

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – December 09, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, December 9, 2021 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President M. Kimberly Steele.

Members of Council present were: President M. Kimberly Steele, Vice-President Bryan S. Kircher, Members William F. Aguglia, 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/Assistant Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Solicitor Michael Witherel, Engineer John Balewski and Junior Council Member Abrianna Bensch. Absent were: Member Robert Schellhaas and Public Work Coordinator Richard T. Rapp.

Mayor Henry presented School's Bicycle Shop with a plaque honoring for their service to the community over the years.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report – J.R. Henry – Mayor Henry reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of November totaled \$3,780.70.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that there were 341 calls for service, 60 traffic citations, 116 traffic enforcement reports, 4 criminal arrests, 5 accident reports and 1 ordinance violation. We were granted \$100,000 for the completion of the decorative lights for Perry Highway. The curb replacement project is underway, apologies for the inconvenience to the businesses.

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

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

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax deposits totaled \$94,957.70 in November and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$231,608.39 as of November 30th and earned \$26.39 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,501.31 as of November 30th and earned \$2.22 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,369.57 as of November 30th and earned \$.95 in interest. Real Estate collections for November were \$37,580.52. Local Service tax collections for October totaled \$3,844.59 and Business/Mercantile for October totaled \$0.00.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas – Mr. Schellhaas was absent, and Mr. Miller reported that there were 103 work orders received and completed, 384 cubic yards of leaves to the COG, 00 leaf bags picked up and the Military banners were removed, cleaned and stored. Mr. Miller read a thank you note to Mr. Rapp from the Girl Scout troop 5246, Elaina & Sophia for the donation towards their silver award in doing and maintaining the garden in the Borough parking area.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia reported that all officers attended the courses for Sexual Harassment in the workplace and Understanding Autism spectrum disorder.

Budget/Administration – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that the 2022 draft budget is included in packet, increases includes wage increases, a new police car and streetscape projects. Thanks to everyone who helped in preparation of the 2022 draft budget.

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.

Public Works Coordinator - Richard Rapp – Mr. Rapp was absent.

Junior Council – Abrianna Bensch – Miss Bensch reported that 4 school directors were sworn in on Tuesday, December 7th to serve on the NH School Board for 4 years. The North Hills School Diversity Club and AFS Club are hosting a “Night Around the World” on Saturday, December 11th from 5 pm – 8 pm. Highschool classrooms will be transformed into different countries so guests can experience different cultures. NHSD is hosting a vaccination clinic for children ages 5 – 11. Children are receiving their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine today from 4 pm – 8 pm at the High School.

AUDIENCE

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue - Mr. Barr asked regarding the hybrid police car, Chief Fromlak reported that uses no gas so that the air would be cleaner and there is no gas expense. Mr. Barr asked of there will be a millage increase and the answer is no. He asked that Chief Fromlak would look at Frankfort Avenue in front of his house to see if a yellow line needs to be placed there as his neighbor stated is a car is parked there, visibility is difficult. Mayor Henry advised that is any residents approach him with borough questions he should refer him to Chief Fromlak. Mr. Barr was in front of council for 5:46.23 minutes.

Tony Zekes of 366 Center Avenue asked if the Borough would consider putting a stop sign on Center Avenue at Hawthorne Avenue as cars speed down Center and don't look at cars approaching Center from Hawthorne. Mr. Zekes was in front of council for 5:15.21 minutes.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Workshop meeting of Town Council on November 11, 2021 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on November 11, 2021 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$161,750.92 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$195,224.92 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$5,030.50 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$2,324.36 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Agenda

Council to consider Resolution #1525. (A Resolution congratulating Ross/West View EMS Rescue for being awarded the 2021 Pennsylvania Rescue Service of the Year). *Motion to approve Resolution #1525 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Ordinance #1519. (An Ordinance fixing the tax rate for the year 2022). *Motion to approve Ordinance #1519 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Ordinance #1520. (An Ordinance appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for specific purposes of the Municipal Government hereinafter set forth, during the year 2022). *Motion to approve Ordinance #1520 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – President Steele thanked all who helped to put together the Holiday Tree Lighting on December 3, 2021. Thanks to West View Floral, West View Elementary and the HUB for their participation along with the Public Works Department and Police Department for their help.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Miler. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Approved: January 3, 2022

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BY: _____

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer