

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – January 14, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, January 14, 2021 via tele-conferencing at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order at 6:01 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, and Eugene Borio. Also attending were: Mayor J.R. Henry, Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Solicitor Matthew Kalina, Engineer John Balewski, Public Works Coordinator Richard T. Rapp and Junior Council Douglas Bensch. Absent is Member Scott Miller.

*Motion to approve/amend the Agenda 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 December totaled \$3,583.06.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that the police responded to 3487 calls, 81 arrests were made, and 447 citations issued, and 50 abandoned vehicles cleared in the year 2020. The NHCOC bid opening for the demolition of 87 Ridgewood Avenue will be held on January 29, 2021. The resurfacing of Fordham Avenue, CDBG funding through the NHCOC bid opening will also be on January 29, 2021. The resurfacing for 2021 is budgeted in the amount of \$220,000 and Chief Fromlak would like to advertise for the bids in the paper. In the packets is the Waste Water hardship program information. The Water Authority, the Sewer Authority and West View Borough hope to promote this program for anyone who is having a hardship.

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

Engineer's report – Mr. Balewski had no report.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax deposits totaled \$102,675.49 in December and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$82,659.58 as of December 31st and earned \$49.71 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,496.52 as of December 31st and earned \$4.97 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,354.64 as of December 31st and earned \$2.13 in interest. Real Estate collections for December were \$14,698.20. Local Service tax collections for December totaled \$12,941.20 and Business/Mercantile for November totaled \$11,952.24.

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 thanked Officer Pavlecic and the police department for helping over 50 families in need over the Christmas holiday by raising over \$12,000.

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

Fire & Water – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec reported that for the month of December there were 46 fire calls. They responded to a total of 365 for 2020. The stations and apparatus are in good working order. No fundraising had been done due to COVID-19.

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

Military and Veterans Affairs – Scott Miller – Mr. Miller was absent.

Public Works Coordinator - Richard Rapp – reported that the Streetscape project on Perry Highway is still in progress, the wires have been laid and they are working on the footers for the lights. The curbs re starting to be rebuilt. Christmas trees will be picked up until February 15th. Report a pothole is on the website that residents can notify of potholes throughout the Borough.

Junior Council – Douglas Bensch – Mr. Bensch reported that the NHSD will be back to Hybrid instruction this week. As of January 13th there are 13 active COVID-19 cases throughout the district and 141 total cases.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. Klinefelter who passed away. Counseling services will be available regarding the passing of Dylan Paclawski, a junior and member of the Marching Band and Jazz Band. North Hills Arts Alive will be held from 1/11/21 – 1/22/21. North Hills middle school teacher Anthony Burns is nominated for the NHL's most valuable teacher award.

AUDIENCE

State Representative Emily Kinkead thanked President Steele for the introduction and wanted Council to know that she is here to serve West View and supports all needs that the Borough may have. She would like to setup a meeting with Council and the Borough Manager to go over the goals of the Borough and how she can help.

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue addressed Council stated that Representative Ravenstahl's sign is still up at his office. He asked about a pit bull that attacked another dog by 200 Frankfort Avenue. He thanked Chief Fromlak for emailing him regarding tonight's meeting. The property on Rochester Road that is for sale, can this be turned into a dog park? Will the dumpsters that are usually on Center Avenue be there this year? Chief Fromlak replied that hopefully around Earth Day this year.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on December 10, 2020 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$224,899.14 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$146,140.76 was made by Mr. Kircher and

seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$4,900.28 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$2,674.52 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion was approved and ordered.

Mayor Henry wanted to reiterate the West View Waste Water Hardship Program – Dollar Energy Fund. He thanked Chief Fromlak, President Steele and Mr. Aguglia for working together with the Water Authority for the residents of the Borough. Details are available on the Borough website.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Agenda

Council to consider Resolution #1505. (A Resolution establishing a rate of compensation for the real property tax collector for calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025). *Motion to read Resolution #1505 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1505 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

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 6:30 pm.

Approved: February 11, 2021

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BY: _____

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer