

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View held Thursday, August 13, 2015 in Council chambers at 441 Perry Hwy., Pgh., PA 15229. President Barry Schell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chief Fromlak conducted roll call. Members of Town Council present were: President Barry G. Schell, Vice President William F. Aguglia, Members Donald E. Mikec, M. Kimberly Steele, Bryan S. Kircher, Robert D. Schellhaas and Eugene Borio. Attending were: J.R. Henry, Mayor, Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Secretary/Manager, Assistant Secretary Patricia A. Rapp, Attorney Matthew Kalina, and Robert E. Zischkau from Glenn Engineering. Solicitor Michael J. Witherel and Fire Chief Mark W. Scheller were absent. President Schell thanked Mr. Aguglia for filling in for him while he had been off recuperating from his broken leg.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on July 9, 2015 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding for \$144,475.31 made by Mr. Schellhaas was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$65,636.72 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$4,613.90 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$3,112.33 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.

Reports from the Officers – Mayor’s Report – J.R. Henry welcomed Mr. Schell back and said the July receipts for motor vehicle code violations totaled \$5,027.86. Mayor Henry said Cathy Risco resigned from her position at CONNECT to take a new job in healthcare and though they are sorry to see her go, requested the Chief send her a congratulations letter. Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Secretary/Manager Report – Chief Fromlak reported Duquesne Light has been replacing street lights along Perry Highway between Schwitter and Center with new LED lights and the lights are estimated to last 12 years. The Chief reported on a property maintenance code enforcement program that he instituted, along with the help of Joe Assisi and Patty Rapp. To date, the Borough has saved \$1,920 in code enforcement fees by sending out courtesy property maintenance letters through the Borough office. When complaints are received, they are checked out and verified, then a letter is sent to the property owner, along with a date to comply. Should the owner not comply, then the matter is turned over to the 3rd party code enforcer to pursue at the Magistrate. To date, 43 notices have been sent, with 33 being corrected. The Chief thanked both Joe and Patty for their help.

Chief reported on the Hawthorne/Clairmont/Center area property owners that received dye test violation letters. Out of 58 property owners receiving violation letters, 40 have complied and plans to send out additional notices to have the final 18 comply by September 30th are being made. The Borough sold the Ford F550 truck through Municipal Bids, which is a free service that auctions vehicles nationwide, allowing the sellers to set a reserve amount. Eleven bids were received and the truck sold to the highest bid of \$19,900 to Stover, Inc. The Mayor added he felt this is a good program and Mr. Mikec questioned where Stover is located, to which the Chief advised it is out of Mechanicsburg. Report from the Solicitor – Michael J. Witherel was absent and Matt Kalina had no report for Council.

Engineer's Report – Robert E. Zischkau followed up on the Chief's report regarding the dye test certification compliance, saying all property owners have received 2 notices to date and a 3rd notice will be sent out certified to have those comply. This will correct the problems with the overflow that heads over the hill behind Clairmont/Sciotta Alley. The DEP will be satisfied with 93-95% compliance but the Borough is hoping to have 100% of the properties comply. Ms. Steele questioned the cost to the property owner to comply, which Mr. Zischkau said ranged from \$200 to \$2,000 per dwelling. Mr. Zischkau said the 2015 paving program should begin on Monday, August 24th by Victor Paving and was delayed due to the weather.

Mr. Zischkau reported on the deteriorating condition of the Martsolf Avenue Bridge. Mr. Zischkau cited findings on inspection reports and said the Police and Public Works have posted a weight limit on the bridge. Both the Public Works and Police now use an alternate route for their vehicles. Mr. Zischkau feels the Borough should consider closing the bridge to vehicular traffic, leaving it open for pedestrians, while monitoring the deterioration. Mr. Kircher questioned the safety hazard to the public and debris control and Mr. Zischkau said the Borough workers would keep an eye on the bridge daily, especially for debris removal. Mayor Henry feels no chances should be taken and felt action should be taken now to close the bridge, as this would be prudent. Report from the Fire Chief – Chief Mark W. Scheller was absent.

Reports from the Committees – Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher read the report for July, with wage tax collection deposits for July totaling \$401 with West View receiving \$200.50. A total of \$36,989.64 was deposited into the general fund checking account by Keystone Collections. Our liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$159,032.63 as of July 31st and earned \$1.35 in interest. Our building fund money market account had a balance of \$33,441.91 as of July 31st and earned \$.29 in interest. Our general fund money market account had a balance of \$250,321.61 as of July 31st and earned \$2.7- in interest. Real estate tax collections in July totaled \$201,144.58. Local service tax collections totaled \$5,320.55, with West View receiving \$4,808.95. Business/Mercantile collections totaled \$31,728.33 and we received \$15,909.17. Property and Purchasing Report – Eugene Borio had no report for Council.

Public Works Report – Robert D. Schellhaas reported the Public Works Department completed 20 work orders in July. They have rebuilt 2 storm inlets and used 20 tons of hot mix to patch Borough streets. The Summer Help has been busy cutting grass and the Road Crew recently cleaned out the creek behind Princeton Avenue. Police and Public Safety Report – William F. Aguglia reported the Civil Service Commission will be testing on Candidates on October 8th at Allegheny County Police Academy in order to compile and up-to-date eligibility list for the Police Department and a notice will be advertised in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette North edition. Fire and Water Report – Donald E. Mikec said the West View Volunteer Fire Department responded to 42 calls in July, using 115.76 man hours. Year-to-date responses are 223, with 708.84 man hours, averaging 32 calls. Public Relations and Recreation – M. Kimberly Steele had no report for Council.

Audience – President Barry G. Schell welcomed residents to address Council. Jim Barr from 200 Frankfr questioned why the May and June minutes were not on the website and Chief Fromlak said Mr. Schell was in the hospital and since they were signed tonight, they would soon be posted. Mr. Barr questioned the Martsolf Bridge debris collection, recommended reading a free publication magazine he had,

questioned the courtesy letters for property maintenance and questioned the constitutionality of the sewer violation letters. Both Mayor Henry and Mr. Zischkau spoke about the correction and separation of the storm sewer from the waste water system, in accordance with the DEP, and said the Borough has been progressive, especially with the source flow reduction and felt the Borough has done their due diligence by identifying and having 60% compliance accomplished. Mr. Zischkau said this is not unconstitutional, nor a federal issue and said the Borough has significantly reduced the flow and Mr. Schell said the Borough has helped eliminate future problems. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 10.22.36 minutes.

There was no unfinished business or new business and President Schell moved onto the Agenda.

Item #1 – Council to consider an appointment to the Recreation Board for a five-year term, through June 30, 2020. Motion to appoint Patricia Coyle from 33 Ann Arbor made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.

Item #2 – Council to consider an appointment to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term, through August 1, 2021. Motion to re-appoint Raymond Laporte made by Mr. Schellhaas was seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.

Item #3 – Council to consider an appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three-year term, through August 1, 2018. Motion to re-appoint John Mihm made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

There were no announcements.

With no further business to come before Council, President Schell thanked everyone for attending and requested a Motion to Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

BY: Bruce A. Fromlak
Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak
Secretary/Manager

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