

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, August 8, 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 and Eugene Borio. Also attending were: Chief/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Engineer Robert E. Zischkau and Solicitor Michael J. Witherel. Member Scott Miller attended via phone. Absent were Members M. Kimberly Steele, Robert D. Schellhaas and Mayor J.R. Henry.

President Aguglia swore in the new Junior Council Member Douglas Bensch and welcomed him to Council.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on August 8, 2019 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$156,930.76 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$161,163.16 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel in the amount of \$8,058.86 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$30,697.77 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report – J.R. Henry, Mayor – Mayor Henry was absent, and Mr. Mikec read his report with the total motor vehicle code violation receipts for the month of August totaled \$3,182.22.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that there were 394 calls for service, 86 traffic citations issued, 129 traffic enforcement reports, 8 criminal arrests, 10 accident reports and 9 ordinance violations in August. The speed sign was placed on the 400 block of Perry Highway from August 21 – August 27 north bound, posted speed is 25 mph unless in school zone which is 15 mph and 22,439 vehicles were recorded with an average speed of 21.31 mph. The paving started on September 11th and hopefully the weather will cooperate.

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

Engineer's report – Robert E. Zischkau – Mr. Zischkau reported that the paving has started and expects that most work should be done by next week.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax deposits for August totaled \$90,714.18 and was deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$105,540.38 as of August 30th and earned \$173.21 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,04.43 as of August 30th and earned \$31.52 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$40,936.05 as of August 30th and earned \$67.18 in interest. Real Estate collections for August were \$353,824.07. Local Service tax collections for August totaled \$8,133.32. Business/Mercantile collections for July totaled \$4,156.92.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas – Mr. Schellhaas was absent, and Mr. Borio read his report, he reported that there were 27 work orders completed, 8 storm sewers repaired, 41 storm sewers were cleaned by State Pipe.

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

Budget/Administration – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that he met with Chief Fromlak to start the budget process for the November meeting.

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

Public Relations & Recreation – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele was absent and Chief Fromlak reported that there is Community Safety Day on October 5th in the West View Plaza. Halloween parade is Monday, October 28th at 7 pm. Community Cleanup will be on Saturday, October 19th from 9am until 12pm behind the VFW on Center Avenue. The dumpsters will be in the parking lot beside the Borough Building. Also, the shredding truck will be there also on Center Avenue between 9am until 11 am. The fall newsletter will be mailed out on September 30th.

Junior Council – Douglas Bensch – Mr. Bensch reported that all North Hills schools returned back to school on August 21, 2019. He reported that the district has undergone various administrative changes. All cafeterias will now use environmental-friendly compostable trays and straws for lunches. The district plans on moving the sixth grades to the middle school starting next school year, 2020-2021. North Hills Middle school teacher Joseph Welch has been named 2019 AMLE Educator of the year and will attend the annual AMLE conference in Nashville, Tennessee in November to receive his award. The 59th Annual Band Festival will take place on September 14, 2019. North Hills Homecoming court and football game will take place on September 27, 2019 with the homecoming dance to be held on September 28, 2019.

AUDIENCE

Lynn Hogan Webster of 97 Beechmont Avenue addressed Council thanking the Borough for paving State Alley. She has been working with Joe Assisi on making the area on Center Avenue between Ridgewood and Oakwood by landscaping and making it beautiful. She is on the fundraising committee for the West View HUB and is looking into grants and is working with State Representative and Senators. She runs the Pittsburgh Senior News. Public works is doing a great job and would like to see if the Borough could get a grant to help with the public works department to do cleanup and weed whacking throughout the Borough. Are the Council members elected by district? Vice-president Kircher replied that you don't vote per district but for the overall Borough. He also stated that the budget committee is looking into more equipment to help with the cleanup. Ms. Webster was in front of Council for 3:29.13minutes.

Alicia Frost of 239 Montclair Avenue addressed Council regarding adding a splash pad to the Glenmore Park. Richland Township received a \$100,000 grant to put one in and it has drawn many people to their community, and she feels that putting one in our community would do the same. Ms. Frost was in front of Council for :52.95 seconds.

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue addressed Council asking Vice-President Kircher who he meets with regarding the budget. Mr. Kircher replied that himself, the borough manager and the budget committee meet. On cleanup day will there be electronic recyclables? No but if you call At Your Door at 1-800-449-7587, they will pick up electronics. Any talk regarding a dog park in West View. Mr. Aguglia and Chief Fromlak have researched this, driving the Borough to see if there was any land that would accommodate a dog park but with the requirements there is no land available. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 2:44.82 minutes.

Crystal Cherry of 220 Magnolia Avenue addressed Council regarding the pipe that was put in on Magnolia to stop the water and that has helped with water into her basement. Magnolia is being paved and she was told that they are putting a berm on an alley above them and if this happens the water is again going to be directed toward her home. There is a storm sewer that needs a bigger grate to catch the water as the current one is only catching a third of the water. Mr. Zischkau replied that the Borough will look into the bigger grate. Ms. Cherry was in front of Council for 4:15.18 minutes

Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

New Business – There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Aguglia would like everyone to Remember 911 and the sacrifices of all.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, Motion to *adjourn* was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Approved: October 10, 2019

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BY: _____

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer