

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW  
REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 14, 2011

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View held Wednesday, December 14, 2011 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Bernhard, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mrs. Bernhard requested Chief Fromlak conduct roll call and the Members of Town Council present were: President Mary Bernhard, Vice President Barry Schell, Member William Aguglia, Member John Koerts, Member Donald Mikec, Member Ralph Burchell and Member Kimberly Steele. Mayor J. R. Henry, Police Chief/Manager Bruce Fromlak, Assistant Secretary Patricia Rapp, Solicitor Fred Baxter and Robert Zischkau from Glenn Engineering were in attendance and Fire Chief George Hollenberger was absent.

*Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council held November 9, 2011 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve the minutes of the workshop meeting of town council held November 15, 2011 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of general fund expenditures for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$120,996.10 and payments to vendors in the amount of \$163,443.21 was made by Mr. Koerts and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve the payment of building fund expenditures in the amount of \$15,486.18 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve the payment of liquid fuel fund expenditures in the amount of \$5,234.95 was made by Mr. Schell and was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.*

*REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS*

Report from the Mayor – J. R. Henry - The Mayor said the total motor vehicle code violations for the month of November totaled \$5,301.51 and his written report had been furnished to Council. The Mayor asked Dave Grom, Russ Bucklad and Ken Kerner to join him at the podium. Mayor Henry swore in all three men as Fire Police Officers for the Borough of West View.

Report from the Chief of Police /Manager – Bruce A. Fromlak - The Chief said the Lieutenant and Sergeant Interview dates have been set for January 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, subject to the availability of the Civil Service Commission. The Chiefs of Police Association will provide the Chiefs necessary for the interview process. Chief Fromlak has been in contact with Lamar advertising to have them consider placing their totally free, up-to-date, modern bus shelters within the Borough and will report back with additional information as he receives it from Lamar.

Report from the Solicitor – Fred E. Baxter - Mr. Baxter advised Council, in accordance with Borough Code, Town Council should hold its Organizational Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of 2012. Due to January 1<sup>st</sup> being a holiday, it is within the law to hold the Meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2012 and to advertise the regular meeting for January to immediately follow upon adjournment of the Organizational Meeting.

Report from Glenn Engineering – Robert E. Zischkau - Mr. Zischkau reported on the funding through the North Hills Council of Governments for the Georgetown Avenue paving project, which is less than had been requested, but similar to what the Borough received for the Hawthorne Avenue project. Mr. Zischkau will have the bids ready in February for a March opening for Council to consider and hopes to have the Borough 2012 road paving project ready at the same time.

*REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES*

Finance Report – Ralph R. Burchell - Mr. Burchell said Wage Tax collection deposits for December totaled \$121,332.20, with the Borough's net proceeds totaling \$59,362.72. Capital Reserve - UDAG Checking Account had a balance of \$28,948.24 as of December 30<sup>th</sup>. Liquid Fuel Checking Account had a balance of \$143,414.09 as of December 30<sup>th</sup>. The Building Fund Money Market Account had a balance of \$180,043.63 as of December 30<sup>th</sup>, after earning interest in the amount of \$15.24. The General Fund Money Market Account had a balance of \$766,939.76 as of December 30<sup>th</sup>, after earning interest in the amount of \$58.83. Mr. Burchell said Real Estate Tax Collection for the month of December totaled \$44,530.90.

Property and Purchasing Report – John W. Koerts - Mr. Koerts said the glass block window installation is 80% complete, with the sides and rear of the building to be done by Monday. Allegheny County has chosen to relocate at 378 Perry Highway, which is directly across from McDonald's.

Public Works Report – Barry G. Schell - Mr. Schell said the Public Works Department has replaced 20 boards on the wall across from Schellhaas Funeral Home on Center Avenue. Richard Rapp went to class at the County to learn how to change the traffic lights throughout the Borough to LED's. Mr. Schell said we are continuing to street sweep and pick up leaves and the paving project has been completed and they did a nice job. Mr. Schell said five members of the Borough Crew attended a safety class in Greentree, which was very interesting for the Crew.

Police and Public Safety – William F. Aguglia - Mr. Aguglia reported on two daylight burglaries that took place in the Ridgewood area and advised residents not to leave their vehicles open or packages visible in their vehicles.

Administrative/Budget Report – Ralph R. Burchell - Mr. Burchell said he was pleased that the 2012 Budget has no tax increase and the millage will still be 6.68 mills. Mr. Burchell requested an Executive Session to take place at the end of the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Fire and Water Report – Donald E. Mikec - Mr. Mikec said the Fire Department had 17 calls during the month of November.

Public Relations and Recreation Report – M. Kimberly Steele - Ms. Steele had no report for Council.

Mrs. Bernhard said the ratification of the purchase of the bucket truck will be placed on the Agenda.

AUDIENCE

Dave Urban from 60 Lakewood Avenue addressed Council on when the Budget was available for review and when was the Budget advertised. Chief Fromlak said on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Urban wanted to express his displeasure with the upcoming trips to the Casino for the Senior Citizens on the Borough Trolley. Mr. Urban was in front of Council for 3 minutes and 54 seconds.

Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort Avenue addressed Council to question if the class the drivers attended was mandatory, which Mr. Schell said no. He questioned the purpose of the bucket truck and the upcoming crime watch meeting and the Georgetown Avenue paving project. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 2 minutes and 20 seconds.

A woman from the Ridgewood Avenue area questioned Council if the Police had a suspect for the burglaries and was told by the Chief that they had good leads. The woman was in front of Council for 26 seconds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

AGENDA

1. Council to consider Ordinance #1461. *Motion to read #1461 was made by Mr. Burchell and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.* Mrs. Bernhard read Ordinance #1461, which fixes the 2012 tax rate at 6.68 mills. *Motion to approve Ordinance #1461 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.*
2. Council to consider Ordinance #1462. *Motion to read #1462 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.* Mrs. Bernhard read Ordinance #1462, which budgets \$4,756,815.00 for the year 2012. *Motion to approve Ordinance #1462 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered.*
3. Council to consider Resolution #1384. *Motion to read #1384 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.* Mrs. Bernhard read Resolution #1384, which approves the execution of the paperwork necessary for West View Savings Bank for the 2012 Tax Anticipation Note of \$500,000.00 at an interest rate of 1.625%. *Motion to approve Resolution #1384 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion was approved and ordered.*
4. Council to consider approving the \$507,921.87 payment to West View Savings Bank for the payoff of the 2011 Tax Anticipation Loan. *Motion to approve the payoff was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion was approved and ordered.*
5. Council to consider Resolution #1385. *Motion to read #1385 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion approved and ordered.* Mrs. Bernhard read #1385, which establishes and maintains the West View Police pension plan and requires zero percent participant contribution. *Motion to approve Resolution #1385 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered.*
6. Council to consider the 2012 meeting dates for Town Council so they may be legally advertised. Mr. Burchell said Council would like to change the regular meetings to every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., with the exception of the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Mrs. Bernhard read the notice that is to be advertised. *Motion to approve the 2012 dates was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion approved and ordered.*
7. Council to consider the payment of \$11,000.00 for the refurbished Bucket Truck. *Motion was made by Mr. Schell and was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.* Mr. Schell said the truck was purchased from Canton, Ohio and is certified for street and highways and will be used for many things, inclusive of Christmas and street lights.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mrs. Bernhard wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. Bernhard said that no further business will be discussed and all business had concluded. The Meeting was over but Council would now retire to an executive session.

Council retired at 7:38 p.m. At 8:23 p.m. Council returned from executive session with a *motion to adjourn from Mr. Koerts, being seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.* The Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

APPROVED: JANUARY 3, 2012

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak/Manager

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of Town Council Mary C. Bernhard