

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW – REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 2017

Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council held Thursday, February 9, 2017, in Council chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Aguglia, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call was conducted by Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak. Members of Town Council present were: President William F. Aguglia, Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, Members Donald E. Mikec, M. Kimberly Steele, Eugene Borio and Scott V. Miller. Member Robert Schellhaas was absent. Also attending were: J.R. Henry, Mayor, Chief of Police / Secretary / Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary Patricia A. Rapp, Solicitor Michael J. Witherel and Junior Council Member Nick Rossmiller. Engineer Robert Zischkau, Fire Chief Justin Assisi, and Junior Council Member Monica Snyder were absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 12, 2017 made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding for \$150,230.90 made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$428,109.94 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$4,651.37 made by Mr. Miller was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve building fund expenditures for \$8,853.49 made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.

Reports from the Officers – Mayor’s Report – J.R. Henry, Mayor – The Mayor reported the motor vehicle code violations for January 2017 totaled \$2,804.94 and reported on the CONNECT meeting he had attended. Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Report – Chief Bruce A. Fromlak reported the Police statistics for January, with 402 calls responded to in January and reported on the progress of the wall construction at Norwich and Center. The Chief said the Borough has been withholding the final payment to the contractor until the corrections are finalized on the Bridge. Report from the Solicitor Michael J. Witherel – Solicitor Witherel had no report. Vice President Kircher advised on the approximate \$300,000 increase in the payments to vendors this month, as it was the final payment to the contractor for the 2016 Paving Project. Engineer – Robert E. Zischkau was absent and Fire Chief Justin Assisi was absent. Reports from the Committees – Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Vice President Kircher read the finance report for January 2017 as follows: Delinquent Wage tax collection deposits totaled \$50.00 in January. A total of \$41,320.64 was deposited into the Borough’s general fund checking account by Keystone Collections. Our liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$34,425.19 as of January 31st and earned \$9.05 in interest. Our building fund money market account had a balance of \$18,529.40 as of January 31st, earning \$4.87 in interest. Our general fund money market account had a balance of \$283,267.93 as of January 31st, earning \$76.31 in interest. January’s real estate tax collections totaled \$14,469.26. Local service tax collections totaled \$3,188.39 in January, with the Borough receiving \$2,881.82. Business/Mercantile collections totaled \$33,522.59, with the Borough receiving \$16,826.30.

Mr. Borio had no report for Property & Purchasing and there was no Public Works report. There was no Police & Public Safety report, no Budget/Administration report and no Fire & Water report, though Mr. Mikec said he has received many positive comments on the construction of the Norwich wall. M. Kimberly Steele had no report for Public Relations & Recreation. Junior Council Member Nick Rossmiller read the Public Works report, saying the Crew finished 30 work orders in January, removed 3 fallen trees and used 230 tons of salt on the roadways. Nick read the written report from Fire Chief Assisi, which detailed the good condition of the Fire

Department apparatus and reported the Department had responded to 34 calls in January. Chief Assisi had also updated the IOS with the Department.

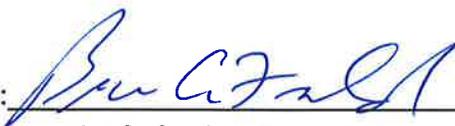
Audience – President Aguglia welcomed any Resident to address Council. Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort questioned Council why the December 2016 minutes were not online, why the Chief had not put out bids for the wall, if the dog park was being considered and could the Martsof bridge be made into a fenced in dog park? Mr. Barr wanted to take shears with him when he walks his dog to cut people’s overhanging branches and reported the overhang on the Borough’s steps behind Betsy Ann Candy. The Mayor advised the legislature has changed regarding raising the threshold for bids/quotes to \$19,600 and Solicitor Witherel added 3 quotes received are satisfactory. The Mayor said the Martsof Bridge is blocked off because it is unsafe and the Borough is pursuing grant money to dismantle the bridge. The Mayor cautioned Mr. Barr it is unwise for him to randomly to cut any Resident’s overgrowth and he should report these matters to the Chief. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 9.44.07 minutes. There was no unfinished business or new business and President Aguglia moved onto the Agenda.

Item #1 – Council to consider authorizing the advertisement for bids for the Borough’s 2017 Paving Program. Motion by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Miller to authorize the bids. Motion was approved and ordered. Announcements – Mr. Kircher questioned the streets being considered for paving in 2017. The Chief said both him and Mr. Assisi had gone over the streets and came up with a tentative list. The Chief read the following streets being considered for paving: Bronx from Highland to Center, Bronx from Center to Princeton, Clairmont from Lansing to Norwich, Mount Vernon from Norwich to Ridgewood, Ridgewood from Richland to Oakwood, Ridgewood from Oakwood to the Bridge, Wellington Drive from Perry Highway to Highland and Amherst Avenue from Kenyon to Cornell. Vice President Kircher said this was an ambitious wish list, which is subject to change.

With no further business to come before Council, President Aguglia thanked everyone for attending tonight’s meeting and requested a Motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED: MARCH 9, 2017

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

BY: 
William F. Aguglia
President of Town Council