

The Regular Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on January 12, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Council President Michael McDowell and following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following members were present: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. Also present were, Mayor Donald Pavelko, Borough Solicitor Steven Toprani, Street Department Dean Fronzaglio and Chief Neal Rands.

Opening of Bids

Minutes

Mrs. Ackerman made a motion to amend the minutes of December 8, it was stated she read her reports which was read by the solicitor and she did vote on motion for Gannett Fleming. Corrections were made and Mrs. Ackerman made motion to approve. Second by Mr. Greco. Mr. McDowell requested a motion to approve minutes from Regular meetings held on December 8, 2022 and the Special Meeting held on December 29, 2022. Mrs. Ackerman made a motion to approve Minutes. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: Mrs. Brice (1) Absent: (0). Motion carried.

President of Council

Public Address:

Roderick Wilson of 481 Seventh St. spoke about the incidents reports that Chief Rands is request to fill out, also about the Banquet hall cost & fees.

Finance

Mr. Szakal read the Bill Report and made a motion to accept the Bill Report for the month of December 2022. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (7): Nays: (0): Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Payroll Report for the month of December 2022.

Mr. Szakal read the Treasurers Report and made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for the month of December 2022. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (7): Nays: (0): Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Tax Collector's Report and made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for the month of December 2022. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (7): Nays: (0): Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to advertise for Bookkeeper. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (7): Nays: (0): Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

Mrs. Brice read the Sanitation Report for the month of December 2022.

Mrs. Brice read the Code Enforcement Report for the month of December 2022.

Mrs. Brice read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Reports for the month of December 2022.

Mrs. Brice read the Street Opening Reports for the month of December 2022.

Mrs. Brice asked if we could table motion to demolish 647/649 McKean.

Mr. Toprani suggested instead of table the motion he request to amend the language.

Mrs. Brice made a motion to demolish 647/649 McKean Ave/Biel Packet upon proper documentation and solicitor approval. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (7): Nays: (0): Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mrs. Brice made a motion to hire Code Enforcement Officer part-time @ \$23/hr. Average 20 hrs/week. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (7): Nays: (0): Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Recreation

Mr. Thompson read the Palmer Park Report for the month of December 2022.

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

Mrs. Ackerman read the Banquet Hall Report for the month of December 2022.

Highways and Streets

Mr. Berestecky made an announcement: Street light outage Website:
https://www.firstenergycorp.com/service_requests/report-lighting-problem.html
 Phone: 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877)

Public Safety

Mr. Greco read the Police Report for the month of December 2022.

Mr. Greco made a motion to approve police rate increase for Carl Talbert to 3rd year patrol rate. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (5): Nays: Mrs. Brice, Mr. Thompson. (2): Absent: (0). Motion carried.

Mayor

Spoke about the garbage bill rates

Public Officials

Mr. Vince -No Report

Mr. Rands- Explained about the incident reports to Council & public. Spoke about the block watch program/Trucks coming in town/candidates for police officers.

Mr. Fronzaglio - Street project

Mr. To11rani - No Report

Old Business

New Business

Non-Agenda Items

Roberie Wilson spoke about concerns on garbage pickup/lawsuits & settlements.

Karen Fontanella spoke about concerns about property demolition/Kay Cleaners/unpaid taxes.

Kelly Balog spoke with council about holding 2nd vendor event to be held in August 12, 2023 from 10:a.m. to 5:00p.m. \$30.00 for vendors and \$100.00 for food vendors.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 PM

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Absent: Mr. Berestecky

Opening of Bids

Minutes

Mr. McDowell requested a motion to approve the minutes held on January 12, 2023. Mrs. Ackerman made a motion to approve Minutes. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Szakal. (4): Nays: Mrs. Brice and Mr. Thompson (2) Absent: Mr. Berestecky (1). Motion carried.

President of Council

Public Address:

Damon Leece spoke about parking situation on Modisette and Walnut

Finance

Mr. Szakal read the Bill Report and made a motion to accept the Bill Report for the month of January 2023. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky, (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Payroll Report for the month of January 2022.

Mr. Szakal read the Treasurers Report and made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for the month of January 2023. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve hiring of Kelli Kelly as the bookkeeper @ rate of \$15.00 per hour for a 90 day probation, upon completion of her probationary period her rate would move to CBA bookkeeper rate of \$18.42 per hour. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made an announcement that the Borough is accepting letters of interest to form a committee of three to sell DEC.

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

Mrs. Brice read the Sanitation Report for the month of January 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Code Enforcement Report for the month of January 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Reports for the month of January 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Street Opening Reports for the month of January 2023.

Recreation

Mr. Thompson read the Palmer Park Report for the month of January 2023.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve Alexis Trubiani appointment to the Recreation Board. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky (1). Motion carried.

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

Mrs. Ackerman read the Banquet Hall Report for the month of January 2023.

Highways and Streets

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve purchase of new cutting head for tractor in the amount of \$10,405.00. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky (1). Motion carried.

Mr. SzakaJ made a motion to approve taking the international dump truck 14614 to auction. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve 980 Thompson Ave handicap spot and 2 handicap spots for the American Legion. Second by Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve scrapping of police car 6631. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: Mrs. Brice (1): Absent: Mr. Berestecky (1). Motion carried.

Public Safety

Mr. Greco read the Police Report for the month of January 2023.

Mr. Greco made a motion to re-advertise for civil service testing/hiring of police officers with a part-time rate of \$22.00 per hour and a full time rate of \$25.75 per hour. Mr. Thompson asked do part-time officers have to take the test. Mr. Greco replied yes. Mr. Thompson asked if the part-time officers we have now are they going to take the test. Mr. Greco replied I don't know. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (4): Nays: Mrs. Brice, Mr. Thompson. (2): Absent: Mr. Berestecky. (1). Motion carried.

Mayor

Mayor spoke on a \$450,000 grant to fight blight and a Community Summit to be held sometime in late April or early May. Mrs. Brice spoke about California Art Department fund raising called Rebranding Donora. Will let everyone know when the meeting will take place.

Public Officials

Mr. Vince - No Report

Mr. Rands- Spoke about lowering applicant fees for the Civil Service Test.

Mr. Fronzaglio - Spoke about the street lights

Mr. Toprani - No Report

Mr. Joe Volpe - No Report

Old Business

New Business

Non-Agenda Items

Roberie Wilson spoke about black history month, meeting for Jim Brice, civil service.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:45 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on March 9, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Fred Berestecky and following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following members were present: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. Also present were, Mayor Donald Pavelko, Borough Solicitor Steven Toprani, Street Department Dean Fronzaglio and Chief Neal Rands. Absent: Michael McDowell

Opening of Bids

Minutes

Mr. Berestecky requested a motion to approve the minutes held on February 9, 2023. Mrs. Greco made a motion to approve Minutes. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mr. Greco, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: Mrs. Brice (1) Absent: Mr. McDowell (1). Motion carried.

President of Council

Public Address:

Steve Walko liaison for Mon Valley Sewage addressed council that every month they plan to keep the residents and council informed on the business and a report will be generated each month.

Finance

Mr. Szakal read the Bill Report and made a motion to accept the Bill Report for the month of February 2023. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. Mr. Thompson question a charge on a legal bill for a private criminal complaint. Mr. Thompson asked who gave the authority for the attorney (Gabriel & Fera) to charge the Borough this fee. Mr. Szakal made a motion to amend the \$154.00 personal charge to be excluded. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mr. Greco and Mr. Szakal (4): Nays: Mrs. Brice and Mr. Thompson (2): Absent: Mr. McDowell, (1). Motion carried. Mr. Szakal made a motion to amend the \$154.00 personal charge to be excluded.

Mr. Szakal read the Payroll Report for the month of February 2023.

Mr. Szakal read the Treasurers Report and made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for the month of February 2023. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. McDowell (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to create a standing proxy to represent Donora Borough for the Washington Tax Collection District. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. Berestecky, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. McDowell (1). Motion carried.

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

Mrs. Brice read the Sanitation Report for the month of February 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Code Enforcement Report for the month of February 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Reports for the month of February 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Street Opening Reports for the month of February 2023.

Mrs. Brice made an announcement that the last day to pay the 2023 Sanitation Bill at the discounted rate of \$180.00 is March 31, 2023.

Recreation

Mr. Thompson read the Palmer Park Report for the month of February 2023.

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

Mrs. Ackerman read the Banquet Hall Report for the month of February 2023.

Mrs. Ackerman made a motion to approve John and Sons to Cater Tri-County Borough Association meeting on March 16¹¹ not to exceed \$750.00. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. McDowell (1). Motion carried.

Mrs. Ackerman made an announcement that Blue Entertainment to host "Easter for Kids" event in the field located on First Street between Castner and Allen Avenue on Saturday April 15, 2023. Time 12:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Highways and Streets

Mr. Berestecky made a motion to approve purchase of F-550 truck, dump bed and electric tarp not to exceed \$77,300.00. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. McDowell (1). Motion carried. Mrs. Brice asked where is this money coming from, Was this budget. Mr. Szakal said it will be paid out of the Sewer Fund.

Mr. Berestecky made a motion to approve purchase of zero turn lawn mower not to exceed \$10,800.00. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mr. Greco, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: Mrs. Brice (1): Absent: Mr. McDowell (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Berestecky made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-1 to provide Mon Valley Transit Authority with local funds in the amount of \$3,189.00 in order to match state funds provided. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. McDowell (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Berestecky made a motion to hire Joshua Montero for part time street crew at \$15/hr. for a 90 day probation then upon completion of 90 day probation move to \$17/hr. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. McDowell (1). Motion carried.

Public Safety

Mr. Greco read the Police Report for the month of February 2023.

Mr. Greco made a motion to send, at the Borough's expense, any members of Council, the Civil Service Board and the Mayor to the 2023 Police Civil Service Procedures Training held by PSAB on May 9, 2023. Second by Mrs. Brice. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. McDowell (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Greco announced any interested parties should see the Borough Administrator Lewis Morrison at the Donora Borough building to get scheduled for the class.

Mayor

Mayor wanted to recognize Kelly Balog on the Street fair that's been approved for her to have on August 12.

Public Officials

Mr. Vince - No Report

Mr. Rands- No Report

Mr. Fronzaglio - Spoke about the downtown street paving

Mr. Toprani- spoke about articles that the Mon Valley Independent printed.

Mr. Joe Volpe - No Report

Old Business

New Business

Discuss Donora Senior Center Building ownership

Non-Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on April 24, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Council President Michael McDowell and following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following members were present: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, and Mr. Thompson. Also present were, Mayor Donald Pavelko, Borough Solicitor Steven Toprani, Street Department Dean Fronzaglio and Chief Neal Rands. Absent: Fred Berestecky and Mr. Szakal

Opening of Bids

Minutes

Mr. McDowell requested a motion to approve the minutes held for the meeting on March 9, 2023. Mr. Greco made a motion to approve Minutes. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Greco, and Mr. McDowell. (3): Nays: Mrs. Brice and Mr. Thompson (2) Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Szakal (2). Motion carried.

President of Council

Public Address:

Finance

Mrs. Ackerman read the Bill Report and made a motion to accept the Bill Report for The month of March 2023. Second by Mr. Greco. Mr. Thompson asked are we voting on any bills tonight who is from an engineer or attorney that's already paid. Mr. Morrison replied no. Mr. Thompson asked who gave the authority to pay for Mrs. Ackerman personal charges. Mr. Greco read a letter from Gabriel on the charges. Mr. Thompson asked Chief Rands if any charges were filed on Mrs. Brice. Mr. Rands replied no. Mr. McDowell said no one should be intimidated because of their views. Pending motion to pay the bills. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Greco, and Mr. McDowell. (3): Nays: Mrs. Brice and Mr. Thompson (2): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Szakal (2). Motion carried. Mr. Thompson made a motion for Mrs. Ackerman to pay her **bill**. Second by Mrs. Brice. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, and Mr. Thompson. (3): Nays: Mr. McDowell (1): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Szakal (2). Abstain: Mrs. Ackerman (1): Motion carried.

Mrs. Ackerman read the Payroll Report for the month of March 2023.

Mrs. Ackerman read the Treasurers Report and made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for the month of March 2023. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Szakal (2). Motion carried.

Mrs. Brice made a motion to approve Borough Manager pay raise to 52,000/yr. Second by Mr. Thompson. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Szakal (2). Motion carried.

Mrs. Brice made a motion to return fire escrow for 950 Heslep Avenue. Second by Mr. Thompson. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Szakal (2). Motion carried.

Mr. Greco made a motion to accept \$1,234.56 from Bruno boat & trailer. Solicitor spoke with council on this and requested that council motion to amended this offer and list this on muncibid. Mr. Greco made a motion to reject offer and post boat & trailer for auction. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Szakal (2). Motion carried.

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

Mrs. Brice read the Sanitation Report for the month of March 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Code Enforcement Report for the month of March 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Reports for the month of March 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Street Opening Reports for the month of March 2023.

Mrs. Brice made a motion to approve Gannett Fleming to draft bid documents for 647 McKean Ave. not to exceed \$5,400.00 (Service Auth. No.I). Second by Mr. Thompson. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Szakal (2). Motion carried.

Mrs. Brice to advertise for First reading of dangerous properties, chickens, and food truck ordinances. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Szakal (2). Motion carried.

Recreation

Mr. Thompson read the Palmer Park Report for the month of March 2023.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to appoint Rachael Smith to the Recreation Board. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Szakal (2). Motion carried

Mr. Thompson made a motion to appoint Thomas Kostolansky to the Recreation Board. Second by Mrs. Brice. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Szakal (2). Motion carried

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

Mrs. Ackerman read the Banquet Hall Report for the month of March 2023.

Highways and Streets

Mr. Greco made a motion to enter into an updated Master Service Agreement with Gannett Fleming. Second by Mrs. Brice. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Szakal (2). Motion carried

Mr. Greco made a motion to send red 2003 F550 to auction (ED5782). Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Thompson. (4): Nays: Mrs. Brice: **(1)**: Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Szakal (2). Motion carried

Public Safety

Mr. Greco read the Police Report for the month of March 2023.

Mayor

Public Officials

Mr. Vince- No Report

Mr. Rands- No Report

Mr. Fronzaglio -No. Report

Mr. Toprani - No. Report.

Mr. Joe Volpe - No Report

Old Business

New Business

Non-Agenda Items

Mia Lippincott founder of Blue Entertainment addressed Council on events she would like to have on May 20 from 1-6 Kickball event and to use the concession stand and on September 16, 2023 from 12:30 to 8p.m. Celebrate lost love ones at Lignelli and plant a tree.

Kevin Miller of 956 Heslep Avenue spoke to council about the wall that fell down between his house and the neighbor.

Deanne Pavelko asked Council about using the Garde Stage as a community event and to have the fees waived. Days requested June 11, July 9¹ 11 August 13, September 10 and October 8th.

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President of Council

Public Address:

Mike Lovett of 17 Watkins Ave spoke with Council about the new Ordinance on Chickens.

Roderick Wilson of 481 7th Street spoke with Council about the police informant program.

Casey Perrotta of 1169 Meldon Ave spoke with Council about the removal of his political signs

Finance

Mr. Szakal read the Bill Report and made a motion to accept the Bill Report for the month of April 2023. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mr. McDowell. and Mr. Szakal. (3) Nays: Mrs. Brice and Mr. Thompson (2): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

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Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve purchase informant police program not to exceed \$13,000. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell. Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Motion carried.

Mr. Berestecky made a motion to provide Donora Library with \$20,000.00 donation. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. SzakaL and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Motion carried.

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

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Solicitor Steven Toprani read First Reading of dangerous properties, chickens and food truck ordinance.

Recreation

Mr. Thompson read the Palmer Park Report for the month of April 2023.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to waive fees for Garde Stage rentals 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/8 for free community concert. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Motion carried.

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

Mr. Berestecky read the Banquet Hall Report for the month of April 2023.

Mr. Berestecky announced that the Borough Hall will be closed for renovations July thru September 30.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve Blue Entertainment to hold Kickball on May 27th @ concession and field on First Street. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Motion carried.

Mr. Berestecky made a motion to allow for Blue Entertainment to plant a tree at Palmer Park in memory of lost loved ones. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Motion carried.

Mr. Berestecky made a motion to approve August 26th street fair, blocking 5th-7th Street. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Motion carried.

Highways and Streets

Mr. Berestecky made a motion to approve disability parking spot too be placed at 121 Ida Ave. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Motion carried.

Mr. Berestecky made a motion to advertise for accepting of bids for cleaning and restoration of the Borough Building. Second by Mr. Thompson. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. (4): Nays: Mrs. Brice (1): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Motion carried.

Public Safety

Mr. Szakal read the Police Report for the month of March 2023.

Mayor

End of summer Bash held by the Donora Smog Committee/Fund Raising. See the girls at the Donora Union Pharmacy.

Public Officials

Mr. Vince - No Report

Mr. Rands- State Police inspected the trucks

Mr. Fronzaglio - No. Report

Mr. Toprani - spoke about the Invoices that the Borough received from the attorneys.

Mr. Joe Volpe - Putting things on the Donora web site. building permits. fire permit

Old Business**New Business****Non-Agenda Items**

Mike Lovett of 17 Watkins spoke about the Utility Company working on the road and dead tree on the power lines.

Roderick Wilson of 481 7th Street talked about the police. Code Enforcement, Mon Valley Sewage.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on June 15, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Council President Michael McDowell and following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following members were present: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. Also present were, Mayor Donald Pavelko, Street Department Dean Fronzaglio, and Chief Neal Rands. Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Borough Solicitors Steven Toprani.

Opening of Bids

Minutes

Mr. McDowell requested a motion to approve the minutes held for the meeting on May 11, 2023. Mr. Berestecky made a motion to approve Minutes. Second by Mr. Szakal A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (3): Nays: Mrs. Brice and Mr. Thompson (2) Absent: Mrs. Ackerman: (1) Abstain: Mr. Greco (1). Motion carried.

President of Council

Mr. McDowell made an announcement: Garbage bills are due to paid (\$240.00) by June 30, 2023, also Mr. McDowell read a thank you card from the John Cupper family. They donated \$130.00 to the Borough in his name and Mr. McDowell suggested that Council add to the donated fund to have a bench made for John.

Public Address:

Barry Hickman of 103 W. 11th St spoke with Council, there will be no Kennywood Day this year.

Tim Hogue of 651 McKean Ave spoke with Council about handicap spot.

Finance

Mr. Szakal read the Bill Report and made a motion to accept the Bill Report for the month of May 2023. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5) Nays: Mrs. Brice. (1): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Payroll Report for the month of May 2023.

Mr. Szakal read the Treasurers Report and made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for the month of May 2023. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Tax Collector's report and made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for the month of May 2023. Second by Mr. Berestecky. Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6) Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to authorize payment of back pay to Councilwomen Ackerman for a period of five years. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (5): Nays: Mr. Thompson (1): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to authorize payment of overpayment of legal fees to Councilwomen Ackerman. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (4): Nays: Mrs. Brice and Mr. Thompson. (2): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Motion carried.

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

Mrs. Brice read the Sanitation Report for the month of May 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Code Enforcement Report for the month of May 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Reports for the month of May 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Street Opening Reports for the month of May 2023.

Tabled the Second Reading of the 3 Ordinances

Tabled to file legal challenge/injunction against the proposed sale of the Authority of the Borough of Charleroi by the Borough of Charleroi.

Mrs. Brice made a motion to approve the advertisement and selection of a firm to perform a forensic audit (Motion Tabled)

Recreation

Mr. Thompson read the Palmer Park Report for the month of May 2023.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve Request from Donora Library for use of garden area at 9th Street Park. Second by Mrs. Brice. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve Request from Remnant Church for use of 7th Street Park on July 2, 2023 from 10a.m. to 2p.m. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve request from Salvation Army/Highway Safety for use of 7th Street Park on June 21, 2023 from 5pm to 7pm for bicycle safety inspection and obstacle course program. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Motion carried.

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

Mr. Berestecky read the Banquet Hall Report for the month of May 2023.

Highways and Streets

Mr. Berestecky made a motion to approve hiring of two summer street crew workers at a rate of \$14.00 per hour, starting June 12, 2023. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Motion carried

Public Safety

Mr. Szakal read the Police Report for the month of May 2023.

Mr. Greco made a motion to increase police wages beyond ranges in collective bargaining agreement. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mr. Greco. (2): Nays: Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. (4): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Motion failed.

Mayor

Mayor Pavelko said he gave out the Borough code to each Council person and it states that the Mayor has the right to participate in Council's discussions. Mayor stated the, music in the park rescheduled dates are June 25, July 9t11, August 26, September 10th and October 8th.

Public Officials

Mr. Vince - No Report

Mr. Rands- Upgrade computer system, server and computer.

Mr. Fronzaglio - Recycling

Mr. Toprani - No. Report

Mr. Joe Volpe-No. Report

Old Business**New Business**

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve Community Yard sale on July 29, 2023 which is being held by Nia Bettle in the Donora Parking lot. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Motion carried

Non-Agenda Items

Larry & Jaime McGee of 110 McKean Ave spoke with Council about parking & loading zone at their business.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:04 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on July 13, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Council President Michael McDowell and following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following members were present: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco Mr. Szakal and Mrs. Ackerman by phone. Also present were, Mayor Donald Pavelko, Street Department Dean Fronzaglio, Fire Chief Patsy Vince, Code Enforcement Officer Joseph Volpe, Chief Neal Rands, Borough Solicitors Steven Toprani and Borough Administrator Michael Thornton. Absent: Mr. Thompson.

Opening of Bids

Minutes

Mr. McDowell requested a motion to approve the minutes held for the meeting on June 8, 2023. Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve Minutes. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (5): Nays: Mrs. Brice (1) Absent: Mr. Thompson (1) Abstain:(0) Motion carried.

President of Council

Public Address:

Sean Gaskill of Mon Valley Sewage spoke with Council and the public about the Sewer Line connection and responsibility of the homeowner.

Finance

Mr. Szakal read the Bill Report and made a motion to accept the Bill Report for the month of June 2023. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (6) Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Thompson (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Payroll Report for the month of June 2023.

Mr. Szakal read the Treasurers Report and made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for the month of May 2023. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Thompson (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Greco made a motion to authorize payment of back pay to Councilwomen Brice for a period of three years (\$3,600.00). Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mr. Greco and Mr. McDowell, (4): Nays: Mr. Szakal (1): Absent: Mr. Thompson (1). Abstain: Mrs. Brice (1): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to remove Lewis Morrison as signer for all PNC deposit accounts. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Thompson (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to add Michael Thornton as signer for all PNC deposit accounts. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Thompson (1). Motion carried

Mr. Szakal made a motion to add Michael Thornton on business options credit card. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Thompson (1). Motion carried

Mr. Szakal made a motion to ratify hiring Lisa Miller as Borough Clerk on May 22, 2023 @ pay rate of \$15.00/hr. for 90/day Probation period. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Thompson (1). Motion carried

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve advancing Lisa Miller to Administrator's Assistant/Bookkeeper at a pay rate of \$18.42/hr. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Thompson (1). Motion carried

Mr. Szakal made a motion to hire Michael Thornton as Borough Administrator retroactive to June 19, 2023 per terms and conditions as stipulated in the Employment Agreement. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Thompson (1). Motion carried

Mr. Szakal made a motion to hire Warren Cecconi as Consultant 2-3 days a week as needed @ the rate of \$300.00 per day, with no additional benefits, retroactive to June 29, 2023. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Szakal. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Thompson (1). Motion carried

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

Mrs. Brice read the Sanitation Report for the month of June 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Code Enforcement Report for the month of June 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Reports for the month of June 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Street Opening Reports for the month of June 2023.

Recreation

Mr. Toprani read the Palmer Park Report for the month of June 2023.

Mrs. Brice made a motion to approve Whole Truth organization to utilize Donner Park on Saturday July 15 from 1 pm to 4pm. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Thompson. (1). Motion carried.

Mr. Greco made a motion to accept construction of new Palmer Park Pavilion at location proposed by RACW. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Thompson. (1). Motion carried.

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

Mr. Berestecky read the Banquet Hall Report for the month of June 2023.

Mr. Greco made a motion to purchase 5 chairs for the Borough office personnel: 4 @ \$309.30 ea. 1 @ \$735.00 for Borough Administrator's office for a total of \$1,972.00. Second by Mr. Berestecky A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (5): Nays: Mrs. Brice: (1): Absent: Mr. Thompson. (1). Motion carried.

Highways and Streets

Mr. Berestecky made a motion to approve Handicap parking at 651 McKean Ave. for Timothy Hogue, 443 Eighth Street for Elaine Yonkers, 78 Castner Avt.: for Patricia Wall. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco. Mr. McDowell. and Mr. Szakal. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Thompson. (1). Motion carried.

Public Safety

Mr. Szakal read the Police Report for the month of June 2023.

Mayor

Kennywood is still on August 9th tickets can be purchased at Marty's pizza and Donora Union Pharmacy.

Public Officials

Mr. Vince - Car show will be held August 16 @ Palmer Park. Discussion about the towing. How many cars can I put on my property?

Mr. Rands- In the process of purchasing the informant program and new computers

Mr. Fronzaglio - The bathroom remodeling in the banquet hall has started

Mr. Toprani- Second reading of the 3 Ordinance will be read in August.

Mr..Joe Volpe - Grant from DCED for all the Ordinance to be published on line.

Old Business**New Business****Non-Agenda Items**

Amber Trilli of 867 Thompson Avenue spoke with Council about an abandon property *l*₇ 875 Thompson Avenue.

Rev. Rhonda Higgins of 135 McKean spoke to Council about the Community Garden. starting a new garden at 153 Thompson Ave. Would like some help from the Borough with the water situation there.

Timothy Hogue of 651 McKean Ave about the handicap sign,

ADJOURNMENT: 7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Complex, 11111th Street, in the City of Piquette, Michigan. The following members were present: Mr. Krystofek, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Szakal, Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Ackerman. Mr. Pavelko, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Ronzaglio, Mr. Pats, Mr. VincL, Mr. Orlicc, Mr. Volpe, Mr. R, Mr. Slicitors, Mr. Ilprani, Mr. 13orou, Mr. Administrator MichL, Mr. Tlwrnton. Mr. (ir'CO

Opening of Bids

Minutes

Mr. Krystofek requested a motion to approve the minutes held for the July 13, 2023. Mr. Krystofek, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson moved the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken on the call of roll: Mr. Krystofek, Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Krystofek, Mr. Mclm, Mr. Szakal, Mr. Thompson. Ayes: Mr. Krystofek, Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Krystofek, Mr. Mclm, Mr. Szakal, Mr. Thompson. Nays: Mr. Krystofek. Motion carried.

President of Council

Public Address

Finance

Mr. Szakal read the July Report and a motion to accept the July Report for the month of July 2023. Seconded by Mr. Krystofek. A vote was taken on the call of roll: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Krystofek, Mrs. Krystofek, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. Ayes: Mr. Krystofek, Mrs. Krystofek, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. Nays: Mr. Krystofek. Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Payroll Report for the July 2023.

Mr. Szakal read the Treasurers Report and a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for the month of July 2023. Seconded by Mr. Krystofek. A vote was taken on the call of roll: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Krystofek, Mrs. Krystofek, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. Ayes: Mr. Krystofek, Mrs. Krystofek, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. Nays: Mr. Krystofek. Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Tax Collector's Report for the July 2023. Seconded by Mr. Krystofek. A vote was taken on the call of roll: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Krystofek, Mrs. Krystofek, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. Ayes: Mr. Krystofek, Mrs. Krystofek, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. Nays: Mr. Krystofek. Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal a motion to approve the July 2023. Seconded by Mr. Krystofek. A vote was taken on the call of roll: Mrs. Krystofek, Mr. Krystofek, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. Ayes: Mr. Krystofek, Mrs. Krystofek, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. Nays: Mr. Krystofek. Motion carried.

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

Mrs. Brice read the Sanitation Report for the July 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Code Enforcement Report for the month of July 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Building Registration & Occupancy Reports for the July 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Street Opening Reports for the month of July 2023.

Recreation

Mr. Thompson read the Palmer Park Report for the month of July: 2023.

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

Mrs. Ackerman read the Banquet Hall Report for the month of July, 2023.

Lights and Streets

Mr. Krestecky made a motion to approve handicap parking at 107 E. Kean for Gloria Kricho. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Krestecky, Mr. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (1): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. (irco. (1)). Motion carried.

Mr. Krestecky made a motion to approve handicap parking at 1151 Hquette Ave. for Alien McClure. Motion tabled.

Public Safety

Solicitor Toprani read the Police Report for the month of July 2023.

Amended Agenda Items

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve a pay raise for the turn key from minimum wage (\$7.25 per hour) to \$12.00 per hour. Second by Mr. Krestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Krestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (1): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. (irco. (1)). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to remove the Executive session tag from the last two motions. Second by Mr. Krestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Krestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. (irco. (1)). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve the contract for the Born Administrator. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Krestecky, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (4): Nays: Mrs. Brice and Mr. Thompson. (2): Absent: Mr. (irco. (1)). Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve the hire of Marsha Lison as borough clerk at a pay rate of \$18.42 per hour. Second by Mr. Krestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Krestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal, and Mr. Thompson. (1): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. (irco. (1)). Motion carried.

Mayor

Recognized Janet Balko for being on the committee that helped sponsor the Donora 100th Anniversary Day. Recognized the Bishop for donating park tickets. Recognized Donora's sickle. George V110 drove a bus to Kenner, Ohio community members who needed transportation. George also donated money to get the bus. Recognized Cameron Bartolotta, Jason Walsh, Mark Wilson and Steve Toprani for donating money towards the bus also. Spoke at the old Hill Climb races at Palmer Park and his desire to bring this event back.

Public Officials

Mr. Vince - Fundraisers on Saturday August 12 at the aquarium from 12:00-2:00 and then in Donora on Sixth Street from 2:00-5:00

Mr. Rands - Received a letter from Ringgold PI regarding a request where the inner would receive a ride to school in a police car (elementary school)

Mr. Fronzaglio

Mr. Toprani -

Mr. Joe Volpe - Issued six rental occupancy inspection. eleven lien letters. three fire permits for July. There were twenty property, maintenance, violations. There were over 100 unpaid tenant registrations.

Old Business

New Business

Non-Agenda Items

Beverly LK;1ttrc spoke ol'hcing unl iirly charged \$240.00 li.ir garbage.

b.lward Locker spoke about the hH.I or Summer Bash and that the committee calkd tvkn
Jnitcd for the Community will be giving out !'rec school supplies.

Jn unnamed resident spoke or a raccoon problem on i:irst & J\kn and requested more
traps for Patsy.

AD.JOURNMENT: 6:53 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on September 14, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Council President Michael McDowell and following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following members were present: Mrs. Brice, Mr. Szakal Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Ackerman by phone. Also present were: Street Department Dean Fronzaglio, Fire Chief Patsy Vince, Code Enforcement Officer Joseph Volpe, Chief Neal Rands, Borough Solicitor Steven Toprani and Borough Administrator Michael Thornton. Absent: Mr. Berestecky. Mr. Greco and Mayor Donald Pavelko

Opening of Bids

Minutes

Mr. McDowell requested a motion to approve the minutes held for the meeting on August 10, 2023. Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve Minutes. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (4): Nays: Mrs. Brice (1) Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2) Abstain:(0) Motion carried.

President of Council

Public Address:

Finance

Mr. Szakal read the Bill Report and made a motion to accept the Bill Report for the month of August 2023. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman. Mrs. Brice. Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5) Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Payroll Report for the month of August 2023.

Mr. Szakal read the Treasurers Report and made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for the month of August 2023. Second by Mrs. Brice. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman. Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell. Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Tax Collector's Report and made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for the month of August 2023. Second by Mrs. Brice. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman. Mrs. Brice. Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve new Cyber Insurance coverage in the amount of \$500,000 with a premium charge of \$5,420. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve an increase in Crime Insurance coverage from \$25,000 to \$50,000 with an additional premium charge of \$2,892. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to cease rodent control contract with Ehrlich effective September 14, 2023. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice. Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve Borough Administrator technical assistance by DCED, free of charge, via DCED Letter of Intent. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve review facts surrounding a \$60 garbage service fee refund. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Szakal (3): Nays: Mr. Thompson (1): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: Mrs. Brice (1): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve official forensic audit of borough financial information and accounts, including the Donora Borough Police Fund, with a scope of 7 years including 2023 YTD (2017-2023) to be assigned to a qualified municipal government auditing firm at a pre-bid estimation of \$50,000 in costs. To be advertised for bid, subject to qualification. Second by Mrs. Brice. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

Mrs. Brice read the Sanitation Report for the month of August 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Code Enforcement Report for the month of August 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Reports for the month of August 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Street Opening Reports for the month of August 2023.

Recreation

Mr. Thompson read the Palmer Park Report for the month of August 2023.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve assessing a \$75 security deposit fee with application for pavilion rentals; refundable with tables returned to their original positions and premises left clean as required. Second by Mrs. Brice. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve issuance of restroom key for Lignelli pavilion rental; return of key to Borough Office required to receive security deposit refund. Second by Mrs. Brice. Motion tabled.

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

Solicitor Toprani the Banquet Hall Report for Mrs. Ackerman for the month of August 2023. No report, no action.

Mrs. Ackerman made a motion to approve Stonemile Construction Mgmt to manage borough building exterior restoration at a cost of \$18,310 for pre-construction/bidding and during-construction/inspections phases. It is advised to maintain a contingency of \$2,500 in case engineering or architectural services are needed. (Read by Solicitor Toprani) Motion failed for lack of a second.

Highways and Streets**Public Safety**

Solicitor Toprani read the Police Report for Mr. Greco for the month of August 2023.

Mayor**Public Officials**

Mr. Vince - No report.

Mr. Rands- No report.

Mr. Fronzaglio - Columbia Gas started restoration on sidewalks in town a month in advance. They already completed the restoration on Second Street sidewalks from last year. They will be starting on the bricks on Fifth Street. They're going to repave from Third Street to Fifth Street on Castner Avenue.

Mr. Toprani - No report.

Mr. Joe Volpe - Sent out 23 notices of violation for August 2023: eleven of those violations were corrected by property owners. Four "quality of life" tickets were issued and are due for reinspection. Two vehicles are pending towing. Six reinspections of property maintenance issues. Eight lien letters and two occupancy rental inspections were done as well.

Old Business**New Business****Non-Agenda Items**

Judy Gray spoke about the rat problem in town. She cited several places where there is excessive garbage laying around attracting the rats. President McDowell asked her to email the addresses to Joe Volpe so he can correct the problem.

Barb Szakal spoke about parking problems. Her neighbors are parking three cars and taking up five spots. She asked if the parking spot lines can be repainted. President McDowell said the borough will get with Chief Rands to see what can be done.

Scott Nedrow asked Mr. Szakal the status of the committee to sell Donora HS that was proposed back in February 2023. Also, he wanted to know what the covid money was spent on. Mrs. Brice spoke about the success of the implemented program in cement city.

Susan Vitalbo asked the status on the roach problem on Castner Avenue. She stated that she has photos of the roaches crawling on the house. Solicitor Toprani explained to Mrs. Vitalbo why the borough has been unable to obtain an administrative warrant to enter the premises in question. He also explained to her that the borough is still collecting sufficient evidence of cockroach infestation in order to continue to pursue legal process.

Matt Vitalbo asked about spending money on roach control since the borough is already spending money on rodent control. He stated that the roaches from the Castner Avenue house are spreading to neighboring houses. Mr. Thompson discussed the possibility of sending exterminators to Mr. Vitalbo's house and neighboring houses for the roach problem. It was advised that council discuss further at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:01 PM

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Opening of Bids

Minutes

Mr. Berestecky requested a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held on September 14, 2023. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (4): Nays: Mrs. Brice (1) Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1) Abstain: Mr. Greco (1) Motion carried.

President of Council

Public Address:

Finance

Mr. Szakal read the Payroll Report for the month of September 2023.

Mr. Szakal read the Treasurers Report and made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for the month of September 2023. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Szakal. (5): Nays: Mr. Thompson (1): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Bill Report and made a motion to accept the Bill Report for the month of September 2023. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, and Mr. Szakal. (5) Nays: Mr. Thompson (1): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Tax Collector's Report and made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for the month of September 2023. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve the advertisement of sealed bids for 647 McKean Avenue demolition with responses due by November 8, 2023. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve sales agreement with Trilli, 845 Thompson Avenue in the amount of \$300. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve the advertisement of sealed bids for a forensic audit for two and seven years with responses due by November 8, 2023. Second by Mrs. Brice. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve new office equipment leases with Amcom for the borough office and police department. Second by Mr. Greco. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice. Mr. Greco. Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Berestecky made a motion to approve a handicap parking spot for Donna Bergman at 88 Kenric Avenue. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Abstain (0): Motion carried.

Mr. McDowell tabled the motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Fred Berestecky to the Board of Directors of MMVTA because it has to be advertised. It will be addressed at the November 2023 meeting.

Mrs. Brice made a motion to approve Ehrlich spraying four properties in regard to the situation on Meade. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky. Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (5): Nays: Mr. Greco (1): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Abstain (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Greco made a motion to approve the advertisement to receive applicants for the MMVTA vacancy. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. Greco, Mr. McDowell. Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (6): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman (1). Abstain (0): Motion carried.

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

Mrs. Brice read the Sanitation Report for the month of September 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Code Enforcement Report for the month of September 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Reports for the month of September 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Street Opening Reports for the month of September 2023.

Recreation

Solicitor Toprani read the Palmer Park Report for Mr. Thompson for the month of September 2023.

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

Solicitor Toprani the Banquet Hall Report for Mrs. Ackerman for the month of September 2023.

Highways and Streets

Mr. Berestecky addressed the public asking residents to be aware of where they are parking their vehicles. He asked them to please make sure they leave enough room for emergency equipment to pass through. Neal Rands added that no one should be parking on the yellow lines. Mr. Berestecky asked Neal Rands to please remove the truck parked on the sidewalk on Fifth Street in a no parking zone.

Public Safety

Mr. Greco read the Police Report for the month of September 2023.

Mayor

The mayor thanked council for accepting sealed bids for the demolition job at 647 McKean Avenue. He stated that he and Mr. Thornton had a meeting with representatives from the Washington county and the state that the DCED grant money needs to be used by June 2024. He stated that Mr. Volpe is working on condemnation of several buildings that will be paid for with Washington County funds.

Public Officials

Mr. Vince - No report.

Mr. Rands- He is sending an email to the police academy in Westmoreland County that we are hiring part-time officers eventually turning to full-time status. Any current full-time officers that want to come to Donora to work part-time do not need to take the civil service exam. Mr. Berestecky brought to everyone's attention that he received a voicemail on his phone from a resident regarding speeding coal trucks. Neal Rands stated that they were going to receive training next week for their informant program.

Mr. Fronzaglio -

Mr. Toprani - No report.

Mr. Joe Volpe - For the month of September, issued fourteen lien letters, completed five occupancy inspections, one zoning certificate and twenty-two notices of violation - eleven of which were corrected (one has been given extra time). Having a hard time tracking down the out of state owners of four properties. Three abandoned vehicles are being addressed. One residence was posted as uninhabitable due to no running water. The resident was removed and is in a personal care home. Two quality of life tickets were issued and are being followed up on as needed. Mr. Greco asked about the status of the Waste Management bag on the sidewalk on Second Street. Mr. Volpe has issued them a ticket and stated that he would check into it.

Old Business

Mr. Berestecky asked if an ordinance regarding pods could be put on the next work session. Mr. Berestecky asked if during the next work session, council could revisit the ordinance on chicken coops.

New Business

Mr. Thompson questioned if there was a definite day and time for Trick Or Treat. It was confirmed by Mr. Thornton to be October 28 from 5-7pm. Mr. Thornton stated that he received an envelope for funding for 2024 for COBO grants from Nathan Voytek from DCED. The borough will receive \$281,380. \$100,000 will go to housing needs. Council needs to decide what they want to use the remaining \$181,380 for at the next meeting. Nathan needs to know by November 30. Mr. Thornton stated that we received a letter from, McMillan Engineering regarding APEX doing an expansion construction of 65,000 square feet for MS4 requirements. All information has been sent to Bob Dengler at Gannett Fleming. Tech Met Inc is adding a titanium alloy line which changes their regulatory status for a permit to "synthetic minor". This was also sent to Gannett Fleming.

Non-Agenda Items

Scott Nedrow-He noted that the borough can dictate the terms and scope of work for bids for the forensic audit. He said there has been a qualified audit on the borough for a long time, done by a public accountant. He stated that there needs to be more people upstairs in the office to divide tasks. He spoke about there being no receipts for COVID money used. He asked what was being looked for in the forensic audit. He also stated that the borough has no truck capable of doing demolition. Mr. Nedrow admitted that he is responsible for putting up the political sign on Third Street. He went on to list how many full time and part time police officers were employed in the local communities.

Bev DeLattre-She stated that sanitation bills were pro-rated in the past. She asked where it is written that bills are no longer pro-rated and also when the policy was changed to no longer pro-rating. She wanted to know that of the people that were refunded for sanitation, who made the decision to refund them. She accused Mr. Szakal of lying to people; stating that he is the person that told her sanitation was pro-rated.

Brian Lyon-He stated that he witnesses ten to twelve cars daily running the stop sign down across the railroad tracks from the borough building. He was asking for more police presence in that area as he is worried about someone getting hit by a vehicle.

Mia Lippincott-Blue Entertainment wants to use the field by Chubb"s during trick or treat to hand out treats and hot chocolate to the kids.

AD,JOURNMENT: 7:13 PM

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Opening of Bids

We received one sealed bid from Ugrade Demolition for the demolition and removal of 647-649 McKean Avenue. Mr. Toprani opened the sealed envelope and proceeded to read what was enclosed. The bid includes labor, cost of equipment, waste disposal, capping of utility lines, removal of the foundation one foot below grade, and back filling. Does not include removal of any hazardous materials or haul aways. The total amount is \$80,462.50. It was also submitted without any proof of insurance. If council would wish to accept the bid, a motion would have to be made.

Minutes

Mr. Berestecky requested a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held on October 12, 2023. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (4): Nays: Mrs. Brice (1) Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

President of Council

Public Address:

Casey Perrotta thanked the residents of the borough for electing him to council. He also asked council to take into consideration the opinions of himself, Mr. Brice and Mrs. Pavelko regarding any motions made for the remainder of the year. He asked council if they were planning to have a budget meeting for the 2024 fiscal year and that himself, Mr. Brice and Mrs. Pavelko would like to be included in that as well.

Finance

Mr. Szakal read the Payroll Report for the month of October 2023.

Mr. Szakal read the Treasurers Report and made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for the month of October 2023. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Bill Report and made a motion to accept the Bill Report for the month of October 2023. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5) Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Tax Collector's Report and made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for the month of October 2023. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve the Schneider Downs proposal for forensic audit. Motion tabled. This was not a bid, it was a letter; and it wasn't about what was wanted, per Mrs. Brice.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve a resolution for approval of new public works garage project. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve a resolution to apply for \$1M LSA grant from PA state and \$500,000 grant from Washington County for new public works garage project. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve a resolution of a borough equity injunction up to \$100,000 for a new public works garage project. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve Compliance Field Services Inc. as asbestos removal and project management for demolition project at 647 McKean Avenue. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Szakal (4): Nays: Mr. Thompson (1): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to approve a new policy for council pay and all donations. If adopted Mr. Toprani will draft a policy stating that any donations to the borough or relinquishment of pay cannot be returned. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson (4): Nays: Mrs. Brice (1): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain (0): Motion carried.

The motion for the 2024 borough budget has been tabled. Council and Mr. Toprani plan to schedule a special budget meeting for Thursday, December 28, 2023.

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

Mrs. Brice read the Sanitation Report for the month of October 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Code Enforcement Report for the month of October 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Reports for the month of October 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Street Opening Reports for the month of October 2023.

Recreation

Mr. Thompson read the Palmer Park Report for the month of October 2023. Mr. Thompson said that Mr. Voytek should have something for council to look at next week regarding the new pavilion at the park.

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

Solicitor Toprani the Banquet Hall Report for Mrs. Ackerman for the month of October 2023. Mr. Toprani requested a motion to approve a borough representative to serve on the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority board for a term of January 2024-January 2029. Motion tabled.

Mrs. Brice made a motion to accept bids for the cleaning and waxing of the borough hall floor. Second by Mr. Thompson. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Highways and Streets

Mr. Berestecky made a motion to approve advertising to hire a part-time laborer for the street department. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5); Nays: (0); Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0); Motion carried.

Mr. Berestecky made a motion to approve the purchase of an appropriate trailer for the mini excavator in the approximate amount of \$8,500.00. Motion amended to an amount not to exceed \$8,600.00. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5); Nays: (0); Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0); Motion carried.

Public Safety

Mr. Toprani read on behalf of Mr. Greco the Police Repmi for the month of October 2023.

Mr. Berestecky made a motion for a resolution regarding the hire of a part time police officer without taking the civil service test. This would include waiving the testing requirements for part time police officers. Second by Mrs. Brice. Mrs. Brice indicated that there were two separate ordinances passed regarding the power of hiring and firing to the civil service commission, one in April and one in July. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5); Nays: (0); Absent: Mrs. Ackerman and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0); Motion carried.

Mayor

This will be the 15th year of light up night in Donora, sponsored by the Smog Commemorative Committee. Dean has acquired a Christmas tree. The Santa house will be set up. The street from 5th to 7th will be blocked off from 6pm to 8pm. There will be a live nativity, petting zoo, horse drawn carriage rides, entertainment for the children, a DJ and fireworks.

Public Officials

Mr. Vince- No report.

Mr. Rands- He thanked council for allowing the hiring of a part time officer.

Mr. Fronzaglio - Spoke to West Penn Power regarding a pole that they thought was replaced, but wasn't. They are planning to take care of it. They also asked Mr. Fronzaglio to give an updated list of which street lights are out. West Penn also apologized for the delay stating they are short-handed. The concrete guys are coming back next week to work on the sidewalks. The street department is on board with getting ready for light up night next week.

Mr. Toprani - He received a copy of the list of appointed members of the various commissions and boards under the borough's jurisdiction. Council needs to review with Mr. Thornton and the Mayor the list for accuracy and identify any expired terms. The vacant list needs presented to the new council in January so they can bring these boards up to full membership.

Mr. Joe Volpe- For the month of October, he issued eleven notices of violation, seven of which were corrected. He conducted eight occupancy inspections, two fire pit permits and four lien letters. He stated that he has been regularly going to the magistrate office getting restitution for unpaid sanitation bills, rental registrations and also some property maintenance issues. Mr. Volpe reminded residents that trash days are Tuesday and Thursday. Trash needs to be in an appropriate container and cannot be out before 5 p.m. the night before. He also addressed residents walking their dogs and making sure to clean up after them.

Old Business

Mr. Berestecky asked for an update on a request that he made several months ago regarding the cleaning of the outside of the municipal building. Mr. Thornton replied that council elected not to go with the management firm handling the details of the job. There are some exposures to pressure washing the outside of the building such as amount/type of sealant for the concrete and the replacement/grade of the caulking. He stated that he does not feel he has the expertise to run this project. Ken Kulak has previously run this project before when he worked for a different company. There is a file that includes all the measurements of the building. Ken said that he can take over the management of this project for half the price that was quoted from the other management company. Ken is searching for this file so he can cut down on the work required to get this project started.

New Business

Mr. Thornton requested to discuss possible priority use for CDBG 2024 Funding of \$181,380 as replacement of front stairs, ramps and walls of Borough Building. Decisions must be submitted to Nathan Voytek by November 30, 2023. One suggestion is replacing the staircase by the alley entrance near the parking garage. The walls are in a state of disrepair and are in danger of coming down. Mr. Voytek stated that this does qualify for a CDBG project. Mrs. Brice suggested possibly replacing the playground equipment. Any suggestions should be submitted to Mr. Thornton.

Non-Agenda Items

Someone spoke on behalf of the Tony Menendez family thanking the borough for use of the municipal building.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:14 PM

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Opening of Bids

Minutes

Mrs. Ackerman requested a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held on November 9, 2023. Second by Mr. Szakal. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. McDowell, Mrs. Ackerman, and Mr. Szakal. (3): Nays: Mrs. Brice and Mr. Thompson (2) Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

President of Council

Public Address:

Finance

Mr. Szakal read the Payroll Report for the month of November 2023.

Mr. Szakal read the Treasurers Report and made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report for the month of November 2023. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Bill Report and made a motion to accept the Bill Report for the month of November 2023. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. The \$1400 legal bill for sunshine act violation should be excluded from the bill report, if it is in fact included on the report. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5) Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal read the Tax Collector's Report and made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report for the month of November 2023. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Mr. Szakal made a motion to adopt the 2024 budget. Second by Mrs. Ackerman. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Szakal and Mr. Thompson. (5): Nays: (0): Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. Greco (2). Abstain: (0): Motion carried.

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

Mrs. Brice read the Sanitation Report for the month of November 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Code Enforcement Report for the month of November 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Landlord Registration & Occupancy Reports for the month of November 2023.

Mrs. Brice read the Street Opening Reports for the month of November 2023.

Recreation

Mr. Thompson read the Palmer Park Report for the month of November 2023. Mr. Thompson asked if Nathan Voytek dropped off pavilion plans. Mr. Thornton stated that the pavilion size would be 33 x 44. As preferred by Mr. Thompson, it will have an orange metal roof. The lighting still needs to be determined. There will be five feet of excavation to remove and replace the soil and compact it. This is due to the soil having pyrite and being unfit for compaction. We possibly have the option to do the work by the borough. Dean's crew could possibly remove the soil so we could have that part completed for free. Mr. Thornton also spoke about the new deck hockey rink through the DCNR grant. There will be a consultant from the company Cashack and Associates. Mr. Thompson questioned the excavation because of the presence of pyrite. Dean Fronzaglio said that the borough could dig the soil, but suggested that the company do the filling so they could use the filling that they want. The left over funds would be used to freshen up the playground.

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

Solicitor Toprani the Banquet Hall Report for Mrs. Ackerman for the month of November 2023. Mr. Thornton stated that Nathan Voytek and the representatives from DCED came and looked at our railings at the borough building and were very dissatisfied with the quality and how they appeared visually. This will be pursued through the contractor to get that taken care of. They were supposed to consult with Dean Fronzaglio about the caulking of the ramp and that never happened. We also need the temperature to be at least 50 degrees to do it. There was a discussion with the architect about removing the ramp area all together and replacing it, putting a metal roof on top, enclosing it, and putting windows in for fresh air exchange vents. Also removing the bricks, decking and insulation underneath which is causing the dampness. That should alleviate any future problems. That all is currently being discussed and the cost is being looked into. They talked about replacing the cement going to the ramp area using CDBG funds allotted to the borough for approximately \$181,000 for 2024. Mr. Thornton discussed a possible addition of a 6"-8" wall to the men's room in the banquet hall. This would be located on the inside of the door entrance for additional privacy.

Highways and Streets

No report.

Public Safety

Mr. Toprani read on behalf of Mr. Greco the Police Report for the month of November 2023.

Mayor

Mayor Pavelko talked about how great the fire department and fire chief are. He spoke about the fire that happened this morning. He also extended thanks to Charleroi, Carroll Township and Bentleyville fire departments for assisting our Donora fire company. Mayor Pavelko said that for a year, the sunshine law has been broken. He said he would bring up borough code and state statutes and nothing was done. He and a few other council members filed a suit for sunshine law violation. They are still in litigation over the case that Gabriel started. Their attorney fees could be higher, but he's been trying to settle for over a year and did not require the borough's attorney Gabriel, and now Steve Toprani, to answer the complaint and litigate the issue. Steve Toprani is the borough solicitor. He is and was very capable of handling the case, but council chose to take another route, and give the case to high priced Gabriel. The complaint the attorney filed resulted in the borough complying with the sunshine law and posting agendas on our website. If there is no settlement, there will likely be more attorney fees. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Public Officials

Mr. Vince – The fire department will be going around with Santa on the fire truck giving out treats, December 21st starting at 6:00.

Mr. Rands- Chief Rands and Mr. Thornton interviewed a candidate for part time police. It will take a while to get him on board. Council has to vote on him. He's an ex-state trooper. He has a full time job, but can give minimal hours. The background check can be started after he is officially hired.

Mr. Fronzaglio – There was only one applicant for the street department opening. He stopped in the office about a month ago and filled out an application. Mr. Thornton said that there has been no response from the newspaper ad.

Mr. Toprani – No report.

Mr. Joe Volpe – For the month of November 2023 there were 20 notices of violation, 11 were corrected. He issued 5 non-traffic citations, 1 requested extra time, 1 is making repairs, 1 bad address so the owner can't be located, 1 fire damaged building from the 3rd Street fire. There were 14 occupancy inspections completed, 2 fire permits issued and 10 lien letters were issued. Mr. McDowell asked what is going on with the old nursing home on Kenric Avenue. Mr. Volpe said that there was an occupancy inspection done because students were supposed to move in there. Mr. McDowell asked who owned the trailer sitting on the old school lot. Mr. Volpe has to research to find out the owner. Ordinance 1233 states that no trailers are permitted. Mr. Thompson asked if Mr. Volpe has been checking in with the magistrate regarding the property on Meade. She was found guilty and Mr. Volpe has not received anything stating she is appealing the charges.

Old Business**New Business****Non-Agenda Items**

Mr. Nedrow asked Mr. Szakal how some of the budget numbers were determined. Mr. Szakal said that all departments fill out a request report. Mr. Thornton said that he put the budget together. Mr. Nedrow criticized Mr. Szakal for leaving the prior meeting without discussing the budget. Mr. Szakal said that no citizen is allowed to see the budget until it is approved.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:35 PM

The Special Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on December 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Council President Michael McDowell and following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following members were present: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice and Mr. Thompson. Also present were Borough Solicitor Mr. Toprani and Borough Administrator Michael Thornton.

Opening of Bids

Minutes

President of Council

Public Address:

Finance

Solicitor Toprani spoke for Mr. Szakal requesting a motion to approve the final 2024 Borough Budget. Motion made by Mrs Brice. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Thompson (4): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Greco and Mr. Szakal (3). Motion carried.

Solicitor Toprani spoke for Mr. Szakal requesting a motion to approve Resolution to retain and set the current Tax Millage Rate for 2024 without an increase from 2023. Motion made by Mrs. Brice. Second by Mr. Berestecky. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Berestecky, Mrs. Brice, Mr. McDowell and Mr. Thompson. (4): Nays: (0): Absent: Mrs. Ackerman, Mr. Greco and Mr. Szakal (3). Motion carried.

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Mr. Vince – No Report

Mr. Rands – No Report

Mr. Fronzaglio No Report

Mr. Toprani – No Report

Old Business

New Business

Non-Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT: 6:04 PM