

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – March 12, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, March 12, 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 Eugene Borio and Scott Miller. 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, Public Works Coordinator Joseph K. Assisi and Junior Council Member Douglas Bensch. Absent was: Solicitor Michael Witherel.

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

Mayor Henry congratulated Mr. Assisi on his retirement that will take place on May 1, 2020 and thanked him for his 35 years of service in the Public Works Department and 25 years in the Fire Department. Mayor Henry announced that the new Public Works Coordinator will be Richard T. Rapp who has been with the Borough for 25 years.

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 February totaled \$1,968.95.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that bids for the 2020 paving project will be advertised in the Post-Gazette legal section on March 13th and March 20th. There were 14 property maintenance violations. Mr. Buskirk, President Steele and Chief rode through the Borough looking at properties that may be in violation. Borough community cleanup will be on Saturday April 18, 2020 at 9:00 am, no electronics or tires accepted. Decorative light bids will be going out for the Business District Revitalization. We are applying for another GEDF grant with the assistance of the Engineer to include submitting a gray application with Alcosan and the County, like the one at the 300 block of Center Avenue for the 600 block of Center Avenue. The Borough is working with Comcast and Duquesne Light to remove their lines from the partial phone poles in the Borough so they can be removed. We received an Automatic Red-Light Enforcement grant in the amount of \$12,682 to replace the crosswalk signs. We received this with the help of Representative Ravenstahl's office. The police responded to 408 calls, issued 53 traffic citations, 181 traffic enforcement reports, 6 criminal arrests, 8 accident reports and 12 ordinance violations. The speed sign was in the 290 blocks of Perry from 2/24 – 3/2 with a speed limit of 25 mph. There were 40998 cars with an average speed of 22.16 mph.

Solicitor's report – Matthew Kalina – Mr. Kalina had no report.

Engineer's report – John Balewski – Mr. Balewski reported that he is there for any questions regarding the paving project.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax deposits totaled \$89,711.45 in February and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$55,917.59 as of February 29th and earned \$70.69 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,382.40 as of February 29th and earned \$24.50 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,305.74 as of February 29th and earned \$10.50 in interest. Real Estate collections for February were \$328.48. Local Service tax collections for February totaled \$7,253.61 and Business/Mercantile for January totaled \$0.00.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas – Mr. Schellhaas reported that there were 22 work orders, 212 tons of salt used and cold patch to fill potholes.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia reported that all officers have completed the municipal police officer's education training updates for 2020. Officer Pavlecic attended a boy scout safety program and other officers attended the West View Elementary Science Fair.

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.

Military and Veterans Affairs – Scott Miller - Mr. Miller reported that 25 Military Banners have been ordered so far and they will be up by Memorial Day.

Junior Council – Douglas Bensch reported that Lt. Col. Phillip Lenz and Dr. Monica Buchanan have been named the North Hills School District's distinguished alumni for 2020. Nominations for the 2020 sports hall of fame will run until April 1st. Superintendent Mannarino's contract has been extended until June 2021. Charles Bossong has been named the new District Chief of Police. Students in 5th, 8th and 11th grade took part in a Pennsylvania School Climate Survey. The spring musical "Catch Me If You Can" will be on March 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28th, a matinee will be on March 22nd. The "Dangers of Vaping" townhall meeting has been postponed. The administration of the SAT at North Hills is postponed to March 28th. The District is following the precautions of the CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Allegheny County Health Department in response to the Coronavirus.

AUDIENCE

Hannah Stanley of 116 Riveria Drive addressed Council regarding a sidewalk on Highland Avenue on the side of the new housing plan. She is asking for the Borough's support in putting in a sidewalk so that people can cross Highland Avenue onto the West View side. Mayor Henry reported that this must be addressed with the contractor and Ross Township before West View can get involved. Ms. Stanley was in front of Council for 10:41:49 minutes.

April Brower of Gerber Terrace was there for support of the above-mentioned sidewalks.

David Tyson of 122 Rochester Road addressed Council regarding the Coronavirus and was told that this will be addressed later in the meeting.

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue addressed Council regarding the walkways in West View and if there can be litigation with them. What are the Military Banners that were mentioned, they are the same as in other municipalities? What are the poles that the manager was talking about? They are the poles that have been replaced with new ones and there are ones that are still partially there that need to be removed. He mentioned that the minutes from the special meeting in January was not able to download them. We will investigate this problem.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on February 13, 2020 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$169,503.23 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$138,389.86 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$26,805.72 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$7,364.87 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered.

Agenda

1. Council to consider the approval of up to \$285,000 for the 2020 Paving Program. *Motion to approve up to \$285,000 for the 2020 Paving Project was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Henry reported on the epidemic of the Coronavirus. We are watching this at local, state and federal levels. The Chief has been distributing material to the Borough workers to keep all safe. Meetings have been done with the school district and Ross Township to coordinated emergency management services. In West View there are no large gatherings at this time that need to be addressed. The concerns are real, and everyone is asked to follow the recommendations of the CDC and Health Department and work together. Mr. Tyson asked if hospitals would notify the Municipalities of anyone has the virus. The answer is no because of the privacy notice. The hospitals do notify the health department of positive cases but not specifics.

Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished Business.

New Business – There was no new Business.

ADJOURNMENT

President Steele thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

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 7:50 pm.

Approved: April 9, 2020

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BY: _____

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer