

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

REGULAR MEETING – August 9, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Wednesday, August 9, 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, Donald E. Mikec, and Eugene Borio. Also attending were Mayor J.R. Henry, Chief Bruce Fromlak, Public Works Coordinator Rich Rapp, Assistant Secretary Haylie Kelly, Solicitor Michael Witherel, and Engineer John Balewski. Absent were Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, Robert Schellhaas, and Scott Miller

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report - J.R. Henry - Mayor Henry reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of July 2023 totaled \$2,994.46.

Chief of Police/Manager's report - Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that in the month of July, there were 426 calls for service, 73 citations issued, 199 traffic reports, 4 criminal arrests, 9 accident calls, and 14 ordinance violations. He also stated that the Police Committee has been in with the Police Association in regards to contract negotiations, as their contracts are up at the end of this year, and has shown progress. The Public Works contract is up at the end of this year as well. Chief Fromlak stated that Resolution 1547 in tonight's agenda regarding a cable franchise agreement between the Borough and Verizon is something that is done annually in which the Borough receives proceeds from Verizon for the user fees. Resolution 1548 is to agree to be a part of the Allegheny County CDBG Program so that the Borough is able to apply for CDBG grant funding for 2024, 2025, and 2026. Resolutions 1549 and 1550 and two grants the Borough hopes to obtain for the Streetscape Project.

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

Engineer's report - Mr. Balewski – Mr. Balewski reported that Youngblood Paving intends to start milling on Friday weather permitting and expects to complete paving by the end of August. He also commented on the change order for the Tomoka Project in the agenda. They had to replace several brick mantles with concrete mantles. Additionally, they had to clean roots out of connections to the houses. There were also some old things from the golf course and apartments that they did not foresee. He recommended approving the change order. The project is done except for the paperwork. There was also a complaint of sewer leakage upstream of the project. The Borough was quoted \$13,000 to line the pipe to eliminate any exfiltration and should be on next month's agenda. Lastly, they noticed some issues on the Glenmore Bridge (near the intersection of Glenmore and Cresson) and they will be fixed prior to the start of paving. Mayor Henry asked about where the Borough stands with the consent decree that was brought up last month. Mr. Balewski replied that the Borough has to submit by the end of August what projects the Borough is going to do to reach 85% capture. They are effectively going to separate the combined sewers and install storm sewers to catch more stormwater. Projects will be done in 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027 to reach this goal. Mayor Henry asked if the Borough will have to tell residents to separate their houses from the sewer, to which Mr. Balewski said he does not anticipate having to require that.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report - Bryan S. Kircher - Mr. Kircher was absent, Ms. Steele reported that Wage tax collections totaled \$36,402.24 for July and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$13,132.39 as of July 31st and earned \$26.71 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$20,023.31 as of July 31st and earned \$40.73 in interest. The General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,593.57 as of July 31st and earned \$17.48 in interest. Real Estate tax collections totaled \$239,130.85 for the month of July. Local Service tax collections as of July 31st, 2023 totaled \$2,295.95 and Business/Mercantile collections for June totaled \$6,229.21.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas - Mr. Schellhaas was absent, Mr. Rapp reported that 138 work orders were completed in the month of July. LPR cameras were installed at Perry Highway and West View Park Drive. Playground mulch was started. Phase 1a of the Streetscape Project was finished on 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 the Halloween Parade will be held on Monday, October 30th. Trick or treating will be held on Halloween. Candy bags for the Halloween Parade will be packed on Thursday, October 26th.

Military & Veterans Affairs – Scott Miller - Mr. Miller was absent.

Public Works Coordinator – Richard Rapp – Mr. Rapp reported that paving will begin either Friday or Monday. Streets to be paved are Center Avenue from Oakwood to Brightwood, Norval Alley, Arden Alley, Bryant Alley, and 7th Alley. Mayor Henry asked what the contractor was planning for the gas line project on Ridgewood Avenue. Mr. Rapp replied that they are going to pave half of the road as per our ordinance. Mayor Henry also asked if Peoples Gas has worked with the Borough to coordinate projects with our paving schedule. Mr. Rapp stated that he does inform them of roads they intend to pave in the next 5 years.

AUDIENCE

Joe Swenglish, National Representative for Utility Workers Union of America, approached Council regarding the West View Water Authority contract negotiations. They have gone 10 months without a contract. The main issues are with healthcare and also a \$4000 bonus. He is hoping that someone can help get the contract negotiations settled.

Coreen Casadei, owner of Collective Efforts at 462 Perry Highway, approached Council regarding the parking issues stemming from the West View Elementary School renovations. She stated the construction has impacted her business as she cannot guarantee parking spaces near her building for her clients and employees. She is hoping that the Borough can do something to help resolve this issue. Chief Fromlak stated that he has spoken with someone from her company as well as the contractors at the school. The Borough posted officers at the back parking lot to prevent construction workers from parking back there and they are not issuing citations for parking on the street. Mayor Henry added that the reason that the businesses were not notified of the project is because it is a school district project, not a Borough project. The Borough told the contractors they were not to park in that parking lot and the Borough was not aware

it had become an issue until now. Unfortunately, the Borough cannot do anything unless they are doing something illegal. He suggested that she work with Chief Fromlak directly to get this issue resolved.

Mayor Henry addressed the West View Water Authority workers and thanked them for coming. He stated that while 3 councilmembers do serve on the WVWA board of directors, they are not able to negotiate in this forum. He did say, however, that the Water Board does want to settle the negotiations and hopes to continue negotiating in good faith.

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue approached Council and asked about the CDBG and DCED grants on the agenda and whether there were any restrictions or obligations on the Borough's part if they receive these grants. President Aguglia replied that they often have to complete a portion of the project within a certain timeframe in order to receive the money. Mayor Henry also said that sometimes there are matching grants where the grant funds part of the project and the Borough funds the rest. Mr. Balewski said that most grants nowadays require the municipality to contribute a portion of the funding. Mr. Barr asked whether there were any vacancies on West View Council and if there will be a vacancy in January. Mayor Henry stated that an individual was elected last year, but he moved out of town and did not take the oath of office. The Council then appointed Mr. Borio to Council for a 2-year term to fill that vacancy.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council on July 12, 2023, was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$169,485.48 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$430,123.87 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for building fuel expenditures for \$2,107.59 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Agenda

Council to consider a change order request in the amount of \$19,286.54 made by Petrakis Contracting in regards to the Tomoka Avenue Sewer Replacement project. *Motion to approve was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution 1547 (A Resolution authorizing the execution of a cable franchise agreement between the Borough of West View and Verizon Pennsylvania LLC). *Motion to approve was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution 1548 (A Resolution authorizing participation into the Allegheny County CDBG Program and HOME Program for the program years 2024, 2025, & 2026, which permits the Borough to apply for various CDBG grants). *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution 1549 (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for DCED funds with Allegheny County Economic Development in the amount of \$500,000 through the Keystone Communities Grant for the Streetscape Project). Chief Fromlak noted that this resolution was being authorized with a retroactive date of July 12, 2023. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution 1550 (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for funds with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Multimodal Grant in the amount of \$700,000 for the Streetscape Project). Chief Fromlak noted that this resolution was being authorized with a retroactive date of July 12, 2023. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Approved:

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BY: _____

Haylie Kelly

Assistant Secretary