

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

REGULAR MEETING – February 09, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Wednesday, February 9, 2022 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President William F. Aguglia, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Members of Council present were: President William F. Aguglia, Members M. Kimberly Steele, Robert Schellhaas, Donald E. Mikec, and Scott Miller (via phone). Also attending were: Mayor J. R. Henry, Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Administrative Assistant Andrew Bensch, Solicitor Michael Witherel, Engineer John Balewski and Junior Council Member Abriana Bensch. Absent were: Vice-President Bryan S. Kircher

President Aguglia announced the new committee chairs. Finance is Mr. Kircher, Property & Purchasing is yet to be determined, Public Works is Mr. Kircher, Police & Public Safety is Mr. Aguglia, Budget/Administration is Mr. Kircher, Fire & Water is Mr. Mikec, Public Relations & Recreation is Mr. Mikec, and Military & Veterans Affairs is Mr. Miller.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report - J.R. Henry - Mayor Henry recognized George Guenther's 28 years of service in Public Works and wished him well in retirement. Mr. Guenther arrived late to the meeting. Mayor Henry presented him with an award honoring his years of service. Mr. Guenther was congratulated and applauded.

Mayor Henry also recognized Ms. Steele for her term as president of council and presented her with a plaque honoring her service.

Mayor Henry swore in Part Time Police Officer Michael Karski. Officer Karski was congratulated and applauded.

Chief of Police/Manager's report - Bruce A. Fromlak- Chief Fromlak reported that there were 342 calls for service, 81 traffic citations, 127 traffic enforcement reports, 3 criminal arrests, 10 accident reports, and 4 ordinance violations.

Solicitor's Report - Michael Witherel - Mr. Witherel noted that Resolution #1526 being voted on tonight would execute the consent order agreement with the PA Department of Environmental Protection which will finally open up taps in the Borough, including for the car wash going in at the old Wendy's. Once council signs this resolution and the Water Authority signs it next week the taps will be opened.

Engineer's report - Mr. Balewski – Mr. Balewski reported that the Borough has opened 3 new paving projects. 2 of those are for NHCOC and Youngblood Paving was the lowest bidder on both of those. Mr. Balewski recommended the approval of these paving projects. He noted that the bid for the 2022 Street Paving program is not a huge increase from last year. Mr. Balewski also discussed upcoming combined sewer and separate sanitary sewer projects that will be happening over the next 2 years. The separate sanitary sewer project will be happening in the Hidden Valley/Cross Creek section of the Borough which has enough houses to be considered separate. This order has been negotiated over the past 2 and a half years. Mayor Henry thanked Mr. Balewski for his summary and stated that in order to implement these changes the Borough is looking to reduce the flow of stormwater. The Borough plans to do this by

alleviating stormwater runoff on Vassar Ave, which may require some of the residents to remove their downspouts. This will be a significant part of the Borough's compliance. The Borough is at 81-83% and wants to bring it up to 85%. Mr. Balewski said that addressing the order requirements will help the Borough do this.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report - Bryan S. Kircher- Mr. Kircher was absent, Miss Bensch reported that Wage tax deposits totaled \$40,406.62 in January and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$58,786.29 as of January 31st and earned \$6.58 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,505.61 as of January 31st and earned \$5.26 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,371.41 as of January 31st and earned \$.92 in interest. Real Estate collections for January were \$6,325.09. Local Service tax collections for December totaled \$0.00 and Business/Mercantile for October totaled \$1,318.21.

Public Works - Robert D. Schellhaas- Mr. Schellhaas reported that there were 170 work orders received and completed, 5 property maintenance letters sent out, 172 Christmas trees collected, and 950 tons of salt were used for clearing roads.

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

Budget/Administration - Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher was absent.

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

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

Military & Veterans Affairs - Scott Miller - Mr. Miller had no report.

Public Works Coordinator - Richard Rapp - Mr. Rapp reported that 172 Christmas trees were collected and are stockpiled on Frankfort Ave. Public Works plans to chip them and use them for mulch. Mr. Rapp reported that the pothole hotline on the website is working well and is saving Public Works time.

Junior Council - Abriana Bensch - Miss Bensch reported that North Hills Middle School teacher Joe Welch was named one of four finalists for National Teacher of the Year. North Hills Jazz Band is hosting Mardi Gras at the North Hills High School on Saturday, February 19th. North Hills Middle School presented its winter musical "Moana Jr." last weekend from February 3rd to February 5th.

AUDIENCE

There was no audience participation.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the reorganization meeting of Town Council on January 3, 2022 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on January 3, 2022 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$179,645.55 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$485,324.63 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$5,031.65 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$3,992.91 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – Mayor Henry forgot to give his motor vehicle code violations report earlier in the meeting. Mayor Henry reported that the total receipts for motor vehicle code violations in the month of January totaled \$2,324.54.

Chief Fromlak also recognized Cathy Mann for her 26 years of service with the Borough and wished her well in retirement.

Mr. Bensch is taking the minutes for tonight's meeting.

Over 50 applications were received for the position. Ms. Steele and Mr. Kircher assisted Chief Fromlak in going through the applications. 6 interviews were conducted. Hailey Kelly was hired as the new Administrative & Accounting Assistant and will start at the Borough on February 28th.

New Business – None

Agenda

Council to consider an appointment to Borough Council due to a vacancy on Borough Council. Ms. Steele stated that Matt Gajtka was duly elected to Council in November but failed to qualify for the office as failed to provide the mandatory affidavit of residency within 10 days of the January 2022 reorganizational meeting. When she had not been contacted by Mr. Gajtka, Ms. Steele called Mr. Gajtka and that is when he informed her that he had moved out of the Borough of West View to another state.

Motion to declare the Council seat of Matt Gajtka vacant was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to appoint Eugene Borio to fulfill the vacant seat on Council was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

Mayor Henry administered the oath of office to Mr. Eugene Borio.

Council to consider Resolution #1526 (A resolution authorizing President Aguglia and Chief Fromlak to execute the Consent Order and Agreement from PA Department of Environmental Protection and the Borough). *Motion to approve Resolution #1526 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Bid for the Street Paving program 2022. (A. Folino was the lowest bidder at \$220,514.70 bid opening February 7th at 3:00 pm). *Motion to accept the bid from A. Folino was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider CD yr. 47 Grant Resurfacing of Oakwood Ave between Center Ave and Fenton Alley (Youngblood Paving was the lowest bidder at \$43,379.23 with NHCOG share of paving is \$21,721.00. Borough's share of paving is \$21,658.23). *Motion to accept the bid from Youngblood Paving was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider CD yr. 47 Grant Resurfacing of Princeton Ave from Center Ave to Bronx Ave (Youngblood Paving was the lowest bidder at \$46,770.05 with NHCOC share of paving is \$21,721.00. Borough's share of paving is \$25,049.00). *Motion to accept the bid from Youngblood Paving was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Approved: March 9, 2022

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BY: _____

Andrew Bensch

Administrative Assistant