilliland, Engineer	present
Ms. Wood	present	Steven Morus, Manager	present

President's Report:

Mr. Erbeldinger

Mr. Erbeldinger reported on Community Day and the ribbon cutting for the new tennis courts. He also noted:

- Exec Session tonight following the meeting on litigation and personnel issues
- Exec Session was held following the July 8 committee meetings on litigation

Mayor's Report:

Mayor O'Malley

Eagle Scout Recognition – J. D. Galloway – Mayor O'Malley recognized the work of scout Galloway in renovating the concession stand at the swimming pool.

The Mayor noted the National Night Out program occurs on August 5.

Ms. Wood arrived during the Mayor's report.

Tax Collector's Report:

Ms. Sullivan

No report

Chief of Police Report:

Chief Williams

Chief Williams offered a report of activities for the past month and noted that the Rotary donated \$600 toward equipment. They have donated for the past 10 years.

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Fire Chief's Report: Chief Theilacker

No report

Woodland Hills EMS Report: Chief Morse

No report

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Korbel

Mr. Korbel noted the ordinance re: no parking for the senior high rise will be on the agenda for August. The Spee-D Mart land development and subdivision will also be on the August agenda.

He also spoke to the owner of the EPI Building, Mr. Fontana, who indicated he intends to start the demolition process before the beginning of September due to scheduling and a delay at the request of the church.

Ms. Sowiski arrived during the Solicitor's report.

Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority Report: Ms. Broz

Ms. Broz reported on Authority activities. Management and union have arrived at a 2 year contract with a 2.25% and 2.75% increase in salary each year.

#### Public Comment – Agenda Items

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#### Committee Reports:

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Sowiski

**Motion:** Motion to approve the purchase new galvanized steel guide rail for installation at the intersection of Braddock and Glasgow due to safety concerns at a cost of \$750 for materials with the public works crew handling installation.

Moved: Ms. Sowiski  
Second: Mr. Tomasic

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Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Burleigh	yes
	Mr. Karas	abstain
	Mr. Kiley	yes
	Ms. Sowiski	yes
	Mr. Tomasic	yes
	Ms. Wood	yes
	Mr. Erbedinger	yes

*General Report:*

1. The borough engineer submitted the following report to the committee:

Public Works Committee

A. 2013-14 Sewer Work for the Consent Decree

All work on the conventional excavation project is complete except for the items added by Change Order on June 25. The Trenchless Project should be completed by the end of July.

B. 2013 Paving

This project has been completed, except for the line painting and stop bars which will be done in August after the re-sealcoating of Marion.

C. 2014 Paving

Work will begin on this project in August after DPW completes the drainage work that needs to be done before paving.

2. The committee reviewed the following update from 3 Rivers Wet Weather on sanitary/stormwater issues:

The 3 Rivers Wet Weather 2014 Sewer Rate Study Update is now available online on the 3RWW website:

[www.3riverswetweather.org/resources/educational-reference-materials/sewer-rate-study](http://www.3riverswetweather.org/resources/educational-reference-materials/sewer-rate-study)

3RWW provides this information so that municipalities can compare their rates to neighboring communities. These tables contain comparison rates to median household income allowing you to measure the current level of burden on your ratepayers. Environmental Protection Agency guidance suggests that sewer rates in excess of two percent of median household income are considered a hardship. The sewer rate study update also contains graphic comparisons of sewer rates by Eastern, North and Southern basins.

3. The foreman reported on work planned for July including the following tentative jobs (subject to change due to weather, emergencies, etc. and not including normal maintenance and Chalfant work):

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- Sanitary Sewer Work
  - Patch potholes
  - Sweep streets when possible
  - Change stop signs
  - Painting of crosswalks at Greensburg Pike intersections, Braddock at Cascade; Parking lines on Halsey
  - Wood chipping – July is the last month for this program
  - Road paving prep – various projects
4. The manager reported on a meeting he attended hosted by 3 Rivers Wet Weather and including ALCOSAN, EPA, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto. He will provide a brief summary for a future edition of the Tree City Times.
  5. The engineer was directed to send several letters to property owners affected by drainage issues that must be dealt with privately.
  6. The engineer was provided a copy of a letter from the County Health Dept. re: the sanitary sewer feasibility study and was asked to respond as necessary.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Karas

**Motion:** Move to approve payment of bills for the month of June in the following amounts:

General Fund Budget:	\$ 180,937.48
Corrective Action Budget:	\$ 245,555.58
Liquid Fuels	\$ 951.50
Fire Protection fee	\$ 12,693.02
Capital Improvements	\$ 6,865.35
Tennis Courts	\$ 1,987.80
Real Estate Tax Refunds	\$ 1,400.62

Moved: Mr. Karas  
Second: Mr. Burleigh

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Burleigh	yes
Mr. Karas	yes
Mr. Kiley	yes
Ms. Sowiski	yes
Mr. Tomasic	yes
Ms. Wood	yes
Mr. Erbelinger	yes

Detail of Non-General Fund Items:

Corrective Action Budget: ALCOSAN charges, engineering, repair costs

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Capital Improvements	grant funded items including fans for pool lodge and ball field dirt
Liquid Fuels:	Asphalt, street lights
Fire:	Utility bills, workers comp costs, insurance

*General Report:*

1. The finance committee, along with all committees, began reviewing potential items for the 2015 Capital Improvements Plan.
2. Members are considering extending the contract of auditor Case Sabatini for another 3 years at the same rate in the current agreement (\$9,990).
3. Two state associations – the Borough’s Association and the PA Municipal League – encouraged municipal officials across the state to support changes in pension legislation that is pending in the state house and oppose legislation that may remove or limit state aid.

**BOROUGH PROPERTY**

Mr. Kiley

**Motion:** Move to approve Resolution number 1145, authorizing the borough to apply for a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority and designating engineer David Gilliland as the official to execute all documents.

Moved: Mr. Kiley  
Second: Mr. Karas

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Burleigh	yes
Mr. Karas	yes
Mr. Kiley	yes
Ms. Sowiski	yes
Mr. Tomasic	yes
Ms. Wood	yes
Mr. Erbedinger	yes

*General Report:*

1. The Committee reviewed the following report from the borough engineer:

Borough Property

A. Tennis Courts

This project will be completed by July 1. (Actually completed by July 2)

B. Senior Center Floor

The repair of the floor in the Ladies room at the Senior Center has been completed.

2. Borough council and the recreation board held a ribbon cutting for the new tennis courts on July 4th. Attendees included Congressman Mike Doyle and Sen. Jay Costa. The courts will be open to all until the new card access system is installed.
3. FEMA turned down the borough's application for an emergency generator at the Forest Hills/Westinghouse Recreation Center in case it had to be used as an emergency shelter. The borough is exploring other alternatives.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Tomasic

### *General Report:*

1. Members in Committee of the Whole discussed the application for a pilot project from Duquesne Light to convert 10 street lights to LED lights. The manager, foreman and chief identified 10 lights on Ardmore from Morrow to Bevington to submit for the program.
2. In Committee of the Whole, members are reviewing language to extend the agreement with Chalfant for police services and public works services for another three years.

## **OPERATIONS & POLICY**

Ms. Wood

**Motion:** Move to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2014 council meeting.

Moved: Ms. Wood  
Second: Mr. Kiley

***Voice Vote – all in favor***

### *General Report:*

1. Members asked the solicitor to review requirements for an ordinance that would control sale of public green space in the borough and will discuss this further at the August committee meeting.
2. In Committee of the Whole, members listened to a proposed recycling incentive program sponsored in cooperation with Waste Management and asked for further information before considering whether to approve its use in Forest Hills.
3. The borough continues to seek volunteers for the 2019 Centennial Committee. A separate committee is important for planning, organization and fund raising purposes. Please contact the office if interested.

4. The borough continues to seek volunteers to serve on various boards and committees and asks interested residents to contact the manager at the borough office for further information.

## **PLANNING & ZONING**

Mr. Burleigh

### *General Report:*

1. Members reviewed code enforcement work with Officer Don Branzel including several problem properties that he is working on currently.
2. The manager reported that the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments is starting a pilot code enforcement program that could serve as a back up to the borough's code officer.
3. The manager reported that the County is using Town Center Associates to work with business districts in towns throughout Allegheny County to assist businesses in filling vacant store fronts and selling property. There is no cost to the municipalities for this assistance.

### Old Business:

Steve Karas reports that we had and responded to a right to know request regarding the financial status of the volunteer fire department. It showed about \$390,000 in assets.

### New Business:

Mr. Karas reports that Hosanna House in cooperation with the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation is opening a Dek Hockey rink that is open to everyone in the district and in the area. They put out an email asking for people interested in coaching and refereeing, and getting teams together. If there is no objection, I would like to ask our recreation director and manager to forward that information via email and possibly use the Swift-Reach phone system to get the word out.

Mr. Tomasic adds that he supports that and comments that we have had a pretty good relationship with Hosanna House. The borough has delivered about eighteen to twenty truckloads of materials for the trail up there. There was no charge for the materials, just a hauling fee.

Mr. Erbeldinger comments that our new tennis courts caught the attention of some of the neighbors. Trinity Christian School has asked us if the tennis courts could be used for a school program. He told them that they have to write a letter to start the procedure and that we have other schools using our parks.

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Public Comment – Other Items

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Katharine Luckett, 533 Atlantic Ave. - She and her business partner, Susan Irons, both Edgewood residents, purchased property 533 Atlantic, a four unit apartment building as an investment. She is working with Pat Earley and contractors on the property. She also owns a Bed and Breakfast in Edgewood on West Swissvale Avenue and this property will also fall under that category. Council wished her good luck in her business venture.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn or adjourn by acclamation

Moved: Mr. Tomasic  
Second: Mr. Kiley

***Voice Vote – all in favor***

- Next Scheduled Council Meeting: August 20, 2014.
- Next Scheduled Committee Meetings (order to be determined): Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014 – Borough Property, Operations & Policy, Public Safety, Public Works.  
Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014 – Finance, Planning & Zoning, Committee of the Whole.  
Council may choose to meet as a whole on these dates and conduct business if necessary.