

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW  
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 10, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, October 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 Donald Mikec, Scott Miller, M. Kimberly Steele and Robert D Schellhaas. Also attending were: Mayor J.R. Henry, Chief/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Engineer Robert E. Zischkau and Solicitor Michael J. Witherel. Absent was Member Eugene Borio.

*Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on September 12, 2019 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$177,468.84 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$246,126.91 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel in the amount of \$4,788.86 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$7,621.95 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.*

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report – J.R. Henry, Mayor – Mayor Henry reported the total motor vehicle code violation receipts for the month of September totaled \$5,285.30.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that the paving has been completed with the exception of the sealing of the roadways which is expected to take place next week. We were awarded a grant through the North Hills COG for \$20,000 for the demolition of 87 Ridgewood Avenue. We were awarded funding through the North Hills COG for \$24,523.00 for the rehabilitation and paving of Homekort Avenue, this was bid through the cog and awarded to Folino Construction and should be completed by the end of October. On the agenda we are requesting permission to apply for a grant for the resurfacing of Fordham Avenue. We were awarded a grant for \$100,000.00 for rehabilitation of John Farley Park. Halloween is approaching and please be aware of your speed and attention to our residents especially on Halloween between the hours of 6pm to 8pm. The speed sign was placed on the 400 block of Perry Highway in the school zone going from August 31 – September 6 north bound, posted speed is 25 mph unless in school zone which is 15 mph and 18,813 vehicles were recorded with an average speed of 20.53 mph. There were 334 calls for service, 44 traffic citations issued, 103 traffic enforcement reports, 5 criminal arrests, 2 accident reports and 3 ordinance violations in September.

Solicitor's report – Michael J. Witherel – Mr. Witherel reported that the demolition the Chief Fromlak reported on has had the title work completed and are ready to advertise and be directed to you next month.

Engineer's report – Robert E. Zischkau – Mr. Zischkau reported that the Homekort project is scheduled to proceed October 21, 2019 with a deadline of November 15, 2019. The bid is ready to go for the demolition of 87 Ridgewood Avenue, the County is now doing all of the asbestos surveys for the area and the bid can't go out until the asbestos survey is included in the bid.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax deposits for September totaled \$98,918.26 and was deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$105,719.65 as of September 30th and earned \$179.27 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,237.05 as of September 30th and earned \$30.62 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$29,622.60 as of September 30th and earned \$64.55 in interest. Real Estate collections for August were \$353,824.07. Local Service tax collections for September totaled \$0.00. Business/Mercantile collections for August totaled \$11,659.26.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas – Mr. Schellhaas reported that there were 21 work orders completed, 2 storm sewers repaired, and crews are getting ready for leaf collection to start.

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

Budget/Administration – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that the budget committee is working on the 2020 budget and should have a draft budget to present to Council in November.

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

Public Relations & Recreation – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele reported the recreation committee will be packing bags on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm upstairs where Council chambers are. The parade is on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm at Highland and Perry Highway.

Junior Council – Douglas Bensch – Mr. Bensch reported that Homecoming football game was held on September 27<sup>th</sup> and Chloe Wiseman was announced Homecoming Queen, with Avery Peet as first runner-up and Katie Swab as second runner-up. The North Hills School Board approved a plan to implement Flexible Instruction Days that will be used when school is canceled due to weather conditions. On these days' students must login electronically to a device and complete assignments therefore these days will count as a regular school day. The annual Fall Collage Concert will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup> with various band and choral groups participating. The North Hills Wind Ensemble will perform at the 2020 Music for All

Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana. Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro was at NHHS on September 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Safe2Say program where students across the Commonwealth have the opportunity to report concerns regarding safety, well-being, etc. to school administrators. The trunk-or-treat and car cruise at the hilltop will be on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 2pm. This is in memory of Jake Wudarczyk who passed away in December 2016 from brain cancer. Safe Kids' Walk to school day was celebrated at West View Elementary on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event was attended by representatives from Safe kids Worldwide, employees from FedEx, West View crossing guards, North Hills security and the West View Police. A discussion with the community was followed in the auditorium, hosted by Officer Matt Pavlecic. The High School Drama Club will present Clue: On Stage as its annual fall play from November 8<sup>th</sup> through November 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be on sale starting October 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### AUDIENCE

Toni Reed of 208 Oakwood Avenue addressed Council regarding the Occupancy Ordinance that was mentioned at the May meeting as to whether one was created. Chief Fromlak replied that the Quality of Life Ordinance covers occupancy but will look into registering rental properties and the occupants. Ms. Reed asked if flashing lights could be placed on the stop signs at Oakwood and Center as cars go through the stop sign and this is a busy intersection and there are many kids there. Chief Fromlak replied that they will have an officer at the intersection to check on the problem in the evenings after 5pm. Ms. Reed was in front of Council for 4:25.36 minutes

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue addressed Council asked if there was a code regarding speed and writing tickets. Chief replied you can't write a ticket unless they are going over 10 mph over the posted speed limit. If on interstate a trooper can fine you for going 6 over the speed limit as they are allowed to use radar. Mr. Barr asked if people are cited for littering in the Borough, Chief replied yes, if someone is seen littering, they will be cited. Does West View have an adopt the highway program? There are programs but not specifically in West View. On the agenda #4 & #5 what structures are being demoed? None at this time but we will have the resolution in place when needed. Agenda #1, what is the disposition of records? This allows the Borough to destroy documents that are no longer required to be kept. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 6:29.22 minutes.

Lynn Hogan Webster of 97 Beechmont Avenue addressed Council regarding who on Council resides on the Beechmont side of the Borough. The Mayor lives on Ridgewood. She intends to landscape between Ridgewood and Oakwood on Center Avenue and has started this project. She paid someone to pick up the brush and garbage. Chief Fromlak replied that the Borough can't pick up the dumpster bags. If she puts the garbage in garbage bags on the side of the road on the day of community cleanup, the Borough will pick them up. No electronics or tires. The newsletter was excellent and found the information helpful. If the Borough cites a property owner and they don't clean it up and are cited, will the Borough use their new equipment to clean it up? She feels that her side of the Borough needs a recreation center for the kids. There is nothing for the kids in the area. Center Avenue Slice offered to use the basement of their business for a fee and maybe put a basketball hoop up. She went to the State Representative to get a grant to help with this. Farley Park is not close to her area. The Mayor addressed Ms. Webster's concerns. He asked that she does not use her own money for cleanup, call the Borough Manager with her concerns.

The Borough can't use equipment to cleanup personal property but call the manager with the concern. As for a recreation center, there is no land near her to put a park. The Borough can't authorize using personal property for recreation due to liability. Ms. Webster was in front of Council for 9:41.53 minutes.

Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

New Business – There was no new business.

#### AGENDA

1. Council to consider Resolution #1485. (A Resolution declaring its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records.) *Motion to read Resolution #1485 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1485 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*
2. Council to consider Resolution #1486. (A Resolution authorizing the distribution of the Foreign Fire and Casualty Premium Taxes.) *Motion to read Resolution #1486 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1486 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.*
3. Council to consider Resolution #1487. (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG Funds with Allegheny County Economic Development for the resurfacing of Fordham Avenue.) *Motion to read Resolution #1487 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1487 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.*
4. Council to consider Resolution #1488. (A Resolution authorizing the Borough to obtain funds to aid in the demolition of vacant and dilapidated structures that have been deemed to constitute a health and safety hazard. *Motion to read Resolution #1488 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1488 was made by Mr. Mikec and Seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.*
5. Council to consider Resolution #1489. (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG Funds with Allegheny County Economic Development for demolition of a Residential Structure. *Motion to read Resolution #1489 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1489 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.*
6. Council to appoint Sharon Assis to the Recreation Board for a 5-year term through 10/31/24. *Motion to appoint Sharon Assisi to the Recreation Board for a 5-year term through 10/31/24 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A reminder that the Community cleanup will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 9am to 12pm. President Aguglia thanked everyone for attending.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, Motion *to adjourn was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Approved: November 14, 2019

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BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer