

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 12, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, December 12, 2019 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President William F. Aguglia, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Lieutenant Holland conducted roll call. Members of Council present were: President William F. Aguglia, Vice-President Bryan S. Kircher, Members Donald Mikec, Scott Miller, M. Kimberly Steele, Eugene Borio and Robert D Schellhaas. Also attending were: Mayor J.R. Henry, Lieutenant Matthew Holland, Police Secretary Barb O'Lare, Engineer Robert E. Zischkau and Solicitor Michael Witherel and Junior Council Douglas Bensch. Absent were Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Cathy A. Mann.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on November 14, 2019 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$164,811.37 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$376,595.38 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel in the amount of \$4,785.33 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by MS. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$11,684.95 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report – J.R. Henry, Mayor – Mayor Henry reported the total motor vehicle code violation receipts for the month of November totaled \$3,372.61.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak was absent and Lieutenant Holland had no report.

Solicitor's report – Michael Witherel – Mr. Witherel had no report.

Engineer's report – Robert E. Zischkau – Mr. Zischkau reported that the bids for the Revitalization were high and would like to meet with the Manager is requesting it be added to the agenda to reject the bids that were received.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax deposits for November totaled \$93,818.56 and was deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$106,067.51 as of November 30th and earned \$168.28 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,300.35 as of November 30th and earned \$30.62 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$29,720.07 as

of November 30th and earned \$47,115 in interest. Real Estate collections for November were \$46,262.61. Local Service tax collections for November totaled \$6,453.81. Business/Mercantile collections for October totaled \$9,236.28.

Property & Purchasing – Eugene Borio – Mr. Borio had no report.

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas – Mr. Schellhaas reported that there were 12 work orders completed, 332 bags of leaves were collected, and 9 bulk loads of leaves were taken to North Park dump.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia had no report.

Budget/Administration – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that the final 2020 budget is included in the packets. There is an increase in the real estate tax of .9 mill due to increases in wages, pension and healthcare.

Fire & Water – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec had no report.

Public Relations & Recreation – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele had no report.

Junior Council – Douglas Bensch – Mr. Bensch reported that the Joe Welsch was named 2020 PA Teacher of the Year. New School board members were sworn in. Sophomore Hanlin Zhang was the winner of the Holiday Card Art Contest. The middle school winter concerts will be on December 16 – 18. Senior Ben Swayze was one of three finalists in a statewide Safe2Say Something video contest. Winter break will be from December 23rd to January 1st.

AUDIENCE

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue – Mr. Barr stated that he missed the last meeting and wanted to know where it was posted. In the Post-Gazette and in the hallway of the Borough building. Mayor replied that in November the meeting starts at 6:00 pm for the budget with the regular meeting starting immediately after. Also, every other year the reorganizational meeting is the first Monday of January at 6:00 pm. The tax increase based on \$100,000 assessment will be \$90.

Mayor Henry wanted to thank Mr. Kircher, Mr. Aguglia, Ms. Steele and Chief Fromlak for their hard work on the budget. Many things were taken into consideration and looked at very carefully to arrive at this budget. Tax rates have not been increased in many years.

Unfinished Business – Lieutenant Holland wanted to advise Council on the toy drive that is headed up by Officer Pavlecic and Officer Connolly. Over \$5000.00 was raised for West View Elementary families and Highcliff families. Also, some families in the middle school will receive gift cards. West View Police also participate in the Bigs in Blues organization that partners an officer with a student. This is a big brother program.

New Business – There was no new business.

AGENDA

1. Council to consider Ordinance #1506. (An Ordinance fixing the tax rate for the fiscal year of 2020 for budgetary and fiscal purposes and providing a discount and penalty period for payment of taxes.) *Motion to read Ordinance #1506 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Ms. Steeler. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Ordinance #1506 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.*
2. Council to consider Ordinance #1507. (An Ordinance appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for specific purposes of the Municipal Government hereinafter set forth, during the year 2020.) *Motion to read Ordinance #1507 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Ordinance #1507 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*
3. Council to consider an appointment to the West View Water Authority Board for a 5-year term through 12/31/2024. *Motion to appoint M. Kimberly Steele to the West View Water Authority Board for a 5-year term through 12/31/2024 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*
4. Council to consider an appointment to the Recreation Board for a -year term through 12/31/2024. *Motion to appoint Misty Hollinger to the Recreation Board for a 5-year term through 12/31/2024 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.*
5. Council to consider an appointment to the Vacancy Board for a yearly term through 12/31/2020. *Motion to appoint Daniel Dannenmueller to the Vacancy Board for a yearly term through 12/30/2020 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*
6. Council to consider an appointment to the Ross/West View Emergency Authority Board for a 5-year term through 12/31/2024. *Motion to appoint Joseph A. Dinkel to the Ross/West View Emergency Authority Board for a 5-year term was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Mr. Kircher abstained from the vote. Motion approved and ordered.*
7. Council to reject the bids for the Commercial Revitalization – Business District – Phase I. *Motion to reject the bids for the Commercial Revitalization – Business District – Phase I was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, Motion *to adjourn was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

APPROVED: January 6, 2020

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BY: _____

Barbara O'Lare
Police Secretary