

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – August 10, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Wednesday, August 10, 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, Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, Members M. Kimberly Steele, Robert Schellhaas, 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 Matthew Kalina, and Engineer John Balewski. Absent were: Scott Miller

Mayor Henry started the meeting by honoring Mr. Kircher for his distinguished 42-year career with Ross/West View EMS. Mayor Henry read a proclamation celebrating Mr. Kircher's service to the Borough and the community and wished him well in retirement. The proclamation also proclaimed June 28th as Bryan S. Kircher Day in the Borough of West View.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report - J.R. Henry - Mayor Henry reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of July totaled \$2,747.79.

Chief of Police/Manager's report - Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that there were 338 calls for service, 62 traffic citations, 110 traffic enforcement reports, 9 criminal arrests, 8 accident incidents, and 12 ordinance violations. A portable speed sign was posted on the 900 block of Center Avenue westbound between July 27th and August 8th. In that period of time there were a total of 27,662 vehicles traveled that route with an average speed of 25.37 miles per hour in a posted 25 miles per hour zone.

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

Engineer's report - Mr. Balewski – Mr. Balewski reported that the Norwich project will hit the papers tomorrow so it will be open for bids before the September meeting and can be completed before the end of 2022. The Streetscape Project by West View Elementary has begun. They ran into a problem on day one. They were supposed to pull out 1.5 feet of the brick sidewalk but some of the brick disintegrated upon being removed, so the solution was to remove all the brick and put a concrete sidewalk in. The Borough received 3 bids for that project and it will be completed before the start of the school year.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report - Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax collections totaled \$40,153.01 for July and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$178,584.55 as of July 31st and earned \$191.35 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,560.67 as of July 31st and earned \$20.96 in interest. The General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,395.03 as of July 31st and earned \$8.99 in interest. Real Estate tax collections for July totaled \$288,813.36. Local Service tax collections for July totaled \$1,511.60 and Business/Mercantile collections for June totaled \$1,655.35.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas - Mr. Schellhaas reported that 125 work orders were received and completed in the month of July. The Glenmore Park basketball court has been resurfaced and new nets have been put up. The parklets have been power washed and sanitized and 14 tons of asphalt have been used in various locations.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia - Mr. Aguglia reported that West View officers attended active shooter training in the week of July 25th. This training was hosted by the North Hills Special Response Team.

Chief Fromlak added to Mr. Aguglia's report, saying that for 5 days officers were required to attend one 8-hour session. The class is normally a 3-day class, so Chief Fromlak praised the SRT for condensing the class into a 1-day class. The class ensured that West View officers are trained and equipped to handle active shooter events in West View and the surrounding areas in a timely manner. Chief Fromlak himself attended on Tuesday.

Budget/Administration – Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher reported that Chief Fromlak has begun preliminary work on the budget for 2023. They will begin meeting in early September and have a draft budget ready for the November council meeting.

Fire & Water / 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 reported that road paving has started and he hopes that they will be in and out in less than 3 days. They will be starting at 7am on Burkhart Avenue.

Junior Council – Abriana Bensch - Miss Bensch was absent.

AUDIENCE

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue addressed Council and asked whether the Borough still goes by the Borough Code book and if a physical copy can be purchased. Chief Fromlak replied that yes, they do and Mayor Henry said that the code is available online. Mr. Barr also asked if the Borough went by international code and Chief Fromlak stated they go by international building code. Mr. Barr asked if there is an ordinance restricting parking on Center Avenue from Oakwood Avenue to Magnolia Avenue where the old Bellevue trolley line was. Chief Fromlak replied that he is not familiar with an ordinance prohibiting parking there. Mr. Barr asked if there is an ordinance pertaining to stray/loose cats. Mr. Rapp stated that there is an ordinance and that cats are not allowed to be outside your house. Mr. Barr asked about a manhole at the end of Magnolia Avenue and whether it will be screened or blocked off so that his dog and other animals can't get into it. Mr. Rapp said at this time no. There are two pieces of pipe they inserted into the open pipe. They looked into putting a cow catcher in front of it but determined that the amount of water and debris that flows there would cause a flood. Mayor Henry added to his earlier question about parking and said that it is difficult to answer specific questions about parking. Mayor Henry stated there are lots of potential reasons for cars to be removed and directed him to talk to Chief Fromlak with parking questions. Regarding the area he asked about, he said temporary parking there would be fine but cars shouldn't be left there permanently. Mr. Barr replied that there was a car that's been parked there for a couple days and he wanted to make sure it was okay for others to park there.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on July 13, 2022 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$239,053.60 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$278,232.38 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$10,359.48 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$1,988.12 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Agenda

Proclamation recognizing Bryan Kircher for his 42-year career with Ross/West View EMS. This was done first in the meeting.

Council to consider the approval of \$99,400 payable to Herbert, Rowland & Grubic (HRG) for providing surveying and preliminary engineering services for the Business District Streetscape Project. *Motion to approve was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Steele announced that preparations for the Halloween Parade have begun and the parade will be held on Monday, October 24th.

Mr. Schellhaas also commended those involved with the paving for getting it done so quickly.

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. Kircher and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.

Approved:

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

BY: _____

Haylie Kelly

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer