

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW  
REGULAR MEETING – June 14, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Wednesday, June 14, 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, M. Kimberly Steele, Robert Schellhaas, Donald E. Mikec, Scott Miller, and Eugene Borio. Also attending were Mayor J.R. Henry, Chief Bruce Fromlak, Administrative Assistant Andrew Bensch, Solicitor Matthew Kalina, and Engineer John Balewski. Absent were Vice President Bryan S. Kircher

Mayor Henry started the meeting with a special presentation and invited Margo A. Malone to the stand. He presented her with a proclamation on the occasion of her recent victory in the Dicks Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon on May 7th, 2023. Margo Malone is a North Hills alum who completed the 26.2-mile Pittsburgh Marathon in first place, with a time of 2 hours, 41 minutes, and 56 seconds. The Borough, wishing to recognize Margo's momentous achievement and for being an outstanding representative of her hometown, hereby proclaims September 24th, 2023 as Margo A. Malone Day in the Borough of West View.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report - J.R. Henry - Mayor Henry began by thanking his colleagues for their support and prayers after his recent surgery. He reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of May 2023 totaled \$4,305.41.

Chief of Police/Manager's report - Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak recognized and thanked Junior Councilmember Abriana Bensch, whose last meeting was in May. Abriana is attending Carnegie Mellon University in the fall. Chief Fromlak reported that a speed sign was posted at 232 Montclair Ave northbound from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>. During that period, there were a total of 1,095 that traveled that route with the average speed being 11.17 miles per hour. Under the Manager's report, Chief Fromlak met with the contractor for the sidewalk project at Chalfonte Ave and Perry Highway that will begin on Monday. They expect the project to be completed before the opening of school in August. The Police Committee is meeting with the Police Association regarding contracts and the Department of Public Works meetings will begin in the next few weeks as their contract is up at the end of the year. President Aguglia asked for more details on the sidewalk project. Chief Fromlak said the project will begin at the corner of Chalfonte Ave and Perry Highway. The sidewalk will be replaced from the corner down to the #3 fire station. The project will include a new handicap ramp, curbs, stamped concrete, and 2 catch basins.

Solicitor's Report - Michael Witherel – Mr. Witherel was absent.

Engineer's report - Mr. Balewski – Mr. Balewski reported that the Tomoka Ave sanitary sewer project will be starting in 1-2 weeks and is expected to be completed by the end of the month. Mr. Balewski also stated that the Borough paving project is scheduled to begin in late July/early August.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report - Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher was absent, Mr. Miller reported that Wage tax collections totaled \$128,730.43 for May and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$13,079.88 as of May 31st and earned \$28.32 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,943.24 as of May 31st and earned \$43.18 in interest. The General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,559.21 as of May 31st and earned \$18.53 in interest. There were no Real Estate tax collections for the month of May. Local Service tax collections for May totaled \$15,081.20 and Business/Mercantile collections for April totaled \$3,013.95.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas - Mr. Schellhaas reported that 105 work orders were completed in the month of May. All military banners have been installed, as well as flags along Perry Highway.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia – President Aguglia had no report.

Budget/Administration – Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher was absent.

Fire & Water – Donald E. Mikec - Mr. Mikec had no report.

Public Relations & Recreation – Ms. Steele reported that there was a good crowd for the Memorial Day Parade this year. She thanked Jack Wagner for being our keynote speaker and Andrew Bensch for his help setting up for the parade. Ms. Steele also said that West View Hub celebrated their 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary and recent expansion last week and told everyone to go check out their new space.

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

Public Works Coordinator – Richard Rapp – Mr. Rapp was absent.

#### AUDIENCE

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue approached Council and asked what the project on Center Avenue between Oakwood and Frankfort will entail. Chief Fromlak stated that the Borough is planning to put more greenspace there, plant new plants, install new park benches and trash cans, mulch, etc. as part of a beautification project. Mr. Barr asked whether the project would encroach on the parking and walking areas. Chief Fromlak replied that there will still be parking and room to walk. Mr. Barr asked Chief Fromlak whether the Borough is using Palantir artificial intelligence technology for surveillance. Chief Fromlak said no, it was the first he had heard of the technology.

Lynn Webster of 97 Beechmont Avenue approached Council to thank them all for moving along with the beautification project on Center Avenue.

*Motion to amend and approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council on May 10, 2023, was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.*

*Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$228,705.21 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered.*

*Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$347,490.74 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.*

*Motion to approve payments for liquid fund expenditures for \$5,414.27 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered.*

*Motion to approve payments for building fuel expenditures for \$969.52 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.*

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

#### Agenda

Proclamation recognizing Margo A. Malone for her recent victory in the Pittsburgh marathon. Mayor Henry recognized Margo earlier in the meeting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

#### ADJOURNMENT

President Aguglia thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and wished everyone a happy 4th of July. With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 6:19pm.

Approved:

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

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

Andrew Bensch

Administrative Assistant