

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – August 13, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, August 13, 2020 via tele-conferencing at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President M. Kimberly Steele.

Chief Fromlak conducted roll call. Members of Council present were: President M. Kimberly Steele, Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, Members William F. Aguglia, Robert D. Schellhaas, Donald E. Mikec, 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 John Balewski, Public Works Interim Coordinator Richard T. Rapp and Junior Council Douglas Bensch. Absent was Member Scott Miller.

Motion to approve/amend the Agenda was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report – J.R. Henry, Mayor – Mayor Henry reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of July totaled \$2,744.11.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that there were 234 calls for service, 30 traffic citations issued, 28 traffic enforcement reports, 5 criminal arrests, 6 accident reports and 17 ordinance violations for the month of July.

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

Engineer's report – Mr. Balewski reported that paving will begin Monday, August 17, 2020.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax deposits totaled \$34,682.47 in July and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$248,276.22 as of July 31st and earned \$126.45 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,460.58 as of July 31st and earned \$9.91 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,339.24 as of July 31st and earned \$4.25 in interest. Real Estate collections for July were \$268,067.11. Local Service tax collections for July totaled \$3,536.88 and Business/Mercantile for June totaled \$576.56. Mr. Kircher stated that the committee is closely monitoring the revenue/expenses because of COVID-19 and that the revenues are down 4.4% and the expenses are down 13.1% and would like to commend Mr. Fromlak and staff for keeping the expenses down at this time.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas – Mr. Schellhaas read the Public Works report provided by Mr. Rapp.

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

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

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

Public Relations & Recreation – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec had no report.

Military and Veterans Affairs – Scott Miller - Absent.

Junior Council – Douglas Bensch – Mr. Bensch reported that the North Hills School District will start on 8/25/20 with the students being divided into 4 sections and will report to school. On 8/31/20 students will be doing virtual schooling. On 10/2/20 the School Board will re-consider going to hybrid teaching.

AUDIENCE

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue – Mr. Barr asked if Braden Court was on the street sweeping schedule, there is a lot of gravel and a dead rabbit that needs picked up. Is there bait around the Borough that would cause rabbits being poisoned? No rabbit or rat abatement in the area but if there was the rat abatement is in a safe box.

Toni Reed of Oakwood Avenue – Mrs. Reed thanked the public works department for fixing a water problem that was behind her house.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on July 9, 2020 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$146,789.10 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$158,234.77 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$4,851.62 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$1,200.76 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished Business.

New Business – Mayor Henry asked if the September meeting would be held virtual and President Steele replied yes.

Agenda

President Steele asked that item #1 on the Agenda be tabled until the September meeting.

Council to consider Ordinance #1510. (An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a cable franchise agreement between the Borough of West View and Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC). *Motion to read Ordinance #1510 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Ordinance #1510 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

Mayor Henry asked if there needed to be a formal motion to table item #1 and the solicitor replied no.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Rapp announced that the renovations of Farley Park has begun, the equipment will start to be installed tomorrow and should be completed by August 20th. Trees have been planted around the outside. Paving will start on Monday, August 17, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Approved: September 10, 2020

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BY: _____

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer