

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – May 13, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, May 13, 2021 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. following the Special meeting by President M. Kimberly Steele.

President Steele asked for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of Council present were: President M. Kimberly Steele, Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, Members Donald E. Mikec, Scott Miller, Robert D. Schellhaas and Eugene Borio. Also attending were: Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Solicitor Matthew Kalina, Engineer John Balewski, Public Works Coordinator Richard T. Rapp and Junior Council Douglas Bensch. Absent were: Members William F. Aguglia and Mayor J. R. Henry.

President Steele presented Junior Council Member Douglas Bensch with a Commendation for his dedication to serving the Borough as Junior Council. Douglas will attend Chatham University with a major in English/Secondary Education. Council wished Douglas all the best in his future.

President Steele then swore in Abriana Bensch as the new Junior Council Representative for the Borough.

*Motion to approve/amend the Agenda was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller.
Motion approved and ordered.*

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report – J.R. Henry – Mayor Henry was absent, and Mr. Miller reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of April totaled \$2,731.34.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that the Borough refinanced the bond in the amount of \$6,455,000. In which \$239,316.07 will be used for infrastructure. The State had grant money for crosswalk safety and today our officers are doing a detail for this. We should be receiving a new police vehicle soon.

Solicitor's report – Matthew Kalina – Mr. Kalina had no report.

Engineer's report – Mr. Balewski reported that the transferring of the sewer project with ALCOSAN is in review and is close to completing.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax deposits totaled \$42,325.99 in April and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$261,444.03 as of April 30th and earned \$45.12 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,481.56 as of April 30th and earned \$3.36 in interest. Our General Fund

money market account had a balance of \$8,361.09 as of April 30th and earned \$1.44 in interest. Real Estate collections for April were \$0.00. Local Service tax collections for April totaled \$111.18 and Business/Mercantile for March totaled \$7,950.85.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas – Mr. Schellhaas reported that there were 114 work orders completed, 16 ton of asphalt used, Earth Day cleanup completed by residents and staff with 75 bags collected, the street sweeping program has begun and the guiderail along Center Avenue has been replaced.

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

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

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

Public Relations & Recreation – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec thanked everyone who participated in the April 24th cleanup.

Military and Veterans Affairs – Scott Miller – Mr. Miller had no report.

Public Works Coordinator - Richard Rapp – Mr. Rapp reported that the Military Banners are starting to be placed and that the Streetscape paving of Perry Highway will take place on Saturday, May 15th. Fordham Avenue will be paved on May 14th.

Junior Council – Douglas Bensch – Mr. Bensch reported that as of May 13th there is 1 active COVID-19 case. For the 7th year the NHSD has been named the Best Communities for Music Education from the NAMM Foundation. THON 2021 raised a total of \$16,529 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Foundation. North Hills will administer the keystone Exams for the 2020-2021 school year May 17th through May 27th. Congratulations to all the winners of this year's North Hills Excellence Achievement Award. The District passed the final budget for 2021-2022 school year on April 29th. NHSD Superintendent Dr. Patrick J. Mannarino was sworn in for the next five years. Senior Prom will be held at Heinz Field on May 15th from 3-6. Cap and Gown parade will be held on May 20th from 4-6.

AUDIENCE

Angela Ferris of 328 Columbia Avenue asked Council if a 4 way stop sign could be place at Columbia and Harvard. There is currently stop signs on Columbia Avenue but the cars coming down Harvard toward Center go fast and do not look at cars coming off Columbia. A study was done in the past. She has a petition from walkers and residents requesting the 4 way stop signs. Chief Fromlak is doing an updated study regarding this situation.

Kimberly Slater-Wood from ALCOSAN stated she was here to attend the meeting and let the Borough know that she is available if the Borough needs anything.

NONE

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on April 14, 2021 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$153,855.84 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$92,321.38 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$14,027.37 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$6,760.33 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Agenda

Council to consider the ratification of Resolution #1512. (A Resolution assuming designation of trustee for the West View Borough Non-Uniform & Police Pension Funds). *Motion to read Resolution #1512 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1512 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution #1513. (A Resolution approving the transfer of Restaurant Liquor License No. R-804 into West View Borough to Kesari Petro, 100 Rochester Road). *Motion to read Resolution #1513 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution #1513 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution #1514. (A Resolution approving the acquisition and disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot number 279-J-00037, abutting 21 Vassar). *Motion to read Resolution #1514 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Resolution # 1514 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law regarding the MODWASH car wash. *Motion to accept the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law regarding the MODWASH car wash was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – President Steele announced that the VFW Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 31st beginning at 10:00 am. Also, there was a fire on Oakwood Avenue that displaced 4 families, in which Toni Reed a neighbor collected gift cards and such and made gift baskets for each family. President Steele again thanked Douglas for his dedication as Junior Council Member and wishes him the best in the future. President Steele would like to thank all the employees who handled the everyday business of the Borough during the pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Approved: June 10, 2021

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BY: _____

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer