

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – August 12, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, August 12, 2021 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. 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 William F. Aguglia, Donald E. Mikec, Eugene Borio. Member Robert D. Schellhaas attended via phone. Also attending were: Mayor J. R. Henry, Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Solicitor Michael Witherel, Engineer John Balewski and Public Works Coordinator Richard T. Rapp. Absent was: Member Scott Miller.

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

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report – J.R. Henry – Mayor Henry reported that the motor vehicle code violations for the month of July totaled \$3,770.62.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that there were 327 police calls for service, 37 traffic citations issued, 75 traffic enforcement reports, 6 criminal arrests, 6 accident reports and 10 ordinance violations. Chief Fromlak reported that we received \$341,012.19 from the American Rescue Plan and will receive \$341,012.19 again in June of 2022. The funds must be used by December 31, 2024. The finance committee discussed the use of these funds, these are just suggestions and open for public comment. The rehabilitation of sewers, the streetscape project and the parks and recreation.

Solicitor's report – Michael Witherel – Mr. Witherel reported that there was an argument in from of Judge James on the appeal of the car wash conditional use and he expects a decision in the next 30 days.

Engineer's report – Mr. Balewski reported that the paving project is due to start on August 30th. Penndot has approved the radar sign on Highland Avenue at Oakmont Road. When we receive the permit, public works will erect the poles.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax deposits totaled \$42,915.26 in July and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$231,487.24 as of July 31st and earned \$36.14 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,491.12 as of June 30th and earned \$3.04 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,365.20 as of July 31st and earned \$1.31 in interest. Real Estate collections for

July were \$289,906.03. Local Service tax collections for July totaled \$0.00 and Business/Mercantile for June totaled \$1,331.16.

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

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas – Mr. Schellhaas reported that there were 137 work orders received and completed, 45 property maintenance letters sent, the road botics data collection continues and the catch basin repairs are being done.

Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia reported that all West View Officers completed an online course on understanding the Autism spectrum disorders.

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 had no report.

Military and Veterans Affairs – Scott Miller – Mr. Miller was absent.

Public Works Coordinator - Richard Rapp – Mr. Rapp reported that sanitary sewers have been cameraed and jetted at Brightwood, Vassar and Ashford Avenues. The catch basin on Perry Highway in our lower parking lot has been repaired. Property maintenance, there were 7 hearings this past week and the dispositions are in our favor.

AUDIENCE

Danielle Graham Robinson from Emily Kinkead's office introduced herself and complimented Council on the well-run meeting. She said they are available for any concerns. Ms. Graham stated that the extra \$300 in unemployment will end on September 4, 2021 and there is a concern for the individuals that will receive no income. Please share local food banks, churches, programs that may help these people. The office is available by appointment now and there for needs. The Borough would like to thank Ms. Kinkead's office for attending the meeting regarding West View Park and the Historical Society to preserve the park and borough. Also to thank Ms. Kinkead for attending the tour of West View Water's treatment plant. Ms. Robinson was in front of Council for 2:36:01 minutes.

Toni Reed of 208 Oakwood Avenue addressed Council regarding the building at 213 Oakwood that was destroyed by fire. Mayor Henry recognized Ms. Reed and her daughter for the prompt alertness of the fire. Mayor Henry stated that the Borough is in contact with the owner and have secured funds from the insurance company on having the property cleaned up. The owner has been put on notice to have it cleaned up and the Borough will follow up on it. The row houses on Oakwood have a railroad tie wall that has fallen onto the sidewalk along with a hornet's nest where a child was stung on their arm. Behind their house there are 4 catch basins that are clogged. Ms. Reed was in front of Council for 3:05:10 minutes.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on July 8, 2021 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$148,473.10 was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$145,818.76 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment for liquid fuel expenditures for \$5,029.61 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$1,265.38 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Mayor Henry addressed the issues at Bronx and Highland Avenue. Council is considering a No Left Turn onto Highland Avenue from Bronx Avenue due to accidents that have occurred as it is hard to see the traffic on Highland and you must pull up into the road to see.

Agenda

Council to discuss the American Rescue Plan. Council discussed possible use for the money we received from the CARES Act. Possible uses are: Parks/Recreation, Streetscape and Sewer infrastructure. Council welcomes public input on the spending using the guidelines set.

Council to consider Ordinance #1515. (An Ordinance amending Chapter 197, noise, to amend the prohibited times of certain noises). *Motion to read Ordinance #1515 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.* Mr. Mikec questioned the times and thought that maybe the am time could be 8:00 am and the pm time could be 9:30 pm. Mayor Henry replied that other communities have the 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. Because we have had numerous complaints feels that these times are reasonable. *Motion to approve Ordinance #1515 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Ordinance #1516. (An Ordinance amending Chapter 275, vehicles and traffic, of the Borough of West View Code, specifically section 14, stop intersections, to add a stop sign at Columbia Avenue at the intersection or through street of Harvard Avenue for North and South Bound Travel). *Motion to read Ordinance #1516 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve Ordinance #1515 was made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – West View Elementary PTA is collecting backpacks and school supplies. The recreation committee is getting ready for the Halloween Parade. Our new website should be up and running within the next few weeks and we are hoping to have Halloween signups online. Thanks to Catherine Webster for the cleanup at the Beechmont Steps project. Ms. Webster has motivated and organized her neighbors and friends to beautify the Beechmont steps area and complete a landscaping project.....Special thanks for all the time and talent! The Council agendas will be posted on the website 24 hours prior to the Council meetings and in the Borough lobby. The Ridgewood Church will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, Motion *to adjourn* was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Approved: September 9, 2021

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BY: _____

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer