

**Regular Public Meeting**

**January 18, 2021**

**7:30 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Location: Via Conference Call**

**Officials Present in Council Room:** Frank Bernardini (Mayor), Rick Hopkinson (Manager), Matt Juzwick (Chief of Police)

**Officials Present via Conference Call:** Amber McGough, Nicholas Viglione, Christina Reft, Paul Doyle, Francis Heckmann, David Lowe, Aaron Graham, Emily Mueller (Solicitor)

**Officials Absent:**

The meeting began at 7:30 PM with the attendees listed above.

This remote public meeting was advertised in the South Pittsburgh Reporter and on the Borough Website in accordance with Act 15.

**I. Agenda**

1. Special Presentation – Cost Recovery Billing, Mt. Oliver Volunteer Fire Department
  - Fire Chief Fran Kestner and Asst. Fire Chief Ron Lowrey presented their intent to implement direct billing through a vendor in order to recover costs incurred in responding to fire and non-fire related calls, excluding QRS calls. An example would be billing for materials and equipment deployed for a vehicle accident or structure fire. The billing would be structured such that the vendor would include their fees and bill the insurance company for both residents and non-residents, the difference being that if the resident did not pay, the vendor would not pursue delinquent collection activities. In order to implement these cost recovery billing activities, the Borough would need to authorize by ordinance.
  - The majority of Council expressed interest in looking into this further, but the Solicitor pointed out that in order to adopt such an ordinance, there would need to be enabling legislation already in place by Pennsylvania.
  - The Asst. Fire Chief will reach out to the vendor to see if they are aware of any specific legal citation and will follow-up with the Borough Manager.
2. General
  - Motion to approve the Minutes from the December 14, 2020 Public Meeting. Motion made by Graham. Seconded by Heckmann. Motion carried.
  - Motion to approve Payment Application #1 & Final to Soli Construction in the amount of \$95,897.00 for the 2020 SHACOG Excavation Repairs – Year 9 Contract. Motion made by Lowe. Seconded by Reft. Motion carried.
  - Motion to approve Payment Application #1 to Arch Masonry & Restoration in the amount of \$31,884.85 for work completed through December 15, 2020 on the Borough

Building Façade Repairs Project. Motion made by Graham. Seconded by Lowe. Motion carried.

- Motion to approve all bills. Motion made by Heckmann. Seconded by Reft. Motion carried.
- Motion to authorize a Civil Service Exam for the position of Full-Time Police Officer. Motion made by Lowe. Seconded by Viglione. Motion carried.

### 3. New Business

- There was no new business.

### II. Questions & Answers

- There were no questions from the public.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM to Executive Session to update on pending litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Hopkinson  
Borough Manager