

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW  
REGULAR MEETING – September 10, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, September 10, 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 and Scott Miller. Also attending were: Mayor J.R. Henry, Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Solicitor Matthew Kalina, Engineer John Balewski, Public Works Interim Coordinator Richard T. Rapp and Junior Council Douglas Bensch.

*Motion to amend the Agenda to add the consideration of eliminating the 11<sup>th</sup> full time police officer position was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Kircher. 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 August totaled \$5,171.55.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that it is his recommendation to eliminate the 11<sup>th</sup> full time police officer position as the shifts are being covered with the police going to 12-hour shifts. As it has been reported to the finance committee and council since the beginning of the CV-19 pandemic that there has been significant savings in overtime with this schedule change and we are still able to provide the same police services to the community. The 11<sup>th</sup> full time officer position is currently vacant.

Solicitor's report – Matthew Kalina – Mr. Kalina had no report.

Engineer's report – Mr. Balewski reported that paving is complete.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax deposits totaled \$87,643.26 in August and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$248,402.74 as of August 31st and earned \$126.52 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,470.50 as of August 31st and earned \$9.92 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,343.49 as of August 31st and earned \$4.25 in interest. Real Estate collections for August were \$499,723.66. Local Service tax collections for August totaled \$9,008.18 and Business/Mercantile for July totaled \$6,613.89.

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 reported that the budget committee will begin meeting next week to start on the 2021 budget that will be presented at the November meeting.

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 – Mr. Miller had no report.

Junior Council – Douglas Bensch – Mr. Bensch reported that the North Hills School District started on 8/25/20 – 8/28/20 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. Following the PIAA rules, fall sports will take place and will follow the COVID-19 guidelines. There was a teacher and student in the district that tested positive for COVID-19 and all measures were taken. The drama club will present Catch Me If You Can on September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at The Block at Northway as a screening in the parking lot, you must reserve a spot to attend. You can reserve your spot through NH Choirs or Drama.

#### AUDIENCE

Marcy Popek of 63 Amherst Avenue – Ms. Popek stated that she has had property damage done to her property due to construction that is going on next door. This has been going on since March and she would like to know who to contact regarding filing a claim before the property sells. Chief Fromlak will contact her tomorrow with that information.

*Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on August 13, 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 \$145,444.95 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$161,353.49 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$4,851.62 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$22,846.42 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion was approved and ordered.*

Unfinished Business – Mayor Henry stated that the 11<sup>th</sup> full time police officer was created to cover the 3 shifts within the department. In March 2020 the police department moved to 12-hour shifts and therefore all shifts are covered with 10 officers and that is why it is recommended that the 11<sup>th</sup> police officer position

be eliminated. Mr. Kircher also recommends that with the decrease in Revenue that the 8<sup>th</sup> public works position be eliminated.

New Business – Mayor Henry stated that due to the COVID-19, the Annual Halloween Parade will not take place. The Recreation committee along with the West View PTA are considering different ideas so that some type of Halloween celebration take place. Trick or Treat will be on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and it will be up to the parents if they want their child to trick or treat and the home owners if they want to give out treats.

#### Agenda

Council to consider Ordinance #1509. (An Ordinance amending Ordinance #1505 regarding the Quality of Life Ordinance). *Motion to read Ordinance #1509 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Ordinance #1509 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution #1497. (A Resolution authorizing the execution of a coronavirus relief fund recipient agreement between the County of Allegheny and the Borough of West View). *Motion to read Resolution #1497 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1497 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider eliminating the 11<sup>th</sup> Full Time Police Officer position effective today. *Motion to eliminate the 11<sup>th</sup> Full Time Police Officer position effective today was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Steele would like to close the meeting in honor of all who had fallen on 9/11/01.

#### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Approved: October 8, 2020

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

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer