

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW  
REGULAR MEETING – February 8, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Wednesday, February 8, 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: Mayor J.R. Henry, 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 Jenna Woelke.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report - J.R. Henry - Mayor Henry reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of January 2023 totaled \$2,046.02.

Chief of Police/Manager's report - Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that there were 366 calls for service, 62 traffic citations, 119 traffic enforcement reports, 12 criminal arrests, 6 accident incidents, and 11 ordinance violations. Under the Manager's report, Waste Management sent out their 2023 welcome letter to West View residents. Mr. Fromlak clarified that weekly recycling collection will continue until the new cans are delivered, at which point it will change to every other week. Residents will be notified of this change. The current red recycling bins do not need to be returned and can be repurposed by residents however they choose. Once the new cans are delivered, residents will be allowed to recycle glass. In addition, all trash and recycling must be inside the new cans. No items outside the cans will be collected. Waste Management has also said that residents should place their new cans in the same location as they place their cans currently. As part of the Streetscape Project, new curbs and streetlights have been installed northbound on Perry Highway. The Borough plans to apply for more grants in the future to continue the project and get funding for sidewalks, trees, park benches, and building facades.

Solicitor's Report - Michael Witherel – Mr. Witherel reported that there will be an ordinance advertised next month to amend the Borough's current handicap ordinance that will limit the number of parking handicap parking spaces.

Engineer's report - Mr. Balewski – Mr. Balewski reported there will be a few projects ready to be awarded at next month's meeting, including the Borough's 2023 paving project, the NHCOC CDBG Ann Arbor project, and the Tomoka sewer project. The Borough has also been working with West View Water Authority to try to improve the condition of Glenmore Avenue until it can be paved in the spring. Glenmore will be included in the paving project, but the Authority will pay for at least half of it.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report - Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax collections totaled \$47,318.18 for January and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$12,977.18 as of January 31st and earned \$165.84 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,786.65 as of January 31st and earned \$41.55 in interest. The General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,492.01 as of

January 31st and earned \$17.83 in interest. Real Estate tax collections for January totaled \$15,346.16. Local Service tax collections for January totaled \$1,674.64 and Business/Mercantile collections for December totaled \$1,756.39.

Property & Purchasing – Eugene Borio - Mr. Borio reported that there were 3 items sold in the month of January through the MUNICIBID process. 2013 Kubota Rear Steer tractor was sold for \$6,175.00. 40 outdoor LED light fixtures were sold for \$110.00 total. 3 LG computer monitors were purchased for \$48.00 total. The total for items sold was \$6,333.

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas - Mr. Schellhaas reported that 133 work orders were received and completed in the month of January. Christmas tree collection started. 6 tons of JASA cold patch were used. 200 tons of salt were used.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia – President Aguglia reported that all West View Police Officers completed mandatory in-service training for 2023 which entails 12 hours of updates on new laws.

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

Fire & Water – Donald E. Mikec - Mr. Mikec reported that for the month of January the West View Volunteer Fire Department had a total of 46 calls for service. The WVFD Annual Cash Bash will be held in April with the day yet to be determined. The first phase of consolidating the three fire companies into one has begun.

Public Relations & Recreation – Ms. Steele reported that the Borough has received a \$100,000 grant through the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County. This was a grant the Borough applied for in early 2022. The Borough applied for \$250,000 but was awarded \$100,000. The money will be used for renovations of Powell Park.

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

Public Works Coordinator – Richard Rapp – Mr. Rapp reported that since the weather has been favorable, the Public Works Department has begun cleaning the parks early. New lights have been added to the gazebo at Powell Park and the center light has been fixed.

Junior Council – Jenna Woelke – Miss Woelke reported that today, juniors from North Hills High School attended the Pittsburgh College Fair at the David Lawrence Convention Center where about 350 colleges, universities, technical colleges, community colleges, and military branches will be represented. This is a free event that is open to all parents and students in the area. Jazz Band Mardi Gras is set for Saturday, February 18 from 6-9pm in the North Hills High School Gymnasium. The doors will open at 5pm with festivities starting at 6pm. Admission includes all-you-can-eat pie plus a night of jazz music, with performances by the Middle School and High School Jazz bands.

## AUDIENCE

Sandy Truver from 36 Montclair approached Council regarding the Waste Management welcome letter. Ms. Truver asked whether anyone else bid on the contract and expressed concerns about being able to physically move the new trash cans. Mayor Henry replied that Council did put out a bid and also monitored the NHCOC bid. The bid West View received was better than NHCOC as we retained the senior citizen discount while NHCOC did not. He said Council felt they had to award the bid in order to maintain trash collection. He apologized for the welcome letter arriving late and said Waste Management had told the Borough it would arrive in January, but it didn't. He stated that there are 3

size options for garbage cans and while you can get a smaller can, since all trash must fit in a single can it may not be beneficial to get a smaller can. Ms. Truver asked whether it would cost more money to downsize the can, Mayor Henry replied no not to his knowledge, however it would cost more to get an additional can. He also said that once a month Waste Management would have a day where residents could leave large items out for collection.

Diana Sylviak from 37 Montclair approached Council and expressed concern that the new bins on wheels would end up down the street since Waste Management does not always return them carefully. She also expressed concern about Waste Management not picking up cans if they were blocked by parked cars. She also asked that if the 96-gallon can is too big, can residents exchange it for a smaller one for free? Mayor Henry replied that that is correct. Ms. Sylviak also said that many people run the stop sign at Montclair and Jamaica. Mayor Henry stated that the Borough will have officers check that out. He also stated that if cans are ever blown into the street, she can call the Borough and have the cans moved.

Christa Lawrence from 306 Cross Creek approached Council and asked what change could be made to the noise ordinance. She finds the change of the noise ordinance to 9pm unreasonable as the police have been called to her home multiple times and she feels she is being targeted by her neighbors. Mayor Henry replied that Ms. Lawrence is not being targeted by the Borough and that the Borough receives calls from all over. He said that if she believes her neighbors are acting unlawfully then she can call the police and have them check it out. In regards to the noise ordinance, Mayor Henry said that Council plans to leave the ordinance in place for at least a year and then revisit it if need be after that point.

Dan Dannenmueller, Vice President of Local 416 representing employees of West View Water Authority, approached Council and stated that Water Authority employees are currently in contract negotiations with the Authority. He asked Council to reconsider the constant demands for concessions and make a deal that benefits both sides. President Aguglia replied that the West View Borough Council is not the proper avenue to discuss contract negotiations. Mr. Dannenmueller replied that there are members of council that also serve on the Water Authority Board. He just wishes to get the deal done.

Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort asked about the people standing outside Council with signs and asked if they were from the Water Authority. President Aguglia said yes they are. Mr. Barr asked if "Welcome to West View" signs could be placed at the entrances to the Borough. Mayor Henry replied that there used to be signs many years ago but over the years they were knocked over or damaged. He said that they could look into putting up signs again. Mr. Barr asked whether the paving project was completed in 2022. President Aguglia replied that all scheduled paving was completed last year. Mayor Henry added that the paving project was actually completed early.

*Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council on January 11, 2023 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.*

*Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$169,785.41 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered.*

*Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$514,119.33 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.*

*Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel expenditures for \$5471.37 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.*

*Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$7,626.71 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion was approved and ordered.*

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

#### Agenda

Council to consider John Michael Karski for the position of Full Time Police Officer. Officer Karski is currently employed as a Part Time Officer with West View and fulfilled all of the civil service requirements for full time. *Motion to approve was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher.*

Council to consider the appointment to the Police Pension Board, Officer Michael Stern, he will replace Sergeant Todd Towne whose term expired in April 2022. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas.*

Council to consider the appointment to the Police Pension Board, M. Kimberly Steele, whose term expired April 2022. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Borio.*

Council to consider the appointment to the General Employee Pension Board, Daniel Huebner, due to a vacant position caused by the retirement of Daniel Sterzinger. *Motion to approve was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

#### ADJOURNMENT

President Aguglia thanked everyone for participating in the meeting. He closed the meeting in remembrance of McKeesport Police Officer Sean Sluganski, who was shot and killed in the line of duty on February 6th. 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 6:30pm.

Approved:

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

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

Haylie Kelly

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer