

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING – October 14, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, October 14, 2021 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-President Bryan S. Kircher.

Vice-President Kircher asked for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of Council present were: Vice-President Bryan S. Kircher, Members Scott Miller, Donald E. Mikec and Robert D. Schellhaas. 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, Public Works Coordinator Richard T. Rapp and Junior Council Member Abrianna Bensch. Member William F. Aguglia attended via phone. Absent were: President M. Kimberly Steele and Member Eugene Borio.

Motion to approve/amend the Agenda was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Mikec. 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 September totaled \$4,687.18.

Mayor Henry presented Gianna Reed with a Certificate of Achievement for her actions in alerting 911 to a residential fire across the street from her home. Gianna was also awarded the 2021 Allegheny County District 1 Difference Maker. Congratulations Gianna.

Chief of Police/Manager's report – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported that he received a letter regarding the 900 block of Center Avenue with vehicles going over the 25-mph speed limit. The speed sign was placed in the area and 11 traffic details were done. In that time 6 citations issued. From October 7th through October 14th the average speed was 25.88 mph and average volume per day traveling toward the plaza was 1739 vehicles with a total of 12,175 between that date range. The LST collection software is antiquated and we are looking to have Keystone Collections take over the LST collections in January. Keystone collects the EIT Taxes for us currently. Chief Fromlak is recommending Joseph Scheller for the public works position.

Solicitor's report – Michael Witherel – Mr. Witherel reported that the car wash conditional use was approved at the old Wendy's property. There is a problem however with them obtaining a sewer tap approval.

Engineer's report – Mr. Balewski. Mr. Balewski apologized for his colleague being late last month as he gave her the wrong time. The CDBG projects are on the agenda for approval tonight and the contract for the curb replacement project, if approved the curb project will start next week. Combined sewer communities are expected to get their orders this week but combined separate communities in which the Borough is one don't know when they will receive their orders.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that Wage tax deposits totaled \$114,406.83 in September and were deposited into the Borough's General Fund checking account by Keystone Collections. The Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$231,558.08 as of September 30th and earned \$34.25 in interest. The Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$19,497.08 as of September 30th and earned \$2.88 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$8,367.76 as of September 30th and earned \$1.24 in interest. Real Estate collections for September were \$624,098.10. Local Service tax collections for July/August totaled \$12,624.26 and Business/Mercantile for August totaled \$4,719.74.

Property & Purchasing – Eugene Borio – Mr. Borio was absent.

Public Works – Robert D. Schellhaas – Mr. Schellhaas reported that there were 106 work orders received and completed, 16 streets and alleys paved, 75 leaf bags picked up and 5 trees were removed from various locations.

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

Budget/Administration – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher reported that the budget committee has been meeting and will present a 2022 draft budget for review at next month's meeting.

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

Public Relations & Recreation – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec reported that the Halloween parade will be on October 25th at 7:00 pm. Chief Fromlak stated that registration for the parade is online only and you can go onto our website and register your child where you will receive a number that you have to print or write and put on the right side of the child for judging and to receive a treat bag. Volunteers are needed to pack the Halloween goodie bags on Thursday, October 21st at 5:00 pm in council chambers.

Military and Veterans Affairs – Scott Miller – Mr. Miller reported that there were 7 small banners and 1 new banner ordered in September. Total of 13 ordered in 2021 and the banners will come down after Veteran's Day and stored until before Memorial Day 2022 when they will be put back up.

Public Works Coordinator - Richard Rapp – Mr. Rapp reported that there are OSU markings on the telephone poles throughout the Borough, they are preserving the poles and spraying with insecticides to make them last. Mr. Rapp was in contact with the company as this looks terrible and they will be spray painting them brown to match the poles. On the website residents can contact public works when leaves are ready to be picked up. The leaf machine will follow the street sweeping schedule when street sweeping is over. Street paving is completed.

Junior Council – Abrianna Bensch – Miss Bensch reported that NH Football currently has 3 wins and 3 losses this season and will face Pine Richland at home. The North Hills Drama club will present three one act plays on Saturday November 13th. The plays are Cheaters, High-Rise High Jinx and Twitch. The 3rd annual trunk or treat will take place

on Saturday, October 30th at the North Hills Middle School parking lot. The North Hills Wind Ensemble won the 2021 American Prize for performance in the high school division.

AUDIENCE

Scott Pavlot of the West View HUB gave a power point presentation showing what the HUB is about. The HUB has been open now for 2 years. They received a grant for 4 years; they are in their 3rd year. They work with the community such as churches, NHSD, NH community outreach etc. They have added an online library where you can access books online. They have added a food pantry that serves over 700 residents and have taken over Schorr bakery space. The pantry is open twice a week. They receive donations for the pantry. They have programs such as if you read so many books you can get a free ice cream coupon (through Sweet Mary's) or free piece of pizza (through DiPietro's) for the kids. They have the birthday room where on their birthday a child can pick a key and open a vault and receive a prize. They have added many programs for children and adults. Mr. Pavlot would like it if they could work more with the Borough such as being in the Borough newsletter, on the website etc. 40% of their funding goes to rent and utilities. They have applied for 501C3 status so that they may apply for more grants. He looks forward to working with the Borough and Council in the future. Mr. Pavlot was in front of Council for 16.01.11 minutes.

Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue asked if the HUB was in the newsletter, it is in there as a resource for the food pantry. He missed the dumpsters. How is the ALCOSAN decree going to affect West View? Mayor Henry replied that West View spent approximately 4 million dollars to comply with this order so far and must comply with the mandates from ALCOSAN. This is about improving the sewer systems and the communities have not yet completed the improvements, so they need to be done. What is the OSU on the telephone poles? Duquesne Light is trying to conserve the older poles and then they spray paint in white OSU so that they know what ones are completed. The Veterans Banners is there an era to apply. Any Veteran can apply for a banner and they are all West View Residents.

Sean Mikowski from Emily Kinkead's office stated that there is a free shredding event on October 23, 2021 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. This will be held at the VFW.

Mike DiCenzi of Bronx Avenue stated that the HUB Van will be at the shredding event to fill with donations for the Thanksgiving boxes that the HUB pantry will be giving out.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on September 9, 2021 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$163,576.76 was made by Mr. Schellhaas and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$159,113.55 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$2,2414.91 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Agenda

Council to discuss the appointment of Keystone Collections as the collector of Local Services Taxes as of January 3, 2022. Chief Fromlak stated that our software is outdated, and it is recommended to switch to Keystone Collections who also collects our EIT Taxes currently.

Council to approve the hiring of a Full-time Public Works Employee. Chief Fromlak recommend Joseph Scheller. *Motion to hire Joseph Scheller to the Public Works Department was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution #1516. (A Resolution authorizing the distribution of the foreign fire and casualty premium taxes pursuant to the municipal pension plan funding standard and recovery act in the amount of \$143,918.47). *Motion to approve Resolution #1516 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution #1517. (A Resolution approving an intergovernmental cooperation agreement among member municipalities of the North Hills Council of Governments for the purpose of providing mutual aid in Police, Fire, Public Works and other Municipal Services as needed and extending across Municipal Boundaries). *Motion to approve Resolution #1517 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution #1518. (A Resolution authorizing the execution of a reimbursement and maintenance agreement, and any other related documentation, between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Borough of West View for handicap ramps on Perry Highway at Ridgewood Avenue, West View Park Drive and Center Avenue in the amount of \$4,687.90). *Motion to approve Resolution #1518 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution #1519. (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for funds with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) in the amount of \$250,000.00 for a Community Infrastructure and Tourism Fund Grant (CITF). *Motion to approve Resolution #1519 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution #1520. (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG Funds with Allegheny County Economic Development for the re-surfacing of Ann Arbor Avenue in the amount of \$20,551.00). *Motion to approve Resolution #1520 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution #1521. (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG Funds with Allegheny County Economic Development for the re-surfacing of North Park Road in the amount of \$231,021.11). *Motion to approve Resolution #1510 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution #1522. (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG Funds with Allegheny County Economic Development for the re-surfacing of the 200 Block of Park Avenue in the amount of \$24,631.11). *Motion to approve Resolution #1522 was made by Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to consider Resolution #1523. (A Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG Funds with Allegheny County Economic Development for the re-surfacing of the 100 Block of Ridgewood Avenue in the amount of \$24,653.00). *Motion to approve Resolution #1523 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.*

Council to approve the Business District concrete curb replacement. (Low bid was from Alpine Allegheny Inc. in the amount of \$193,416.00). These are the curbs from Bellevue Avenue to the basketball courts on Perry Highway, eastbound. *Motion to approve the Business concrete curb replacement to Alpine Allegheny Inc. was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Approved: November 11, 2021

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BY: _____

Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer