

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

REGULAR MEETING – April 13, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Wednesday, April 13, 2022 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. 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 Donald E. Mikec, Eugene Borio, Scott V. Miller, and M. Kimberly Steele. 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: Vice-President Bryan Kircher and Robert Schellhaas

Mayor Henry swore in Robert Assisi in as a Fire Police Officer. Council congratulated Mr. Assisi.

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 \$3,751.43.

Chief of Police/Manager's report - Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that there were 321 calls for service, 37 traffic citations, 103 traffic enforcement reports, 5 criminal arrests, 14 accident reports, and 5 ordinance violations. A speed sign was posted at the 100 block of Hidden Valley Dr westbound between March 23rd and April 6th and in that timeframe, there were a total of 3,221 cars that traveled that road with the average speed being 14 miles per hour in a posted 25 zone. Another speed sign was posted on Center Avenue near Center Avenue slice in the month of March. In that timeframe, 18,372 vehicles traveled that road with an average speed of 19.8 miles per hour in a post 25 zone. Another speed sign was installed last week on Highland Ave near Bronx Ave with its data forthcoming. The Borough received MRM dividend checks last week for the refund of the Property and Liability Trust in the amount of \$7,866.94 and the MRM Workers Comp Poole Trust in the amount of \$63,567.63. The Street Sweeping program will be starting up again beginning April 22nd. Our auditors have completed our yearly audit and their report will be available at next month's council meeting. Community Clean-Up is Saturday, April 23rd with the staging area in the rear parking lot of the VFW. There will also be three dumpsters located next to the Borough Building for residents to use. Tires or electronics are not accepted. Chief concluded by congratulating Council for being awarded the Banner Community designation from the ALOM for the 10th straight year. The award recognizes municipalities and authorities that distinguish themselves as model communities through their commitment to sustainable practices including professional development, intergovernmental cooperation, sound fiscal management, and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders. Last year's program had 76 communities earning that designation.

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

Engineer's report - Mr. Balewski – Mr. Balewski updated Council on the Streetscape Phase 3 project. The project will be out to bid tomorrow and open for 3 weeks. It will be ready for construction by June. Mr. Balewski also updated Council on the ongoing sewer projects. A sewer project on Tomoka Ave will be ready for bid in May and completed in the summer.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report - Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher was absent, Mr. Miller reported that Wage tax collections totaled \$126,198.33 for March and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$178,119.31 as of March 31st and earned \$0.59 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,509.71 as of March 31st and earned \$2.15 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,373.16 as of March 31st and earned \$0.92 in interest. Real Estate tax collections for March were \$0.00. Local Service tax collections for March totaled \$11,226.88 and Business/Mercantile collections for February totaled \$13,017.56.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas - Mr. Schellhaas was absent, Mr. Rapp reported that 142 work orders were received and completed. Powell Park French drain was installed. 15 loads of compost were hauled from the NHCOC and placed on Center Ave. The spring equipment is being readied for the upcoming season.

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

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 the North Hills Wind Ensemble performed at the PMEA All-State Music Convention last Friday, April 8th. The North Hills Marching Band, Choir, and Orchestra left for Disney this past Sunday, April 10th for their annual Spring Tour. NHThon is set for Saturday, April 23rd from 5pm to 10pm at Martorelli Stadium. Community Thon takes place that morning from 11am to 2pm and has free admission. Proceeds from these events will be donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation.

AUDIENCE

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue addressed Council and asked about the sewer projects that were taking place in the Borough. Rich Rapp replied that so far 6 sewers have been fixed. Public Works is currently working at Oakwood Ave at Center Ave and Center Ave at Ashford Ave, and one at 57 Oakwood Ave was completed. Mr. Barr also expressed concern about a dead dog that was on Route 28 and asked if West View would pick up roadkill. Chief Fromlak replied that West View does take care of roadkill.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on March 9, 2022 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$185,415.25 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$395,923.68 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$43.01 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$5,981.61 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – Chief Fromlak reported that Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh will be collecting hygiene kits for Ukraine. County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey are leading this effort to provide aid to the people of Ukraine. There is a list of supplies they are looking for if anyone is interested in putting a hygiene kit together. Kits can be dropped off at the Borough Building between April 18th and April 29th where they will be picked up by the Brother's Brother Foundation and delivered to Ukraine. More information about this collection can be found on West View's website.

New Business – None

Agenda

Council to consider appointing Daniel Huebner to pesticide applicator due to a vacancy with George Guenther's retirement.

Motion to appoint Daniel Huebner was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

President Aguglia wished everyone in attendance a happy Easter. With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.

Approved: May 11, 2022

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BY: _____

Haylie Kelly

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer