

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 13, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, June 13, 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 and Eugene Borio. Also attending were: Mayor J. R. Henry, Chief/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Engineer Robert Zischkau and Michael J. Witherel and Junior Council Member Andrew Bensch. Absent were: Members Robert D. Schellhaas and Scott Miller.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on May 9, 2019 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$99,625.39 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$97,809.86 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$9,672.18 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered.

Chief Fromlak presented Junior Council Member Andrew Bensch with a Certificate of Appreciation and a flag that was flown over the United States Capitol Building for his dedication as Junior Council Member.

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 May totaled \$6,311.28.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that Crime stats for May were 373 calls, 95 traffic citations, 118 traffic enforcement reports, 22 arrests, 10 accident reports and 6 ordinance violations. The speed sign was placed on Mt. Vernon Avenue from May 25 – June 1, with the display off and 1,627 vehicles were recorded with an average speed of 15.33 mph. The display was on from June 1 – June 8 and 1,315 vehicles and the average speed was 15.52 mph. The Borough received a \$50,000 grant from the Community Infrastructure Funding for the Business District Improvements Project. We applied for a Greenways Trails and Recreation Grant from the State for improvements to Farley Park. An advertisement in the Post-Gazette for the position of full-time Public Works employee ran on April 19, 2019. The individuals selected for the positions are Brandon Conley and Joshua Holtgraver contingent upon passing a physical and drug and alcohol screening. A total of 10 people interviewed. Street paving should begin in July. The General Fund line of credit for \$300,000 will be used if needed until the real estate taxes start to come in. Chief Fromlak would like to congratulate David Burns who retired from the Public Works Department.

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

Engineer's report – Robert E. Zischkau – Mr. Zischkau reported that attached in the packets was the GEO technical report for Center Avenue. The report was favorable and concludes that there is no apparent slide, major voids or groundwater conditions contributing to the settlement. The conclusion is that poor fill material is settling with the affected areas. Recommendations include reconstruction of two areas of the existing roadway at a cost of \$50,000 that can be deferred to 2020.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax deposits for May totaled \$88,626.63 and was deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$184,998.36 as of May 31st and earned \$313.71 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,08.98 as of May 31st and earned \$32.40 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$50,301.81 as of May 31st and earned \$92.54 in interest. Real Estate collections for May were \$0.00. Local Service tax collections for May totaled \$11,880.14 with the Borough receiving \$10,678.38. Business/Mercantile for May totaled \$7,064.46 with the Borough receiving \$3,572.24.

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

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

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia thanked Chief Fromlak and the police department for the 3 events that took place, the Memorial Day Parade, the opening of the West View HUB and the Safety Program held at West View Elementary. The officers did a great job.

Budget/Administration – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that on the agenda there is a request for a \$300,000 line of credit for the General Fund. This is to take place of the TAN loan that we used to receive. The line of credit will be used if needed until the real estate taxes are received.

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

Public Relations & Recreation – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele also thanked the Chief and the police for being at the 3 events. The HUB is a wonderful place and the hours are posted. The Safety Program was also a great event, many residents attended and had a good time.

Junior Council – Andrew Bensch reported that The NHSD recently announced the hiring of new high school principals. Kevin McKiernan is the new high school principal, John Lesjack & Hanna Mincemoyer are the new assistant high school principals. Beth Williams was sworn in as the new Assistant Superintendent and Patrick Weber moved to the Athletic Director position. Mr. Bensch thanked Council for the last 2 years as being the Junior Council Member.

AUDIENCE

Toni Reed of 208 Oakwood Avenue addressed Council regarding occupancy of rental properties. There is a rental property at 205 Oakwood Avenue and there are approximately 17 people living in one unit. The garbage is overflowing and causing rats. The Borough Manager will look into an Ordinance regarding Occupancy. She also asked about a handicapped space up the street, she thinks the person does not live there anymore. The Chief said they will look into it. Ms. Reed was in front of Council for 5:15.20 minutes.

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue addressed Council regarding the Borough Code for West View? There is a Borough Code that all Borough's must follow passed by the State. Local Ordinances can be passed by the Borough to dictate local policy. What is the International Code? That is the code regarding property maintenance that is within the Borough Code. Mr. Barr asked why the GEO report was done, it is sinking and wanted to know why. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 10:10.51 minutes.

Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

New Business – There was no new Business.

AGENDA

1. Council to consider opening a General Fund Line of Credit in the amount of \$300,000. *Motion to open a General Fund Line of Credit in the amount of \$300,000 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.*
2. Council to consider Resolution #1483. (A Resolution authorizing the filing of a Greenway, Trails and Recreation Grant in the amount of \$126,225.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the rehabilitation of Farley Park.) *Motion to read Resolution # 1483 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1483 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.*
3. Council to consider Resolution #1484. (A Resolution authorizing the Grant Contract with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County ("RAAC") regarding the \$200,000.00 award for the Business District Revitalization. *Motion to read Resolution # 1484 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1484 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered.*
4. Council to approve appointing the North Hills School District as the Business Privilege/Mercantile Tax Collector. *Motion to appoint the North Hills School District as the Business Privilege/Mercantile Tax Collector was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Aguglia again thanked Mr. Bensch for his dedication to Council and wished him the best.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, Motion to *adjourn* was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Approved: July 11, 2019

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BY: _____

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer