

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – May 11, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Wednesday, May 11, 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 M. Kimberly Steele, Robert Schellhaas, Scott V. Miller, 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: Vice-President Bryan Kircher and Donald E. Mikec

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report - J.R. Henry - Mayor Henry reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of April totaled \$5,187.82. Mayor Henry also mentioned that he and Chief Fromlak recently attended a planning workshop for the CONNECT organization, an organization comprised of 39 municipalities that are working on large regional problems.

Chief of Police/Manager's report - Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that there were 400 calls for service, 37 traffic citations, 121 traffic enforcement reports, 5 criminal arrests, 11 accident reports, 29 ordinance violations, and 23 abandoned vehicles removed. A speed sign was posted on Highland Ave between Columbia Ave and Bronx Ave. Between April 15th and April 19th, there were a total of 58,685 that traveled that route with an average speed of 28.6 miles per hour. Also, the Borough established a no left turn from Bronx Ave onto Highland Ave. Between April 15th and May 6th, the police department has been posted there for a total of 36 hours, with 166 vehicles observed during that time frame and 10 violations. On Thursday, May 26th at 5pm, there will be a Streetscape Master Plan Concepts meeting hosted by Downtown Redevelopment regarding the next phase of the Business District improvements. The West View Borough Volunteer Fire Department has consolidated the three companies, #1, #2, and #3, into one fire department. The three fire companies were first established in January 1906 and have been providing lifesaving services to the Borough for over 100 years. This merger took effect on April 18th, 2022 and will allow them to be more efficient and effective during emergency and nonemergency situations alike. It will also allow them to apply for additional grant funding from the state as a result of the consolidation. Residents should be aware that this consolidation will not affect the delivery of services, but will only enhance them. West View Volunteer Fire Department has also become a certified Quick Response Service (QRS) fire department. This means they have members that are certified in first aid training who can be dispatched before an ambulance arrives and render first aid. Currently, there are 5 firefighters who are certified and 7 additional firefighters began training this past Monday. Chief also recognized our Code Enforcement Officer Rich Rapp who was recently in court for an appeal when a medical emergency occurred in the courtroom. Mr. Rapp was able to use his first responder training and rendered aid to the individual. Chief thanked Mr. Rapp for his urgent response to the situation.

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

Engineer's report - Mr. Balewski – Mr. Balewski updated Council on the CDBG paving project that recently occurred on Princeton Ave and Oakwood Ave. The next part of the project will start in mid-June. Mr.

Balewski also stated bids have been opened for the Streetscape Phase 3 project to install lights that the Borough purchased. The Borough received 3 bids. The lowest bid was \$175,922 from Allegheny City Electric who did the first phase of the project in the winter. Mr. Balewski recommending awarding the contract to Allegheny City Electric.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report - Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher was absent, Mr. Miller reported that Wage tax collections totaled \$41,369.95 for April and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$178,168.84 as of April 30th and earned \$49.53 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,515.14 as of April 30th and earned \$5.43 in interest. The General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,375.49 as of April 30th and earned \$2.33 in interest. Real Estate tax collections for April were \$0.00. Local Service tax collections for April totaled \$826.88 and Business/Mercantile collections for March totaled \$3,300.98.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas - Mr. Schellhaas reported that 115 work orders were received and completed in the month of April. Schell Field has been readied for the upcoming season. A solar sign was erected on Highland Ave. This year's Spring Clean-Up had an attendance of 50 participants.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia - Mr. Aguglia reported that the West View Police would be participating in pedestrian enforcement detail on May 17th from 12pm to 3pm. Officers will be monitoring several crosswalks within the Borough. Mr. Aguglia also read a letter from the Allegheny County Northern Regional Police Department addressed to Chief Fromlak. The letter stated that this year, the North Hills SRT has begun its succession plan as many of its senior members will be retiring in the next few years. Between January and April 2022, they have been coordinating training. The letter commended team member Officer Stern for his help during this process. Officer Stern has assisted with firearms training, explosive breaching training, and driving training. Officer Stern was in attendance. Council asked him to stand and they applauded him. Mr. Aguglia personally thanked Officer Stern, Chief Fromlak, and the West View Police for all that they do for the community.

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

Fire & Water – Donald E. Mikec - Mr. Mikec was absent, Mr. Borio reported that all station apparatus and stations are in good working order.

Public Relations & Recreation – Donald E. Mikec - Mr. Mikec was absent.

Military & Veterans Affairs – Scott Miller - Mr. Miller reported that all military banners will be put up over the next few weeks in time for the Memorial Day Parade which will held on Monday, May 30th at 10am.

Public Works Coordinator – Richard Rapp – Mr. Rapp added to Mr. Miller's statement saying that military banners will be put up next week. There was an issue with the Public Works' bucket truck which is why they haven't been put up yet. They have borrowed a bucket truck from someone in the Borough to use while the Public Works' truck is being repaired.

Junior Council – Abriana Bensch - Miss Bensch reported that the North Hills Drama Club's production of "Once Upon A Mattress" has been nominated for 8 Gene Kelly Awards. North Hills Prom takes place this

Saturday, May 14th. The last day of school for North Hills is Thursday, June 2nd. Graduation is on Friday, June 3rd.

AUDIENCE

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue addressed Council and asked about whether the dumpsters were put out on Earth Day and where they were located. Chief Fromlak replied that the dumpsters were in the Borough parking lot from Thursday, April 21st to Tuesday, April 26th. Mr. Barr asked where the compost on Center Avenue came from. Mr. Rapp replied that it came from a joint NHCOC compost pile in North Park. Mr. Barr asked where the three fire departments will be located after the merger. Chief Fromlak replied that they were considering keeping it at Fire Company #3 but are considering all options. Mr. Barr asked about Agenda Item #4. Mayor Henry said he would address his question later in the meeting. Mr. Barr asked about the paving on Princeton Ave and Oakwood Ave. He questioned whether the paving was necessary. Mr. Rapp replied that it was because it was last paved 20 years ago.

Cheryl Arcuri of 808 West View Park Drive (West View Towers) addressed Council and asked what happened to the shuttle services that used to go to West View Towers and take residents to local shopping centers. Chief Fromlak replied that many years ago, there used to be a trolley bus that the Borough operated, but it became too costly. The Borough subcontracted it out to a transportation company that provided a school bus. However, in 2015, they ended the program due to a lack of participation. Ms. Arcuri asked if it was possible for that program to start back up again. Chief Fromlak replied that it is something Council could consider. Mayor Henry added that the original program started because the Borough received a grant from the state to do it so long as the Borough provided the labor. The grant funds eventually dried up, the bus driver retired, and participation waned, so the program was ended. Mayor Henry stated that it is something Council could look at for the budget next year. He also suggested that Ms. Arcuri talk with other residents and see if the Borough could help provide transportation to a single event. Ms. Arcuri mentioned that another senior center in Ross Township has a weekly bus program, to which Mayor Henry replied that Chief Fromlak could look into it and see if West View could piggyback off that program.

Becky Webber of 112 Princeton Avenue addressed Council and reminded everyone that Tuesday is the Primary Election and stated that because it is a primary, the poll workers will know your party affiliation and did not want any workers getting accosted. Ms. Webber also stated that people are looking to spend money in the Borough and suggested that West View hold a vendor/farmers' market at Schell Field once or twice a month. Mayor Henry asked Chief Fromlak when was the last time West View had a farmers' market. Chief Fromlak replied that it was a few years ago and they have since moved further up Perry Highway. Mayor Henry asked Ms. Webber for clarification on her comments about the poll workers being accosted. Ms. Webber stated she is the Judge of Elections at West View Towers and that sometimes people get aggressive when the poll workers know what party they are registered under. Mayor Henry agreed with her sentiments and said that he does not think there have been issues in West View. He thanked her and the poll workers for the work they do and stated that if there was ever an issue the West View Police would assist. Mayor Henry also addressed her comments on a farmers' market and stated that often times West View is not the coordinator of these events but is just supporting them. He recommended she talk to Beth Schellhaas.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on April 13, 2022 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$185,644.37 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$395,942.09 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$5,105.28 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$1,334.40 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Agenda

Council to consider proclamation regarding Emergency Medical Services Week.

Mayor Henry stated that each year, EMS is celebrated in a week recognized nationally, and West View has one of the best EMS services in the country. On behalf of the Town Council, we want to issue a mayoral proclamation designating the week of May 15th through May 21st as Ross/West View Emergency Medical Services Week.

Motion to proclaim Emergency Medical Services Week was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.

Council to consider Resolution #1527 (A Resolution authorizing the execution of the addendum to the agreement of Management by and between the Borough of West View and the Municipal Authority of the Borough of West View).

Mayor Henry commented on the resolution stating that it was recommended by the auditors to allow the Borough to properly use funds from the wastewater department.

Motion to approve Resolution #1527 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.

Council to consider accepting the lowest responsible bid for the installation of 20 decorative light poles as part of the Perry Highway Streetscape 2021-CITF-004 phase three project. Funding for this is from the Allegheny County Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund (CITF).

Chief Fromlak read the 3 bids. The lowest bid was from Allegheny City Electric at \$175,922.00. The second lowest bid was from Alpine Allegheny at \$224,536.50. The third lowest bid was Ronder Technical Systems at \$279,899.95.

Motion to accept the lowest responsible bid was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.

Information subject matter regarding a 6.6-million-dollar grant that the West View Water Authority received from PENNVEST that will enable them to address lead service line replacement at no charge to the resident.

Mayor Henry elaborated on the lead line replacement project, stating that the grant will allow the West View Water Authority to replace lead lines from the main line all the way into your house. If you have a

lead service line, the Water Authority contacted you and sent an agreement that you had to sign in order to participate in the program. The program is still open for new participants. If you believe you have a lead service line, you can contact West View Water Authority and they will inform you of your eligibility.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

President Aguglia thanked everyone for participating in the meeting. With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Approved:

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

BY: _____

Haylie Kelly

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer