

## BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

### REGULAR MEETING – October 12, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Wednesday, October 12, 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 Donald E. Mikec, Scott V. Miller, and Eugene Borio. Also attending were: Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Administrative Assistant Haylie Kelly, Solicitor Michael J. Witherel, Engineer Charles Jordan, and Junior Council Members Abriana Bensch and Jenna Wilky. Absent were: M. Kimberly Steele and Robert Schellhaas

Before the meeting, Mayor Henry made a special presentation to honor Richard Rapp, Lt. Matthew Holland, and Christina Railing. In August 2022, these three individuals came across someone lying in the street unconscious and because of their training, were able to successfully resuscitate him. On behalf of West View Borough and the American Heart Association, Mayor Henry recognized these individuals' heroism and presented them with certificates from the American Heart Association. He also encouraged others to become certified in CPR.

### REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report - J.R. Henry - Mayor Henry recognized Robert E. Toia, Sr., a longtime West View resident who recently reached the incredible milestone of 100 years of age on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Toia moved to West View in 1952 and lived here for 62 years. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII and in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. A proclamation was sent to Mr. Toia before his birthday in order to express the Borough's deepest gratitude for his service to our country and community. Mayor Henry also reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of July totaled \$3,364.07.

Chief of Police/Manager's report - Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that there was a planning meeting held at 4:30 this afternoon regarding the upgrades and architectural plans for the remodeling of West View Elementary. The Planning Commission approved the plans that were presented at this meeting.

Solicitor's Report - Michael Witherel – Mr. Witherel added to Chief Fromlak's report and stated that the Planning Commission is recommending preliminary and final site plan approval which is on tonight's agenda.

Engineer's report - Mr. Balewski – Mr. Balewski reported that there was a pre-construction meeting last week regarding the Norwich Avenue project and that project will begin in the next 2-3 weeks. It will take roughly a week to complete that project. The Borough applied for 3 CDBG projects for the paving of Martsof, Oberlin, and Bellevue Avenues as well as a \$250,000 grant for upgrades to Powell Park, including adding a pickleball court.

### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report - Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax collections totaled \$112,434.26 for September and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone

Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$179,193.96 as of September 30th and earned \$330.77 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,627.42 as of September 30th and earned \$36.23 in interest. The General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,423.68 as of September 30th and earned \$15.55 in interest. Real Estate tax collections for September totaled \$646,685.20. Local Service tax collections for September totaled \$472.72 and Business/Mercantile collections for August totaled \$8,150.38.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas - Mr. Schellhaas was absent, Mr. Rapp reported that 97 work orders were received and completed in the month of September. 9 letters were sent to properties on West View Park Drive concerning ADA ramps, which was an issue raised at September's council meeting. Streetscape lights will be up and running before the Halloween Parade. Preventative maintenance has been done on all equipment. President Aguglia asked how many days the property owners have to make the changes. Mr. Rapp said they typically have 10 days to contact the Borough and from there they will work with them to make sure it is completed in a timely manner.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia – President Aguglia reported that Officer Chad Green just completed a 72-hour class called the ABLE Project, which stands for Active Bystander for Law Enforcement. This training focused on de-escalation within law enforcement. Officer Green will be holding a training session for all West View Officers in the near future.

Budget/Administration – Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher reported that the 2023 budget is well underway. The Manager and Assistant Secretary have been working together to put a draft budget together. They will continue to meet through the month of October and will have a budget to present to the public at the November council meeting.

Fire & Water / Public Relations & Recreation – Donald E. Mikec - Mr. Mikec reported that on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> between 5 and 6pm they will be packing Halloween bags for the Halloween Parade in the West View Council Chambers. The parade itself is Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. West View Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am to 12pm. They will meet at the West View VFW. All are welcome to attend and help clean the Borough.

Military & Veterans Affairs – Scott Miller - Mr. Miller had no report.

Public Works Coordinator – Richard Rapp – Mr. Rapp had no additional information to add to his report.

Junior Council – Abriana Bensch - Miss Bensch reported that the North Hills High School Drama Club will present an evening of three one act on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in the High School Auditorium. School board members voted to discontinue the district's use of the Indian chief logo while keeping the name "Indians" as the identifier for the district's athletic teams. North Hills Homecoming 2022 was held on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Prior to the game, our 2022 Homecoming King, Joe Frisco, and Queen, Josie Brackman, were crowned and first and second runners-up were recognized. President Aguglia welcomed new Junior Council Member Jenna Wilky.

#### AUDIENCE

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue approached Council and asked whether the individual who was given CPR suffered any broken ribs. Mayor Henry replied that he did not know but could not disclose that even if he did. Mr. Barr asked who the letters were sent to on West View Park Drive. President Aguglia replied

that the letters were sent to businesses, not any residencies. Mr. Barr asked whether there will be a special meeting next month and if so, what time will it start. Chief Fromlak replied that there will be a special workshop meeting in November starting at 5:30pm, with the regular council meeting following immediately after. Mr. Barr asked if on West View Clean-Up, will there be any dumpsters to dispose of computers and other waste. Chief Fromlak replied that there will be 3 dumpsters placed beside the tax office, but they do not accept tires or electronics. He suggested contacting the free Waste Management At Your Door service to request a special pick-up.

Andrew Vascoff of 205 Montclair Avenue approached Council and stated that he has noticed a lot of cars cutting through his area recently from southbound Perry Highway to avoid the stop light at Highland and Perry. He is concerned as people come down the street fast and there are a lot of children on that street. He was wondering if anything could be done about it. Mayor Henry replied that normally when Council receives a complaint like that, Chief Fromlak will assign extra patrols or place a speed sign for targeted enforcement and to deter people. He encouraged Mr. Vascoff to communicate directly to Chief Fromlak any specific information.

*Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on September 14, 2022 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.*

*Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$165,398.13 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered.*

*Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$480,630.04 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.*

*Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$5,246.37 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.*

*Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$2,678.97 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered.*

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

#### Agenda

Council to consider Daniel Sterzinger to be appointed to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy on the committee. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller.*

Council to consider advertising and accepting bids for solid waste (garbage), recycling, and e-waste collection. The current contract with Waste Management expires December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec.*

Council to consider Resolution #1531 (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for RAAC funds with Allegheny County Economic Development in the amount of \$250,000 for Powell Park improvements). *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller.*

Council to consider Resolution #1532 (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant with PENNDOT in the amount of \$700,000, for the West View Alternative Transportation Project). *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Kircher.*

Council to consider Resolution #1533 (A Resolution implementing Act 57 of 2022 amending the Local Tax Collection Law). *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Kircher.*

Council to consider Resolution #1534 (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG funds in the amount of \$27,000, with Allegheny County Economic Development for Oberlin Avenue). *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Miller.*

Council to consider Resolution #1535 (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG funds in the amount of \$36,000, with Allegheny County Economic Development for Martsolf Avenue). *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec.*

Council to consider Resolution #1536 (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG funds in the amount of \$84,330, with Allegheny County Economic Development for Bellevue Avenue). *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Miller.*

Council to consider Resolution #1537 (A Resolution requiring the Borough to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan providing for sewage services adequate to prevent contamination of waters of the Commonwealth). *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Kircher.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Fromlak stated that there was an error in the agenda and there should have been an item regarding the approval of the Planning Commission's decision regarding West View Elementary. He asked if this could be added to tonight's agenda. Solicitor Witherel asked if it is was advertised, whether it involved expenditure of Borough funds, and whether there was an indication that the Planning Commission's decision would be discussed at the Council meeting immediately after. Chief Fromlak confirmed that it was advertised, did not involve the expenditure of Borough funds, and was slated to be discussed at the Council meeting. Solicitor Witherel stated that under these circumstances, the Borough Council could vote on whether to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation. Mr. Barr asked if he address council on this issue and asked why the Borough has to approve this. Mayor Henry replied that people must go through the Planning Commission to present preliminary and final site plans. The initial meeting happened several months ago and the Planning Commission put several conditions on that site plan. The Planning Commission approved the plans at their meeting tonight and recommended the Borough accept the preliminary and final site plans. This has to be done as a matter of law. Solicitor Witherel added that this applies to any property owner in West View Borough. Mr. Barr asked how this affects the Borough. President Aguglia said that the plans for West View Elementary look great and he hopes it will attract more people to the Borough. Mayor Henry said that he saw nothing but positive things in the plans and appreciates the efforts of the school district in investing in the school. Mr. Barr asked if the plans included any expansions and whether there would be any adjacent property purchased. Solicitor Witherel replied that they will be adding more classrooms and office space but there will be no expansion as there is no room to expand. They will be utilizing the space they have. With no further comments, *Motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to accept the preliminary and final site plans for West View Elementary was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec.*

#### 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 Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Approved:

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Haylie Kelly

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer