

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – July 13, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Wednesday, July 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 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, Public Works Coordinator Rich Rapp, Administrative Assistant Haylie Kelly, Solicitor Michael Witherel, and Engineer John Balewski. Absent were: Vice-President Bryan Kircher and Eugene Borio

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report - J.R. Henry - Mayor Henry reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of June totaled \$2,983.91.

Mayor Henry asked Chief Fromlak to join him at the podium and presented him with the Cecil K. Leberknight Award, given by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, recognizing him for his 10+ years of service as Manager.

Mayor Henry also asked President Aguglia to join him at the podium and presented him with the Thomas F. Crossway Award recognizing him for 20 years of service with the Borough.

Chief of Police/Manager's report - Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that there were 332 calls for service, 83 traffic citations, 111 traffic enforcement reports, 8 criminal arrests, 5 accident incidents, and 5 ordinance violations. A speed sign was posted on Highland Ave westbound near Oakmont Ave. Between July 6th and July 13th, there were a total of 28,516 vehicles that traveled that route with an average speed of 29.24 miles per hour in a posted 30 miles per hour posted zone.

Solicitor's Report - Michael Witherel – Mr. Witherel had no report for the public meeting.

Engineer's report - Mr. Balewski – Mr. Balewski reported that the Borough received approval from Allegheny County on all their contracts for the Streetscape Project and the project will hopefully begin by the end of July and be completed before the end of summer. Mr. Balewski also reported that the Norwich Ave storm sewer project is ready to go to bid and will be opened for bidding at next month's meeting.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report - Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher was absent, Mr. Mikec reported that Wage tax collections totaled \$117,276.80 for June and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$178,393.20 as of June 30th and earned \$131.86 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,539.71 as of June 30th and earned \$14.44 in interest. The General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,386.04 as of June 30th and earned \$6.20 in interest. Real Estate tax collections for June totaled \$0.00.

Local Service tax collections for June totaled \$4,063.17 and Business/Mercantile collections for May totaled \$12,002.00.

Property & Purchasing – Eugene Borio - Mr. Borio was absent.

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas - Mr. Schellhaas reported that 135 work orders were received and completed in the month of June. Catch basin blitz was completed with 185 basins being cleaned and 4 being repaired and brought up to grade. Traffic painting has started.

Mayor Henry expressed his thanks to the Public Works Department for a job well done repairing the catch basins.

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

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

Fire & Water / 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 paving will begin at the end of July/beginning of August. Mr. Balewski and Mr. Rapp met with A. Folino this past month. They currently have equipment in West View because they are resurfacing water breaks with the Water Authority and will most likely begin paving immediately following that project.

Junior Council – Abriana Bensch - Miss Bensch was absent.

AUDIENCE

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue addressed Council and asked whether the April 2022 council minutes were posted online yet. Chief Fromlak replied that they should have been posted but if they were not, they would be posted tomorrow. Mr. Barr thanked the Borough for doing a good job fixing the catch basin on Frankfort Ave and Center Ave and asked if the catch basin on the opposite side of the road was functional. Mr. Rapp replied that it is functional, but there is a dip in it and it will be fixed later this year. Mr. Barr also asked about a catch basin on Magnolia Ave that was removed and asked if it will be replaced. Mr. Rapp replied that it will stay the way it is as an open-end pipe that runs into a catch basin. Due to the terrain at that location, they are unable to place any box or catch basin there. The collapsed pipe will be fixed. Mr. Barr stated that there is a chain across the end of Magnolia Ave that is blocking him from getting a vehicle onto his property and asked if it would be possible to extend Magnolia Ave twenty more feet to the steps so that he could better access his property.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on June 8, 2022 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$182,566.26 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$459,331.62 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$5,110.23 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$3,176.91 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Agenda

Council to consider Resolution #1530 (A Resolution approving and adopting the attached amendments to the rules and regulations of the Borough of West View Civil Service Commission). *Motion to read Resolution #1530 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.* Chief Fromlak read Resolution #1530 and stated that this resolution was in order to update West View's Civil Service Commission to the current mandated rules and regulations to become compliant with federal and state rules and regulations. Mayor Henry credited Chief Fromlak with this review and added that this review made sure the Borough was up-to-date on background checks for new hires so that the Borough can be proactive in selecting new officers. *Motion to approve Resolution #1530 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider the approval of conducting a promotional exam for the position of Sergeant within the Police Department. Chief Fromlak stated that this request was to begin the promotion process in order to be better prepared for the future due to projected retirements. Chief Fromlak also addressed the next agenda item and stated it would allow the Borough to have a current eligibility list for up to 2 years so they could more easily reach out to those people and hire someone in the future. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele.*

Council to consider the approval of testing for a Full Time Police Officer in order to establish a current eligibility list. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Mikec.*

President Aguglia asked Chief Fromlak if there was an officer on the list that was on it for 1-2 years whether they would have to go through background checks again. Chief Fromlak replied that yes, they would have to go through them again as it is required by MPOTEC. Ms. Steele added that when she met with the Civil Service Commission they addressed this as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

President Aguglia thanked everyone for participating in the meeting. Mayor Henry closed the meeting by honoring Joseph Froehlich, a longtime Borough resident and crossing guard, who recently passed away. With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

Approved:

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

BY: _____

Haylie Kelly

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer