

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 11, 2018

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, October 11, 2018 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Police Chief/Borough Manager Bruce A. Fromlak conducted roll call. Members of Council present were: President William F. Aguglia, Vice-President Bryan S. Kircher, Member Donald E. Mikec, Member Eugene Borio, and Member M. Kimberly Steele. Also in attendance were: Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Mayor J.R. Henry, Solicitor Michael J. Witherel and Robert Zischkau from Glenn Engineering. Member Scott Miller, Member Robert D. Schellhaas and Fire Chief Justin Assisi were absent.

President Aguglia presented Mayor J.R. Henry with the Board of Directors Award which is given to promote interest in Local Government and to recognize faithful and effective service by Mayors, Council Members, Secretaries, Managers and Treasurers whom have completed 30 or more years of service.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the special meeting of Town council on September 13, 2018 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on September 13, 2018 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$157,824.41 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$447,248.21 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$4,762.16 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$9,837.36 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered.

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 September totaled \$5,138.82.

Chief of Police\Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that Mr. Zischkau and himself spoke with the property owners of 110 – 124 Rochester Road regarding the backflow and sewer line issues and solutions. Spoke with Mr. Hartman of Hartman Plumbing to help with the solution. The Magnolia Avenue storm sewer project is scheduled to begin shortly. Magnolia Avenue is also on the 2019 paving list. There were no bids regarding the Mineola Avenue paving project for this year. The Police contract negotiations along with the Public Works contract negotiations are moving along in a positive directions, they should be finalized within the next couple weeks. The first newsletter went out this week, this is the first in many years and hopes that this will answer many questions regarding the Borough that occur on a daily basis. We hope to publish a Spring/Summer edition early next year. We accept any input from anyone for the next newsletter. The month of September had 387 calls for service, 66 traffic citations

issued, 97 traffic enforcement reports, 12 criminal arrests, 17 accident reports and 2 ordinance violations. All officers completed their firearms training this week. The speed sign has been mounted on Highland Avenue near Mineola Avenue from September 30th through October 3rd with 21,035 traveled the area, the speed posted is 30 mph. The display was off at that time. The average speed with it off was 31.14 mph however there was one vehicle that traveled 68 mph. From October 4th through October 7th the display was on 17,754 traveled the area with an average speed of 30.54 mph. The sign is currently monitoring east bound traffic on Highland Avenue by Oakmont Drive. Detective Ganster will be attending a week long leadership conference in Buffalo, NY held by the FBI. Our current Civil Service Eligibility list has expired in 2016 and recommends and request that Council consider the testing process in order to establish a current Civil Service list for the hiring of a police officer in the future. No solicitation permit is required for Religious groups or Political groups.

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

Engineer's report – Robert E. Zischkau reported that the Magnolia project will hopefully begin next week, he asked that the contractor make this a priority. The Mineola project CD 44 was bid late due to changes in the Community Development process, therefore we did not receive any bids. He suggests for Mineola that we put it out for bid no later than February and then when the paving project is bid in March or April they can be combined. We should also do the CD 45 for Homekort in 2019. We did not receive the PENNDOT Multimode Transportation grant for the Business District. We did get GEBF funding for the match. There are two additional grants we can apply for in early to mid-November. Mayor Henry suggested that Mr. Zischkau meet with the solicitor regarding the small paving projects.

Fire Chief's report – Justin Assisi – Mr. Assisi was absent and there was no report.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Delinquent Wage tax deposits totaled \$371.11 in September and \$103,302.45 was deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$177,595.74 as of September 30th and earned \$122.53 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$43,838.51 as of September 30th and earned \$30.25 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$155,458.69 as of September 30th and earned \$107.26 in interest. Real Estate collections for September were \$483,045.58. Local Service tax collections totaled \$644.16, with the Borough receiving \$582.23 for September. Business/Mercantile collection totaled \$2,126.84, with the Borough receiving \$1,063.43 for September.

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

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

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

Budget/Administration – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that the committee is to working on the 2019 budget.

Fire & Water – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec reported that the fire department responded to 34 calls in September. All stations and apparatus are in working order. On October 27th they will be holding a purse bash, tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at any of the fire stations.

Public Relations & Recreation – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele thanked everyone who participated in the Community Safety Day, it was a nice event. Ms. Steele reported that the fall cleanup will be on October 20, 2018 and they will also have a free shredding program at the cleanup. The Halloween parade will be on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 7 p.m. They will be packing the goodie bags on October 25, 2018 and all are welcome to come and help from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Junior Council – Andrew Bensch – Mr. Bensch reported that the NH Homecoming football game is Friday, October 12, 2018 at Martorelli Stadium. The Homecoming dance will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 7-10 in the middle school gym. The third annual Monster Dash 5k will be held on October 27th at North Park Boathouse. Check-in starts at 8:30 am., registration is \$20 for ages 8 and over and \$10 under 8. All proceeds go to the local Make-A-Wish and Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation. NH middle school history teacher Mr. Welch has been selected as the 2018 National History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. He was honored at a ceremony at the Yale Club in NYC and presented with an award and \$10,000 prize.

AUDIENCE

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort addressed Council asked if the minutes from August were online, we will check and get them on if not. Was the Special meeting in September advertised? Chief Fromlak replied that it was in the Post-Gazette and also posted in the lobby of the Borough building. The flyer passed around about the storm sewers, it is regarding the storm sewer water management. Are the sewers in West View connected to the combined system or separate storm sewer? We have both, the newer areas such as Cross Creek, Hidden Valley, West View Park Drive, and areas of Hawthorne, Lansing and Clairmont area are separated. Agenda #3 is that to get funds for structures that need demolished? It is related to agenda #4. Mr. Barr was in front of council for 4:48 minutes.

Betty Jane Abersold Faett of 215 Oakwood Avenue is concerned regarding the people on Magnolia that are removing trees behind her residence. Keating Avenue which is behind her house is a paper alley and she would like to know if this will ever be paved and opened. She has no access to the rear of her house. It is not the Borough that is removing the trees but the property owner. The Borough is fixing the sewer on Magnolia. We have no plans to do anything to Keating Avenue. She was instructed to call 911 with concerns with the neighbor’s dog running loose.

Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

New Business – There was no new Business.

Agenda

1. Council to consider Resolution #1472. (A Resolution authorizing the distribution of the Foreign Fire and Casualty premium taxes pursuant to the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act) (Act 205 of 1984). *Motion to read Resolution #1472 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1472 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*
2. Council to consider Resolution #1473. (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG Funds with Allegheny County Economic Development in the amount of \$27,000 for the resurfacing of Homekort Avenue). *Motion to read Resolution #1473 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1473 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered.*
3. Council to consider Resolution #1474. (A Resolution authorizing the Borough to obtain funds from Allegheny County Department of Economic Development to aid in the demolition of vacant and dilapidated structures for current and future projects.) *Motion to read Resolution #1474 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1474 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered.*
4. Council to consider Resolution #1475. (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG Funds with Allegheny County Economic Development in the amount of \$20,000 for the demolition of 87 Ridgewood Avenue.) *Motion to read Resolution #1475 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1475 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*
5. Council to consider Martsolf Avenue Bridge Options and Recommendations. *Motion to get bids to demolish the Martsolf Avenue Bridge (phase 1) was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*
6. Council to consider appointing Cathy A. Mann to the Recreation Board for a 5 year term through September 30, 2023. *Council to appoint Cathy A. Mann to the Recreation Board for a 5 year term through September 30, 2023 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*
7. Council to consider re-appointing Jose Martinez to the Recreation Board for a 5 year term through September 30, 2023. *Council to re-appoint Jose Martinez to the Recreation Board for a 5 year term through September 30, 2023 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements.

Mayor Henry wanted to thank Mr. Ravenstahl for obtaining a \$200,000 grant for the Business District. Mayor Henry would also like to thank Council for the recognition of the Board of Director's Award.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Approved: November 8, 2018

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BY: _____

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer