

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW – REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 8, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council held Thursday, March 8, 2012 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Burchell, followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Chief Fromlak conducted Roll Call. Present were: President Ralph R. Burchell, Vice President Barry G. Schell, Member William F. Aguglia, Member John W. Koerts, Member Donald E. Mikec, Member Mary C. Bernhard and Member M. Kimberly Steele. Also present were: J. R. Henry, Mayor, Police Chief Bruce A. Fromlak, Sec./Mgr., Assistant Secretary Patricia A. Rapp, Solicitor Fred E. Baxter, Robert E. Zischkau from Glenn Engineering and Fire Chief George Hollenberger.

President Burchell welcomed everyone to the meeting. *Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on February 9, 2012 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment on general fund expenditures for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$142,193.24 and payments to vendors in the amount of \$159,145.80 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of building fund expenditures in the amount of \$6,745.67 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of liquid fuel fund expenditures in the amount of \$5,212.74 made by Mr. Koerts and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Report from the Mayor – J. R. Henry, Mayor – The Mayor took this time to approach the podium to swear in Timothy Opiela as Fire Police Officer and then swore in Randy Schubert as Fire Police Officer and both were applauded and thanked for their service to the community by President Burchell on Council's behalf. The Mayor said the receipts for February 2012 totaled \$3,965.15. Mayor Henry reported on progress being made on the Borough's emergency response plan, as he is Emergency Management Coordinator. The Mayor, with Chief Fromlak and the Fire Chief and the Chief of EMS, attended a meeting at the County to begin updating the plan. An upcoming draft of the plan is to be presented to Crime Watch in the near future and the Mayor will be looking for volunteers to help with the Borough's emergency management plan.

Report from the Chief of Police / Secretary / Manager – Chief Fromlak reminded everyone about their commitment to CONNECT and advised that through CONNECT, he has been looking into lowering the Borough's electric costs, specifically reducing the street lighting costs by 50%, as well as looking into lowering the Borough's use of natural gas. The Chief said that Officer Pavlecic has become involved in crime prevention, attending crime watch meetings and being active at the school. Both Officer Pavlecic and the Chief read Dr. Seuss books to the children last Friday night to help celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with the Children.

Report from the Solicitor – Fred E. Baxter – Mr. Baxter had no report for Council.

Report from Glenn Engineering – Robert E. Zischkau – Mr. Zischkau said Council will consider Agenda Item #1, which is a Resolution authorizing the filing of paperwork through CTIF grant monies, which is the gaming monies from Allegheny County. They would be considering the \$200,000 through the Redevelopment Authority for the reconstruction of Center Avenue. Mr. Burchell questioned which portion of Center and Mr. Zischkau said the section out by Ross Township.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Finance Report - Mary C. Bernhard - Wage Tax collection Wage Tax collection deposits for February totaled \$134,610.18 and \$6,354.21 was refunded to individuals and municipalities. The Borough's net proceeds were \$64,128.00 and this amount was deposited into the General Fund Checking account. Our Capital Reserve - UDAG Checking Account had a balance of \$28,948.24 as of February 29th. Our Liquid Fuel Checking Account had a balance of \$414.09 as of February 29th. Our Building Fund Money Market Account had a balance of \$180,088.44 as of February 29th and earned \$14.27 in interest. Our General Fund Money Market Account had a balance of \$28,632.58 as of February 29th and earned \$2.27 in interest. Mrs. Bernhard said there were no Real Estate Tax Collections for February.

Property and Purchasing Report – John W. Koerts – Mr. Koerts recommends Council consider the purchase of a 2013 AWD Ford Utility Police Interceptor through the SHACOG's Costar program through Woltz & Wind for the price of \$26,929 as Agenda Item #2.

Public Works Report – Barry G. Schell – Mr. Schell said the Public Works Crew removed three trees and their stumps along Route 19 and leveled the sidewalk. They have been cold patching throughout the Borough and have measured 20 streets and alleys that may be part of the Borough's paving program. The Crew has used 274 tons of road salt to date and have ordered more. They rebuilt the ceiling in the Magistrate Secretary's office and are taking care of snow removal when necessary.

Police and Public Safety Report – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia said West View Officers served a search warrant in Ohio Township and resulted in the recovery of \$3,300 in stolen property. The property was returned to the West View burglary victims and arrests were made in regards to this event. Arrests were made in connection with three burglaries in the 100 and 300 block of Columbia Avenue. Mr. Aguglia said \$400 was recovered and returned to its' rightful owner. A traffic stop for failure to stop at a posted stop sign was made at Brightwood Avenue and State Alley and resulted in arrest of a male for an outstanding warrant.

Budget and Administration Report – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia said Bruce Fromlak and himself, along with representatives of the Police and Public Works met with the Borough's insurance broker regarding the current health care in order to investigate better plans at no additional cost. The current plan expires May 1, 2012 and the broker is investigating different insurance companies and seems well qualified. Mr. Aguglia read the notice for the acceptance of jobs for temporary part time summer help through the Borough and applications can be obtained at the Borough and online. Mr. Burchell said completed applications are to be submitted to the Borough office.

Fire and Water Report – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec said the Fire Department responded to 10 calls during February, averaging 20 minutes and 50 seconds per call, totaling 3 hours 28 minutes and 20 seconds for all calls. Over 200 first responders attended an arson class consisting of companies