

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – January 11, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Wednesday, January 11, 2023 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President William F. Aguglia.

Members of Council present were: President William F. Aguglia, Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, M. Kimberly Steele, Robert Schellhaas, Donald E. Mikec, Eugene Borio, and Scott V. Miller via telephone. Also attending were: Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Public Works Coordinator Rich Rapp, Administrative Assistant Haylie Kelly, Solicitor Michael J. Witherel, Engineer John Balewski, and Junior Council Member Abriana Bensch.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report - J.R. Henry - Mayor Henry reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of December 2022 totaled \$4,127.88.

Mayor Henry moved to the podium and asked Officer Pavlecic to join him. On behalf of the Borough, Mayor Henry presented Officer Pavlecic with an award to recognize his successful crime prevention efforts and all the things he does for the Borough. Mayor Henry also asked Sgt. Green, Officer Cordial, and Officer Ticjak to stand up and applauded them for all they do for the Borough.

Mayor Henry then asked Kristopher Paakanen and Michael Brunner to approach the podium and administered the oath of office. Both were sworn in as Part Time Police Officers.

Chief of Police/Manager's report - Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that there was a speed sign posted in the area of 186 Perry Highway between January 4th and January 10th. The average speed was 25.3 miles per hour in a posted 25 miles per hour zone. In 2022, there were 4283 calls for service, 74 total arrests, and 740 total citations.

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

Engineer's report - Mr. Balewski – Mr. Balewski reported that they would begin bidding on a sewer project on Tomoka Avenue.

President Aguglia invited Mike Christ from Waste Management to the podium. Mr. Christ, Matt Lang, and Wayne Thorton were in attendance representing Waste Management. Mr. Christ stated that there would be a change in their service starting in March or April of 2023 and a welcome letter would be sent out to residents this month. He asked Council if they had any questions in regards to the upcoming changes. Mayor Henry expressed his disappointment that the welcome letters had not been sent out in December and hoped the letters would be sent out as soon as possible. He reiterated that the Borough would be changing to a single can system, in which all trash must fit inside one large can. He also asked for clarification as to whether there would be smaller cans available upon request and that the senior discount is still being offered. Mr. Christ confirmed this. Mayor Henry also said the Borough would no longer be issuing recycling bins. Mr. Christ stated that that is correct, a 96-gallon garbage can and 64-gallon recycling bin would be issued by Waste Management. Mayor Henry also said that once a month residents would be allowed to discard one large bulk item. Mr. Christ said that is correct and the welcome letter would specify which week out of the month residents would be allowed to put out a large item. Mayor Henry also said that recycling would now be every other week instead of every week. Mr. Christ

said this is correct but noted the change would not occur until Waste Management issued the new cans. Ms. Steele asked what the age requirement for the senior discount was and how residents could go about getting it. Mr. Christ said the age is 65 and that residents could contact Waste Management to get the discount. That information would also be in the welcome letter.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report - Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax collections totaled \$111,966.53 for December and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$180,268.32 as of December 31st and earned \$354.90 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,745.10 as of December 31st and earned \$38.87 in interest. The General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,474.18 as of December 31st and earned \$16.68 in interest. Real Estate tax collections for December totaled \$6,472.40. Local Service tax collections for December totaled \$686.75 and Business/Mercantile collections for November totaled \$13,032.06.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas - Mr. Schellhaas reported that 96 work orders were received and completed in the month of December. Trees were trimmed back off the roadways. Christmas lights were installed on Ridgewood Bridge. Decorative lights were repaired on Perry Highway.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia – President Aguglia thanked Chief Fromlak and his officers for representing West View Borough at the funeral of Brackenridge Chief of Police Justin McIntire, as well as helping patrol the streets of Brackenridge.

Budget/Administration – Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher had no report.

Fire & Water / Public Relations & Recreation – Donald E. Mikec - Mr. Mikec reported that on January 12th West View Fire Department would be swearing in new officers and that this marks the first time officers will be sworn in since the fire departments merged.

Military & Veterans Affairs – Scott Miller - Mr. Miller reported that in 2022, 122 military banners were placed throughout the Borough. They have since been taken down and cleaned and will be put back up in May.

Public Works Coordinator – Richard Rapp – Mr. Rapp reported that in 2022 the Public Works Department completed a total of 1514 work orders.

Junior Council – Abriana Bensch – Miss Bensch reported that the new semester for students starts on Tuesday, January 17th. North Hills has created a Special Olympics Unified Bocce Team for the school, and their first game was Tuesday, January 10th. This is the first year that North Hills has had a Bocce team. The team is part of the Special Olympics Pennsylvania's Interscholastic Unified Sports (IUS) program.

AUDIENCE

Joe Gaenter from 34 Hempstead Avenue approached Council and asked when Glenmore Avenue would be paved. Mayor Henry replied that unfortunately the contractor was unable to finish the project before the spring. It is part of a Water Authority project where they were doing work on Township Road,

Glenmore Avenue, and Rochester Road. He stated that most of the asphalt plants are closed for the winter. However, he spoke with Engineer Balewski before the meeting and are going to see if once the Water Authority is done tying in the lines the Borough can at least mill the road prior to the spring. Mr. Balewski replied that they are going to try and get Glenmore milled so that it is not as bumpy until it can be properly paved in the spring.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Town Council on December 14, 2022 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council on December 14, 2022 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$179,277.77 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$361,738.21 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$2,319.05 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 the hiring of Part Time Police Officer Michael Brunner. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Ms. Steele.*

Council to consider the hiring of Part Time Police Officer Kristopher Paakanen. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele.*

Council to consider the purchase of a 2022 Police SUV in the amount of \$40,575.00 to Woltz Wind Ford (COSTAR 13ID8672). Chief Fromlak stated that this is a vehicle the Borough ordered in November 2021 but it has only just arrived. Mr. Mikec asked whether the vehicle is a purchase or a lease. Chief Fromlak replied that it is a lease. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Borio.*

Council to consider the approval of upfitting and equipping the SUV by Ibistech (COSTAR 012-101) in the amount of \$16,928.50. Chief Fromlak explained that because the manufacturer changes the design of the vehicles every 3-4 years, old equipment will not fit. The new vehicle will receive light bars, a cage, a barrier between the front seat and back seat, weapon systems and racks, sirens, etc. Normally the Borough purchases 3 sets of equipment, but the existing equipment is old and/or does not fit the new vehicle. Mr. Kircher added that the vehicle that is being retired is going to be auctioned off along with the old equipment. *Motion to approve was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

President Aguglia thanked everyone for participating in the meeting. He closed the meeting in honor of Brackenridge Chief of Police Justin McIntire, who was shot and killed in the line of duty last month. With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.

Approved:

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

BY: _____

Haylie Kelly

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer