

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, February 13, 2020 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President M. Kimberly Steele, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Chief Fromlak conducted roll call. Members of Council present were: President M. Kimberly Steele, Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, Members William F. Aguglia, Robert D. Schellhaas, Donald E. Mikec. Also attending were: Mayor J.R. Henry, Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Solicitor Matthew Kalina, Engineer John Balewski, and Junior Council Members Douglas Bensch and Asia Neill. Absent were: Members Scott Miller, Eugene Borio, Solicitor Michael Witherel and Public Works Coordinator Joseph K. Assisi.

Mayor Henry presented Mr. Aguglia with a Leadership Award for being Council President for four years and more than 20 years serving on Council.

Motion to approve tonight's amended agenda was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.

As a matter of record the following appointments for standing committees are as follows: Finance committee is Bryan Kircher, Property and Purchasing is Eugene Borio, Budget and Administration is Bryan Kircher, Police and Public Safety is William Aguglia, Fire and Water is Donald Mikec, Public Relations and Recreation is Donald Mikec, Military and Veteran Affairs is Scott Miller and Public Works is Robert Schellhaas.

President Steele recognized Mr. Bensch and Ms. Neill as our Junior Council Members.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report – J.R. Henry, Mayor – Mayor Henry reported that the total motor vehicle code violation receipts for the month of January totaled \$2,664.52.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that President Steele and himself attended the NHSD meeting regarding the Business Privilege and Mercantile Taxes. NHSD is looking at a company to find delinquent and non-registered businesses for these taxes. It is recommended that the Borough participate if the NHSD does as they collect the business taxes for us for a 3% fee. Agenda #1 is an Ordinance to raise the fees for coin operated and mechanical devices, our fees are from 1981. Agenda #2 is for body worn cameras for the officers. District Attorney Zappala is donating \$10,000 toward these cameras. The speed sign was placed on the 300 block of Center Avenue westbound, average speed was 18.35 mph with 9460 vehicles total and an average of 1182 per day from 1/30/20-2/6/20.

Solicitor's report – Matthew Kalina – Mr. Kalina reported that piggybacking with the NHSD for the collection of Business taxes is a good idea.

Engineer's report – John Balewski – Mr. Balewski had no report.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax deposits totaled \$27,421.83 in January and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$55,846.90 as of January 31st and earned \$178.15 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,357.90 as of January 31st and earned \$27.09 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,295.24 as of January 31st and earned \$22.35 in interest. Real Estate collections for January were \$16,200.98. Local Service tax collections for January totaled \$6,728.48 and Business/Mercantile for December totaled \$722.11.

Property & Purchasing – Eugene Borio – Mr. Borio was absent and had no report.

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas – Mr. Schellhaas reported that the crews have been cleaning and televising sewers for maintenance. New signs have been replaced and cold patch has been used to patch potholes. Two public works employees attended a class on Allegheny County's Mitigation Planning Process.

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

Budget/Administration – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher had no report.

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

Public Relations & Recreation – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec had no report.

Junior Council – Asia Neill Bensch reported that the students had their first flexible instruction day on February 7th. There will no school on February 17th due to Presidents' Day. Senior Emma Polen won first place at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Region 7 competition; she will advance to the state competition on May 17th. The North Hills choirs will present the 9th annual Cabaret night on February 21st, admission is \$5.00. The annual Mardi Gras Jazz Band night is February 29th in the high school gym and costs \$5.00. On March 12th from 6-8pm, the North Hills High School class officers will host a Royal Tea Party to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, which will be held in the high school cafeteria and cost \$15.00 per person.

AUDIENCE

Louise Carson of 181 Clearview Avenue asked about putting a stop sign at the top of Evergreen Heights Road in which the Mayor replied that that is in Ross Township and she should contact Ross Township.

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue addressed Council regarding Ordinance #1508, Chief Fromlak replied that it is for the Coin operated machines in the businesses and that our fees have not been increased since 1981. He asked if the public works received a grant to go to the class they attended, Chief Fromlak replied that if there was a flooding problem (as example) and the Borough needed assistance, we could apply for it having had the public works employees attend the class. Mr. Barr asked who maintains the manhole covers on the streets. The Mayor replied that the Borough maintains the ones in the Borough for the sewers and the underground utilities such as Verizon are handled by them.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the reorganization meeting of Town Council on January 6, 2020 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on January 6, 2020 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$166,064.33 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$144,681.73 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$4,820.05 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$9,831.44 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – There will be a public meeting on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM regarding the Martsolf Bridge.

New Business – There was no new Business.

Agenda

1. Council to consider Ordinance #1508. (An Ordinance amending Chapter 98 of the Borough Code, Amusement devices specifically section 98-5, license fees and section 98-10, violations and penalties.) *Motion to read Ordinance #1508 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Ordinance #1508 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*
2. Council to consider purchasing/leasing Body Camera from Watch Guard for the Police Department. (District Attorney Zappala's office is donating \$10,000 towards the purchase/leasing of these cameras.) *Motion to purchase/lease Body Cameras from Watch Guard for the Police Department was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*
3. Council to consider approving the amount, not to exceed \$25,000 for the engineering and architectural fees for the Business Revitalization project. *Motion to approve the amount, not to*

exceed \$25,000 for the engineering and architectural fees for the Business Revitalization project was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

4. Council to consider the appointment of Mackin Engineering and Consultants along with Larson Design Group as the Boroughs Engineer. Mr. John Balewski PE being the primary projects manager. *Motion to appoint Mackin Engineering and Consultants along with Larson Design Group as the Boroughs Engineer with Mr. John Balewski PE being the primary projects manager was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.* Mayor Henry noted that West View Water and the Borough chose to do a joint bid for an Engineer, and of the 17 proposals, they both concurred that Mackin was the best choice.
5. Council to consider the MOU regarding the new police schedule and contract amendment effective upon the approval of the police committee and the solicitor. Mayor Henry stated that MOU is a Memorandum of Understanding and with looking at the budget this was a way to save labor costs with the police department. *Motion to consider the MOU regarding the new police schedule and contract amendment effective upon the approval of the police committee and the solicitor was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Henry and President Steele attended the Western Police Chief's luncheon this month where Chief Fromlak was appointed President.

ADJOURNMENT

President Steele adjourned the meeting in memory of Ronald Straight who was a long-time resident of West View.

With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Approved: March 12, 2020

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BY: _____

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer