

## BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW – REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of Thursday, September 13, 2012 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The meeting was called to order by President Burchell at 7:00 pm, followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Burchell welcomed everyone and Chief Fromlak conducted roll call. Members of Council present were: President Ralph R. Burchell, Vice President Barry G. Schell, William F. Aguglia, John W. Koerts, Donald Mikec, Mary C. Bernhard and M. Kimberly Steele. Also attending were: Mayor, J.R. Henry, Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Solicitor Fred E. Baxter, Robert E. Zischkau from Glenn Engineering and Fire Chief George Hollenberger. Assistant Secretary Patricia A. Rapp was absent.

*Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on August 9, 2012 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of general fund expenditures for net pay and payroll withholding for \$117,206.61 and payments to vendors for \$ 136,950.79 was made by Mr. Koerts and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of building fund expenditures for \$19,653.00 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$5,226.34 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered.*

### REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report – J.R. Henry – Mayor said the receipts for motor vehicle code violations were \$ 4,911.50.

Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Mr. Fromlak reported that he received the Actuary reports regarding the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Uniform and Non-Uniform Pension plans and they were given to council to review.

Solicitor Report – Fred E. Baxter – Mr. Baxter had no report.

Engineer Report – Robert E. Zischkau – Mr. Zischkau had no report.

Fire Chief Report – George Hollenberger – Mr. Hollenberger reported that the fire department will have a basic rope training class along with Ross/West View EMSA. He also reported that the fire department will be doing a walk thru at Betsy Ann Candies on Monday September 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report – Mary C. Bernhard – Mrs. Bernhard reported wage tax collection deposits for August totaled \$24,906.02 and \$523.44 was refunded to individuals and municipalities. The Borough's net proceeds were \$12,191.29 and this amount was deposited into the General Fund Checking account, along with \$50,448.32 from Keystone Collections. Our Capital Reserve – UDAG

checking account had a balance of \$28,948.24 as of August 31. Our Liquid Fuel Checking Account had a balance of \$127,796.99 as of August 31<sup>st</sup>. Our Building Fund Money Market Account had a balance of \$180,175.99 as of August 31<sup>st</sup> and earned \$15.26 in interest. Our General Fund Money Market Account had a balance of \$548,665.95 as of August 31<sup>st</sup> and earned \$6.23 in interest. Real Estate Tax collections deposited totaled \$495,439.60 during the month of August.

Property and Purchasing Report – John W. Koerts – Mr. Koerts had no report.

Public Works Report – Barry G. Schell – Mr. Schell reported that the Public Works department has been trimming the trees along the highway, filling potholes, tarring cracks in the streets, cutting grass and fixing the lights in the Borough. Mr. Schell stated he had 2 items that he would like to be considered at next months meeting. They are the purchasing of cameras for the police cars and the maintenance of the LED lights in the Borough which would be done over a 3 ½ year period. Mr. Schell also stated that the salt bin needs rebuilt and he will bring that item up under the agenda.

Police and Public Safety Report – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia reported that our police officers have been attending various classes such as Underage age drinking laws, safety training on making arrests. He stated that Officer Pavlecic attended a Crime Prevention class and that all officers will attend an Incident command training course. All these courses were free of charge to the Borough.

Budget/Administration Report – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia had no report.

Fire and Water Report – Donald E. Mikec - Mr. Mikec reported that there were 18 fire incident calls in August for a total of 9 hours 28 minutes and 3 seconds.

Public Relations Report – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec had no report.

Recreation Report – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele reported that the committee is now working on the Halloween parade that will held on Monday October 29, 2012. Any help from the residents is welcomed. The next crime watch meeting will be held on October 8, 2012.

## AUDIENCE

Mr. Dave Urban from 60 Lakewood Avenue addressed Council regarding the 2011 Audit report, he asked if there were any negative findings in the audit? Mr. Burchell replied that we received a clean audit with no problems. Mr. Urban asked about the senior bus and how many people are using it, Mr. Fromlak replied that it is anywhere from 8 to 15 so far but will get better count next run. He also asked how much it costs and Mr. Fromlak stated that it was \$210.00 a week. Mr. Urban was in front of Council for 2 minutes 30 seconds.

Mr. Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort Avenue stated that the Crime Watch meeting was the same night as the NH School board meeting and that someone from West View should attend the school board meeting as we have no one on the board. He also stated that people are speeding on the Rite-Aid side of Chalfonte and that this should be watched. Chief Fromlak stated he would have the police watch this area. Mr. Barr asked about the new police SUV, when was this approved in which Chief

Fromlak stated that it was approved last year and is only getting all the equipment on it now. Mr. Barr asked about the Mayor's report and where is this money from, in which Mayor Henry replied it was from motor vehicle violations. Mr. Barr stated that we should all write to our Senators regarding Bill 202 – Audit the Federal Reserve and support it. Mr. Bar was in front of Council for 6 minutes and 36 seconds.

Ms. Heather Pinkerton from 12 Columbia Avenue asked about the OPT(LST) amending it to \$52.00, the Mercantile//Business Privilege taxes, how the Act 32 is going and can the audience see a council packet before the meeting. Mr. Burchell replied that the Borough had not raised the LST tax when everyone else did and that as of 2013 we will raise it from \$10.00 to \$52.00. He stated that The Borough will now collect the BP/Mercantile taxes due to Central Tax not fulfilling their duties to collect for us. She asked if we were staffed and he stated yes. Mr. Burchell stated that the Act 32 (wage tax) collections are right on track and doing well. Mr. Burchell stated that there really isn't anything in the packet that is not on the agenda for the audience to see. Ms. Pinkerton was in front of council for 4 minutes and 29 seconds.

Darin Janeczko from 100 Jamaica Avenue wanted to thank Mr. Fromlak for taking care of the problem he was having in his back alley. Mr. Janeczko was in front of Council for 21 seconds.

Mr. Urban asked if he could re-approach council. He stated that raising the LST to \$52.00 would be a hardship for those part timers who work at Giant Eagle, McDonalds etc. and Mr. Burchell explained that all other municipalities raised theirs years ago and that if you make under \$12,000.00 a year you can get a refund. Mr. Urban was in front of Council for 2 minutes and 18 seconds.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

#### AGENDA

1. Council to consider approving the 2011 Audit prepared by Reddinger, Will, Gallagher and Dickert, LLC. *Motion to approve the 2011 Audit was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.*
2. Council to consider a proposal received from A.A. Scholze & Company, Inc. for a new roof for firehall #2 on 14 Amherst Avenue for the total amount of \$4,885.00. *Motion to approve the bid in the amount of \$4,885.00 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.*
3. Council to consider Ordinance #1467 (regarding blighted properties.) *Motion to read Ordinance #1467( title only) was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion*

*to approved Ordinance #1467 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

4. Council to consider Ordinance #1468 (regarding amending occupational privilege tax.) *Motion to read Ordinance #1468 (title only) was made by Mr. Aguglia and Ms. Steele. Motion to approve Ordinance #1468 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*
5. Council to consider The Borough of West View taking over the collection of the LST tax, Business Privilege Tax and the Mercantile Tax as of September 14, 2012. *Motion to have the Borough of West View take over the LST, Business Privilege and Mercantile Taxes as of September 14, 2012 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion approved and ordered.*
6. Council to consider Cohen Law Group in conjunction with the North Hills Council of Governments to conduct an audit of our franchise fees with Comcast and Verizon. *Motion to have Cohen Law Group conduct an audit of our franchise fees with Comcast and Verizon was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*
7. Council to consider a proposal for the purchase of a salt storage building (phase 1). *Motion to approve the purchase of a salt storage building phase 1 was made by Mr. Koerts and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion approved and ordered.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Burchell stated that it was Mr. Baxter's birthday and wished him a Happy Birthday.

*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.*

Approved: October 11, 2012

Borough of West View

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce A. Fromlak  
Police Chief/Secretary/Manager

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ralph R. Burchell  
President of Town Council