

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – March 13, 2024

Minutes of the Regular of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Wednesday, March 13, 2024, in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Bryan S. Kircher, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Members of Council present were President Bryan S. Kircher, Vice President M. Kimberly Steele, Robert D. Schellhaas, Donald E. Mikec, Eugene Borio, and Scott V. Miller. Also attending were Mayor J.R. Henry, Chief Bruce Fromlak, Public Works Coordinator Rich Rapp, Solicitor Michael Witherel, Engineer John Balewski, and Junior Councilmember Joseph Bensch. Absent was William F. Aguglia

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report - J.R. Henry - Mayor Henry reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of February 2024 totaled \$2,479.17.

Chief of Police/Manager's Report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak directed Council's attention to the evening's agenda and said that he, as well as the Engineer and Mr. Rapp, would be happy to comment on any of the items. Chief Fromlak also reported that he did not have speed sign data for the month of February but stated that West View officers continue to monitor the Borough's roads.

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

Engineer's Report – Mr. Balewski – Mr. Balewski reported that the Borough opened bids for the 2024 paving program last month and received 8 bids. They had to throw out the lowest bidder as they were not qualified. He recommends awarding the bid to the second lowest bidder, El Grande Industries. The difference in price was roughly \$15,000. Mr. Balewski also stated that he spoke with ALCOSAN about our grants and they recommended we combine the 3 sewer projects we have to do.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Scott V. Miller – Mr. Miller reported that Wage tax collections totaled \$122,252.22 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 \$35,410.63 as of February 29th and earned \$56.55 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$20,305.44 as of February 29th and earned \$38.65 in interest. The General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,714.65 as of February 29th and earned \$16.59 in interest. Real Estate tax collections totaled \$4,153.19 for the month of February. Local Service tax collections as of February 29th, 2024 totaled \$11,955.30 and Business/Mercantile collections for February totaled \$13,105.15.

Property & Purchasing – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec reported that the Borough advertised on Municibid: 6 push lawnmowers, 19 plastic globes from the old streetlights, 19 high pressure light bulbs, and a 2013 F-350 with plow and spreader.

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas – Mr. Schellhaas reported that in the month of February the Powell Park demolition was completed and all waste and recycling carts were delivered.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia was absent.

Budget/Administration – Scott V. Miller – Mr. Miller had no report.

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

Public Relations & Recreation – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele reported that Powell Park playground is having a soft reopening on Friday, March 15th. The Borough will rededicate the park at a later date. The ModWash on West View Park Drive is scheduled to open on Saturday, March 16th. A coffeeshop is set to open on Perry Highway sometime in late April. Lastly, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is having their 2nd annual Health and Wellness Fair on Friday, April 26th from 10am to 2pm. All are welcome to attend. They still have vendor openings.

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

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

Junior Council – Joseph Bensch – Mr. Bensch reported that West View Elementary finished its front interior renovation this past week, and it marks the halfway point of the scheduled renovation which is anticipated to be finished in 2025. North Hills High School Drama Club is hosting its annual play on March 15th through 17th and March 21st through 23rd. Tickets are on sale now.

AUDIENCE

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue approached Council and asked them if the police car on the agenda is a brand-new car. Chief Fromlak replied that yes, it is brand new.

Sean from Emily Kinkead's Office approached Council and informed them that they are hosting a free shredding event on Saturday, March 23rd at the Ross Department of Public Works off of Cemetery Lane.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council on February 14, 2024 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$192,949.13 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$346,612.74 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel expenditures for \$11,038.49 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$7,580.00 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – President Kircher asked Chief Fromlak if he had an update on the parking situation on Chalfonte Avenue. Chief Fromlak replied that when construction started at West View Elementary they placed a safety fence on Chalfonte Avenue and made it no parking on that street. The safety fence has now been removed, as were the no parking signs. Residents may now park on the street again. The

roadway is still a one-way road eastbound. Residents were notified via letters hand-delivered by the Department of Public Works.

Agenda

Council to consider the 2024 paving program awarded to El Grande Industries, in the amount of \$229,360.00. A total of 8 bids were received. *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution 1560 (A Resolution regarding a lease purchase agreement for the purpose of procuring and upfitting a 2023 Ford Explorer Police SUV in the amount of \$62,122.00 (COSTAR 13ID8672)). *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution 1561 (A Resolution approving the contract between the Borough of West View and Direct Energy Business for the sale and purchase of electricity in the amount of \$0.185/kWh). *Motion to approve was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider the appointment of Dennis Watson to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term to expire July 11, 2025. *Motion to approve was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider the appointment of James Doerfler to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term to expire November 1, 2026. *Motion to approve was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kircher thanked everyone for participating in the meeting. With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.

Approved:

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

BY: _____

Bruce. A Fromlak

Manager/Chief of Police