

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, February 14, 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. Chief Fromlak conducted roll call. Members of Council present were: President William F. Aguglia, Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, Members M. Kimberly Steele, Donald E. Mikec, Scott Miller and Eugene Borio. Also attending were: Mayor J.R. Henry, Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Solicitor Michael Witherel, Engineer Robert Zischkau and Junior Council Member Andrew Bensch. Member Robert D. Schellhaas was absent.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on January 10, 2019 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$241,547.57 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$133,442.81 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$2,128.73 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$9,415.94 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.

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 \$2,156.80. Mayor Henry reported that at the CONNECT meeting Duquesne Light will be installing LED street lights and that the Borough Manager will be applying for money to help fund this project. The Annual Congress of CONNECT will be held on April 18, 2019 for council members to attend.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that the speed sign was at Park Avenue and Martsolf Avenue from 2/3/19 – 2/10/19. There were 1332 vehicles with an average of 166 per day with an average speed of 13.18 and 1 vehicle with a max speed of 32. Posted speed is 25 mph. Chief Fromlak met with UHAUL regarding the K-Mart property. They were given a Zoning hearing packet to apply for various items, The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on April 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Solicitor's report – Michael Witherel – Mr. Witherel reported that there is an Ordinance that will need to be adopted regarding property maintenance. It is called the Quality of Life Ordinance and it will allow the Borough to give notice to a property owner of concerns and if they are not met the Borough can do an abatement after notification and cite them. The procedure now is to cite the property owner, it goes to the Magistrate that could take months, this way the Borough can do the abatement now.

Engineer's report – Robert E. Zischkau – Mr. Zischkau had no report.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax deposits for January totaled \$37,942.08 and was deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$32,214.55 as of January 31st and earned \$40.99 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,06.98 as of January 31st and earned \$24.18 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$141,930.78 as of January 31st and earned \$180.59 in interest. Real Estate collections for January were \$18,552.85. Local Service tax collections for January totaled \$8,621.23 with the Borough receiving \$7,792.23. Business/Mercantile for January totaled \$32,866.27 with the Borough receiving \$16,448.13.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas – Mr. Schellhaas was absent and there was no report.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia had Mr. Miller read a letter from the North Hills Special Response Team in which Detective Ganster and Officer Stern are a part of thanking the team and the Borough's continuing support of the Team.

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

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

Public Relations & Recreation – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele reported that the Borough is now accepting requests for Schell field so the schedule can be made.

Junior Council – Andrew Bensch reported that this year marked the 25th anniversary of the West View Elementary science fair. West View is the only school to hold a building wide science fair. The North Hills Middle School and High School Jazz Bands will host the 24th annual Mardi Gras on February 16th from 6 to 9 pm in the Ross Twp. Community Center. Tickets are \$5 person. Nh Sophomore Hanna Sciulli advanced to the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science competition after securing top honors at the regional competition. Hannah won first-place honors at Duquesne University with her zoology experiment and Junior Emma Polen won second-place with her ecology experiment. Due to school cancellation on January 30th, 31st and February 1st, students will now attend classes on March 15th, April 17th and April 23rd. All students will be off Monday, February 18th to a teacher in-service day. Attorney General Josh Shapiro met with students from North Hills, Quaker Valley and Northgate to discuss bullying and cyberbullying and how to evoke change in the future. Mr. Bensch was able to interview Mr. Shapiro to discuss the topics. At the end of the year Mr. Shapiro office will release a report containing the best practices to address this matter.

AUDIENCE

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue addressed Council regarding the zoning issues for the U-Haul that is going in where Kmart is. Chief Fromlak replied that they want to put 16 outdoor storage units in the parking area, their main intention is for indoor storage, retail store and vehicle rentals. Mr. Barr asked if the same thing could be done to the Martsolf bridge as the Ridgewood bridge in which he was told that it is a different situation and it could not be done. Mr. Barr asked if the defendant receives due process with the International Property Codes and if Council has any say with them. Mr. Barr thanked Mr. Aguglia and Mr. Kircher for abstaining from 2 votes last month. Mr. Barr was in front of council for 7:37.51 minutes.

Janet Schmidt of 8 Norwich Avenue addressed Council regarding the plaza, she feels that it is in deplorable condition with the businesses leaving and having open store fronts. Are there any revitalization plans in the future? She was told that there is a committee that was just formed with Mr. Miller, Mr. Mike, Mrs. Ward and Mr. Tyson that she could become a part of. Council welcomes any ideas that she has for the Borough. We have received grants in which we will be starting with the Perry Highway area from Center Avenue. Council has no control as to what goes into the storefronts. Some communities offer tax incentives but at this time the Borough cannot. Ms. Schmidt welcomes the new ordinance regarding the property maintenance. Ms. Schmidt was in front of Council for 7:30.21 minutes.

Emily Baron of 3 Lipp Avenue agrees that the new ordinance regarding the property maintenance is good. With demolition of the Martsolf bridge there is only one set of steps, is there any consideration of adding another set on the other side. Not at this time as on the northern side there is no buffer to walk onto and this would be a safety measure. The Borough will look at the possibility in the future. Ms. Baron was in front of Council for 2:56.51.

Kevin Morales of 811 West View Park Drive is with the World Mission Society Church of God. Wanted to introduce himself and the church. They do community service and would like to participate with the Borough in helping with making it a better place. They are welcome to participate in the community cleanup.

Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

New Business – There was no new Business.

Agenda

1. Council to consider Ordinance #1503. (An ordinance establishing criteria as to the issuance of handicap parking permits within the Borough.) *Motion to read Ordinance #1503 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Ordinance #1503 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered.*
2. Council to consider Resolution #1479. (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for funds with the RAAC in the amount of \$150,000.) *Motion to read Resolution #1479 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve*

Resolution #1479 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.

3. Council to consider Resolution #1480. (A Resolution approving that the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot numbers 217-B-00109 would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality.) (Abutting 67 Park Avenue.) *Motion to read Resolution #1480 was made by Mr. Kircher and Seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1480 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered.*
4. Motion to consider bids for the demolition of the Martsolf Avenue Bridge. The low bidder is LM&R Excavating in the amount of 82,500.00. *Motion to accept the bid for the demolition of the Martsolf Bridge in the amount of \$82,500.00 from LM&R Excavating was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.*
5. Council to accept the bid for the Reconstruction of Mineola Avenue – CD44 for the total amount of \$37,864.00 and direct the NHCOC to award the contract accordingly. *Council to accept the bid for the Reconstruction of Mineola Avenue – CD 44 for the total amount of \$37,864.00 and direct the NHCOC to award the contract accordingly was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.*
6. Council to approve the Public Works contract for the years 2018-2021. *Council to approve the Public Works contract for the years 2019-2021 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approve and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Approved: March 14, 2019

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BY: _____

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer