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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – September 12, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

OPENING OF BIDS:

PUBLIC ADDRESS OF AGENDA ITEMS:

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL: **Motion to approve** August 8, 2024 meeting minutes

FINANCE- DeAnne Pavelko, Chairperson:

Read aloud Payroll Report

Read aloud Treasurer's Report

1. Motion to accept the Payroll and Treasurer's Report as read

Read aloud Bill Report

2. Motion to accept the Bill Report as read

Read aloud Tax Collection Report (if any)

3. Motion to accept the Tax Collection Report as read

4. Motion to approve the use of 2025 CDBG Funds (\$180,000) for improvements to the Police Office, bathrooms, and Council Chamber room in the Donora Borough Building.

5. Motion to approve keeping Aiden Fowler, currently a P-T Summer Laborer, as employed with the Ringgold H.S. Vo-Tech program during the school year from mid-September, 2024, to the 2nd week of June, 2025, at the approved pay rate for Laborers, currently set at \$14.00 per hour.

6. Motion to approve Amending the previous vote for vehicle purchases with ARPA Funds approved at the Council Meeting of August 8, 2024 to reflect the following:

1. Purchase a new Ford F600 Chassis 4x4 diesel engine with COSTARS pricing not to exceed \$73,000, with oversized dump bed and total outfitting by Stephenson Equipment, Inc., with COSTARS pricing not to exceed \$62,600

7. Motion to approve \$13,158.70 to purchase a replacement fire nozzle for 2007 American LaFrance fire truck with COSTARS pricing

8. Motion to approve purchase of new telephone system from Full Service Network (FSN) at a monthly service charge of \$189.99 plus one-time activation fee of \$549.99 to replace existing carriers Comcast (\$299.10 monthly) and Advent (\$54.81 monthly) for a total savings of \$8,901.54 over the 5-year contract

9. Motion to accept presentation of and recommended amounts for the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for both the Police Pension (\$0.00) and Non-Uniform Pension (\$15,000) for the budget year 2025

10. Motion to approve purchase of new alarm panel from Guardian to replace original 1997 panel at a cost of \$3,185.36, with a monthly maintenance fee of \$44.95

11. Motion to approve joining Washington County Land Bank to assist in mitigating blight in Donora Borough

HEALTH, SANITATION & CODE ENFORCEMENT –Casey J. Perrotta, Chairperson:

Read aloud reports

12. Motion to accept the resignation of former Code Enforcement Officer Joseph Volpe

13. Motion to Ratify the hiring of Frank Gambino as new Part-Time Borough Code Enforcement officer at the pay rate of \$23.00 per hour, for 24 hours per week (Start date of 8/27/2024)

14. Motion to Ratify the hiring of John Wankulitz as Part-Time Rental and Occupancy Inspector for the Office of Code Enforcement at the pay rate of \$23.00 per hour, for 24 hours per week (Start date of 9/6/2024)

RECREATION – Fred Berestecky – Chairperson:

Read aloud Park Report

15. Motion to approve planting an oak tree in Palmer Park in honor of Dallin Koteles

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS & MUNICIPAL BUILDING – Michael A. McDowell, Chairperson:

Read aloud Banquet Hall Report

HIGHWAYS AND STREET LIGHTS

PUBLIC SAFETY – Jim Brice, Chairperson:
Read aloud Police Report

16. Motion to approve first reading of DROP Pension Ordinance

17. Motion to Approve granting Officer Hromada two (2) pro-rata personal days for use in 2024

18. Motion to Accept the resignations submitted by Police Officers Robert Dorcon, Michael Parry and Carl Talbert

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL – Cynthia Brice:

19. Motion to Accept the resignation letter received from Council Vice President Thomas Thompson

****STATEMENT**** Donora Borough is now accepting Letters of Intent for the vacant Council position from interested individuals submitted by September 26

MAYOR’S REPORT – Donald Pavelko:

APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

Solicitor’s Report – Steven Toprani

Police Chief Report – Neal Rands

Building and Street Supervisor’s Report – Dean Fronzaglio

Fire Chief’s Report – Patsy Vince

Code Enforcement Officer – Frank Gambino

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Address of non-agenda items:

Adjournment: