

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

REGULAR MEETING – March 09, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Wednesday, March 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, Vice-President Bryan S. Kircher, Members Donald E. Mikec and Eugene Borio. Also attending were: Mayor J. R. Henry, Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Public Works Coordinator Rich Rapp, Administrative Assistant Haylie Kelly, Solicitor Michael Witherel, Engineer John Balewski, and Junior Council Member Abriana Bensch. Absent were: M. Kimberly Steele, Robert Schellhaas, and Scott Miller

President Aguglia introduced Lydia Morin, Executive Director of CONNECT (Congress of Neighboring Communities) based at the University of Pittsburgh. Ms. Morin approached the podium and thanked council for the invitation. She stated that Chief Fromlak and Mayor Henry were already representatives of CONNECT and that West View has room for one more representative. Mayor Henry has explored some great opportunities related to EMS in CONNECT. CONNECT has 3 working groups that meet regularly, Public Safety & Health, Environmental/Economic Development, and Infrastructure & Utilities. She elaborated on the Infrastructure & Utilities working group. The group facilitates collaboration between municipalities for major infrastructure projects and explores how they can access large sums of funds for projects such as climate action plans, flooding, air quality, and traffic control. Mayor Henry thanked Ms. Morin for her work with CONNECT and said the Borough looks forward to working with them. Municipalities cannot solve all their problems independently and CONNECT fosters intergovernmental cooperation that is amenable to the Borough.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report - J.R. Henry - Mayor Henry reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of February totaled \$17,050.73.

Chief of Police/Manager's report - Bruce A. Fromlak- Chief Fromlak reported that there were 309 calls for service, 28 traffic citations, 88 traffic enforcement reports, 7 criminal arrests, 8 accident reports, and 11 ordinance violations. A speed sign was posted at 32 Township Rd eastbound between February 23rd and March 2nd and in that timeframe there were a total of 17,085 cars that traveled that road with the average speed in a posted 25 zone being 14.1 miles per hour. Chief Fromlak introduced Ms. Kelly and said she is on the agenda to be considered as the Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer of the Borough due to Cathy Mann's retirement. There were over 50 applicants and 6 interviews were conducted. Ms. Kelly is a North Hills graduate, a resident of Allison Park, and has an extensive background in finance and business management.

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 \$35,200.00 in February and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$8,791.08 as of February 28th and earned \$4.79 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,507.56 as of February 28th and earned \$1.96 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,372.24 as of February 28th and earned \$.83 in interest. Real Estate collections for February were \$4,636.01. Local Service tax collections for February totaled \$1,198.53 and Business/Mercantile collections for January totaled \$6,859.17.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas - Mr. Schellhaas was absent, Mr. Rapp reported that 144 work orders were received and completed. The Christmas trees were chipped and mulched and will be available for residents to use. 10 letters were posted on private property for snow removal. At the end of the month Public Works will pick up compost and bring it back for residents to use in their flower beds and gardens. It will be on Center Avenue.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia - Mr. Aguglia reported that all West View Police Officers received a new ballistic vest in 2022. These vests should last for 5 years. Also, West View Police took in and destroyed approximately 250 pounds of unused medication from the Drug Takeback Box located in the lobby of the Borough Building.

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

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 was absent.

Public Works Coordinator – Richard Rapp – Mr. Rapp had nothing else to report.

Junior Council – Abriana Bensch - Miss Bensch reported that as of February 27, 2022, masks are now optional in North Hills School District. Today, the boys' varsity basketball team will take on State College in the first round of the PIAA Boys' Basketball Championship. The North Hills Drama Club is hosting its annual spring musical production "Once Upon a Mattress" on Friday-Saturday, March 18th and 19th and March 25th and 26th at 7:30pm in the high school auditorium.

AUDIENCE

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue addressed Council and asked what the difference between new business and an agenda item was. Mr. Aguglia replied that new business is anything in the Borough that comes up for discussion, and an agenda item is something that requires formal action by Council. Mr. Barr asked when the meeting day changed. Mayor Henry replied that it was voted on at the Reorganizational Meeting in January. Mr. Barr brought up that the national crime rate has increased and wondered if West View's crime rate also increased. Chief Fromlak replied that it has not increased. Mr. Barr stated that he received an ordinance violation and asked if all ordinance violations involve property ordinances. Chief Fromlak replied that not all ordinance violations are necessarily property-related.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on February 9, 2022 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$183,099.68 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$320,712.72 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$62,627.51 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$3,011.98 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Agenda

Council to consider appointing Haylie Kelly as the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

Motion to appoint Haylie Kelly was made by Mr. Kircher 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 Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Approved: April 13, 2022

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

BY: _____

Haylie Kelly

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer