

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, January 10, 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, Robert D. Schellhaas, 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.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on December 13, 2018 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$174,384.18 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$129,029.85 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$4,761.17 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$30,040.95 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.

Mayor Henry and President Aguglia presented Mr. & Mrs. DiPietro a Plaque of Recognition for supporting the community for 40 years with their restaurant DiPietro's. Thanks to the DiPietro's for their dedication over the 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 December totaled \$4,950.50.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that or the year 2018 there were 4332 police calls, 154 arrests, 689 citations and 60 abandoned vehicles. He received quotations from the plumber for the back-flow valves for Rochester Road. The Resolution on tonight's agenda regarding the agreement with PENNDOT is for maintenance to the State ADA crosswalks at Jamaica, Montclair and Bronx Avenues off Highland Avenue. We can piggyback with them for \$4000.00.

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

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

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Delinquent Wage tax deposits totaled \$0.00 in December and \$98,893.16 was deposited into the Borough’s General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$32,173.56 as of December 31st and earned \$196.82 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$18,982.80 as of December 31st and earned \$32.16 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$141,750.19 as of December 31st and earned \$193.86 in interest. Real Estate collections for December were \$23,108.64. There were no Local Service tax collections or Business/Mercantile in December.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas – Mr. Schellhaas reported that there were 10 work orders, patching of potholes and they were picking up leaves.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia had no report.

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

Fire & Water – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec reported that the fire department responded to 29 calls in December and that all the buildings and apparatus are in working order.

Public Relations & Recreation – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele had no report.

Junior Council – Andrew Bensch reported that the students will have off Monday the 14th and Monday the 21st. At the upcoming Board of Education Work Session and Legislative meeting on January 24th, NHSD Superintendent Dr. Patrick Mannarino will present a report and analysis on potentially moving grade 6 to the NH Middle School in the 2020-21 school year. NH families are encouraged to schedule Kindergarten registration appointments now for the 2019-20 school year. Registration will be held on February 18th from 8 AM to 3:45 PM in all elementary buildings. This year you can also do online registration. Students must be 5 years old before August 1st to be enrolled.

AUDIENCE

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue addressed Council regarding if the November minutes were on our website, yes, they are. He asked who was sent the notice regarding the Martsolf Bridge public meeting. Chief Fromlak replied that there were 148 notices sent out to that area and that it was advertised in the paper. It was also on our website. He asked if special meetings were posted on the website and was told that we try and get them on there, but it is only required to be in the paper. Mr. Barr was in front of council for 2:38.22 minutes.

Ruth Ward of 235 Montclair Avenue addressed Council stating that in 2010 she participated on a committee to look at Community Improvements, they had 4 meetings that went nowhere, there were

Master student from Carnegie Mellon sit in on the meetings in which she did a walking/driving tour of West View with one of the students. She attended their presentation at Carnegie Mellon. She stated the first phase would be the West View shopping center and nothing happened. She would like to know who does what to bring business in to the Borough. In the April minutes it stated we are looking into improvements to the business district, who is doing this and what is happening? She feels that West View could be a go to place. Is there a Chamber of Commerce? Who's doing the newsletter for the Borough? She never knew of the shredding event at the fall clean up. She did not get the newsletter that went out. Why don't we get the North Journal? She is saddened that we are losing businesses and having businesses such as a tattoo parlor and the Neiked mannequin across from the Elementary school. She feels this could be a young growing community. Mayor Henry replied that the North Journal is a private publication and we have no ability to change that. The shredding event was in the newsletter along with other events and the shredding event was hosted by Adam Ravenstahl. Our website is a wealth of information and is our go to place. There is no Chamber of Commerce due to lack of interest with the businesses. Beth Schellhaas and Debbie from West View Savings have formed the Community Connection which is like the Chamber. They work with Ms. Steele on events. West View received money from the Highland Estates to upgrade the intersection at Perry and Highland. She feels that if we had a desirable retail area that the residents of the Highland Estates would patronize our stores, therefore bring business into West View. Many communities attract new businesses by offering them a tax break, if we were to do that it would not be fair to our existing businesses who have been her a long time. The Borough can't open a business, it must be a private investor. Many businesses are going out of business due to online shopping. We received a \$200,000 grant that we are going to start at Center Avenue and put up new lights, new sidewalks and new benches as a start and hope to get more money each year to revitalize the business district. Council will try and put together a committee within the next 30 days and invite any residents who would like to be on it to research this. Areas like Mt. Nebo point take away from West View because you can go there and do various shopping at different stores. Most businesses are looking for financial exempts and in West View it is not feasible. Mrs. Ward was in front of Council for 18:31.65 minutes.

David Tyson of 122 Rochester Road stated he is willing to join the revitalization committee as he has been looking into the history of West View. He feels the website may be stronger working with social media in which he was told that we are on social media. He wanted to thank Mr. Fromlak and Council for taking care of the Rochester Road problems. Mr. Tyson was in front of Council for 1:42.06.

Unfinished Business – There will be a public meeting on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:30 PM regarding the Martsolf Bridge.

New Business – There was no new Business.

Agenda

1. Council to re-appoint J.R. Henry to the West View Water Authority Board for a 5-year term through 12/31/2023. *Motion to re-appoint J.R. Henry to the West View Water Authority Board for a 5-year term was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*
2. Council to re-appoint Sue Patterson to the Recreation Board for a 5-year term through 12/31/2023. *Motion to re-appoint Sue Patterson to the Recreation Board for a 5-year term through 12/31/2023 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.*

3. Council to re-appoint Daniel Dannenmueller to the Vacancy Board for a 1-year term through 12/31/2019. *Motion to re-appoint Daniel Dannenmueller to the Vacancy Board for a 1-year term through 12/31/2019 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.*
4. Council to re-appoint Gary Punzak to the Ross/West View Emergency Services Authority for a 5-year term through 12/31/2023. *Motion to re-appoint Gary Punzak to the Ross/West View Emergency Services Authority for a 5-year term through 12/31/2023 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Vice-President Kircher abstained. Motion approved and ordered.*
5. Council to re-appoint William F. Aguglia to the Three Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Program for a 2-year term through 12/31/2020. *Motion to re-appoint William F. Aguglia to the Three Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Program for a 2-year term through 12/31/2020 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Ms. Steele. President Aguglia abstained. Motion approved and ordered.*
6. Council to re-appoint Bruce A. Fromlak to the Three Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Program for a 2-year term through 12/31/2020. *Motion to re-appoint Bruce A. Fromlak to the Three Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Program for a 2-year term through 12/31/2020 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*
7. Council to consider Resolution #1478. (A Resolution authorizing the execution of a reimbursement and maintenance agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation and the Borough of West View. *Motion to read Resolution #1478 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1478 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved 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 7:46 pm.

Approved: February 14, 2019

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BY: _____

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer