

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

REGULAR MEETING – March 8, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Wednesday, March 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, and Scott V. Miller. 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 Abriana Bensch. Absent were: Eugene Borio and Donald E. Mikec

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report - J.R. Henry - Mayor Henry reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of February 2023 totaled \$2,389.25.

Chief of Police/Manager's report - Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that there was a speed sign in the 400 block of Perry Highway northbound from February 25th through March 4th. During that time, 22,566 vehicles traveled northbound on Perry Highway. The average speed was 20.51 miles per hour in a posted 25 miles per hour zone. Our auditors from Maher Duessel have been working with Ms. Kelly over the past few weeks and will hopefully finalize the 2022 audit in the coming weeks.

Solicitor's Report - Michael Witherel – Mr. Witherel stated that he believes the handicap parking ordinance in tonight's agenda, based upon some complaints from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, is an improvement on the former ordinance.

Engineer's report - Mr. Balewski – Mr. Balewski reported that the NHCOC opened a bid for the Ann Arbor Avenue project a couple weeks ago. 3 bids were received, with the lowest being \$41,786. The NHCOC bid is cheaper than if the Borough used its own paving project. He recommends the Borough accept the bid. Bids for the 2023 paving project were also opened. 6 were received, with the lowest being Youngblood Paving at \$283,475.00. He recommends the Borough accept that bid. Glenmore Avenue was paved a little bit, but will be paved fully this year. He recommends the change order for Glenmore Avenue to be paved. The Water Authority will reimburse the Borough for this project. President Aguglia commended Mayor Henry, Chief Fromlak, Rich Rapp, and Mr. Balewski for the temporary paving of Glenmore.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report - Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax collections totaled \$102,492.64 for February and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$13,001.07 as of February 28th and earned \$23.89 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,823.08 as of February 28th and earned \$36.43 in interest. The General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,507.64 as of February 28th and earned \$15.63 in interest. Real Estate tax collections for January totaled \$5,954.59. Local Service tax collections for February totaled \$1,468.99 and Business/Mercantile collections for January totaled \$3,216.13.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas - Mr. Schellhaas reported that 116 work orders were received and completed in the month of February. Curb painting has begun. 175 signs were inspected. 6 tons of JASA cold patch were used.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia – President Aguglia reported that 3 officers completed search and seizure training. 3 officers completed patrol response to critical incidents training. 1 officer is currently attending police supervisory in-service training.

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

Fire & Water – Donald E. Mikec - Mr. Mikec was absent, Mr. Miller reported that there were 55 runs conducted during the month of February. The West View VFD Annual Cash Bash will be held in April. Keep an eye on their social media accounts for any and all fundraising.

Public Relations & Recreation – Ms. Steele reported that the exact date for the West View VFD Annual Cash Bash is April 15th from 7-11pm. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel St. Athanasius Community Center is hosting its first annual Health and Wellness Fair on Friday, March 17th from 10am-2pm. There will be demonstrations, promotional items, and door prizes. West View Spring Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 22nd, Earth Day, from 9am to noon. Volunteers will meet behind the VFW on Center Avenue and will be supplied with gloves, safety vests, and bags. Coffee and donuts will be offered in the morning and pizza in the afternoon. There will also be dumpsters in the parking lot near the Borough building for residents to use that day. The Borough cannot accept any electronic devices, televisions, computers, tires. You must contact Waste Management At Your Door for special collection.

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

Public Works Coordinator – Richard Rapp – Mr. Rapp had no report.

Junior Council – Abriana Bensch – Miss Bensch reported that North Hills announced a new scholarship named after forensics coach Peggy Ann Madden. It is for students graduating this year pursuing speech and debate, communications, journalism, or English education. North Hills SADD Club is hosting its first “Say Yes to the Dress!” prom dress resale event with all proceeds benefitting North Hills Cares. Dresses are being sold in the high school cafeteria from 6 to 8pm on Wednesday, March 22nd.

AUDIENCE

Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort stated that he was reviewing the April 14th minutes and he was reflected incorrectly. He had asked when did Ohio Township join Ross/West View EMS but the minutes stated that he asked when West View joined. (The minutes in question were actually from December 14, 2022 and have been amended.). Mr. Kircher replied that Ohio Township joined in 2002. Ross and West View were the incorporating entities. Reserve Township and Millvale joined in 1995. Mr. Barr asked when Ross/West View EMS formed. Mr. Kircher replied 1978. Mr. Barr asked Ms. Steele if she knew if Waste Management takes tires. Ms. Steele said she was not sure. Chief Fromlak noted they do not take tires.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council on February 8, 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 \$178,609.14 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$380,393.60 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$6,788.39 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Agenda

Council to consider Ordinance #1524 (An Ordinance establishing criteria as to the issuance of disability parking permits). Mr. Witherel stated there is criteria now that sets forth how many spots there can be on a certain length of street. It takes into account that there is a limited amount of parking in the Borough and allows us to deal with it. Mayor Henry asked what organization it was that he worked with. Mr. Witherel replied that it was HUD. They had a couple of advocacy groups for people with disabilities that were concerned that our parking ordinance didn't have an appeal process. Mayor Henry asked whether there was any current litigation the Borough was facing. Mr. Witherel replied that it involved litigation but this is part of the settlement of it. He said this should end current litigation and eliminate potential issues with the American Disabilities Act in the future. President Aguglia asked what the criteria for health is. Mr. Witherel stated the ordinance goes into detail in terms of the lack of mobility, lack of alternate places to park, etc. and requires a note from a physician. He also said once enacted, everyone that currently has a handicap parking permit has to reapply once we give them notice. *Motion to approve was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Miller.*

Council to consider Resolution #1542 (A Resolution authorizing Keystone Collections Group as the official appointed collector of current and delinquent Business Privilege and Mercantile Taxes). Chief Fromlak stated that North Hills School District previously provided this service for West View but the District made the decision to stop doing it. They put out RFPs to organizations and Keystone Collections came in with the best rate and was recommended by the School District. The Borough currently utilizes Keystone Collections for the collection of EIT and LST. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Kircher.*

Council to consider Resolution #1543 (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG funds in the amount of \$41,786.90, with Keystone Excavating & Development for Ann Arbor Avenue). *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Ms. Steele.*

Council to consider the 2023 paving program awarded to Youngblood Paving Inc. in the amount of \$283,475.00. A total of 6 bids were received. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller.*

Motion to authorize a Change order for the contract with Youngblood Paving Inc. regarding the Glenmore Avenue from Ashford to Cresson portion in the amount of \$90,200. Glenmore is on the streets' list to be paved in 2023 and will be completed during 2023's paving schedule. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Ms. Steele.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Steele wants to let all residents know that if you are age 65 or over, you are eligible for a senior discount with Waste Management. You can call their 1-800 number and tell them you are a Borough resident to get this discount. It will save you \$50 a year. Ms. Steele thanked Chief Fromlak and Mayor Henry for that because they negotiated for that discount while many surrounding communities do not have that.

ADJOURNMENT

President Aguglia thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day. 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 6:22pm.

Approved:

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

BY: _____

Haylie Kelly

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer