

OFFICIAL BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW BOROUGH

MINUTES – SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING – NOVEMBER 11, 2021

Minutes of the special workshop meeting of Town Council held on Thursday, November 11, 2021, in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President M. Kimberly Steele. Chief Fromlak conducted roll call. Members of Council present were: President M. Kimberly Steele, Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, Members William F. Aguglia, Eugene Borio, Donald Mikec, Robert D. Schellhaas. Also attending were: Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Solicitor Michael Witherel, Public Works Coordinator Richard T. Rapp and Junior Council Member Abrianna Bensch. Absent were Member Scott Miller and Mayor J. R. Henry.

Chief Fromlak stated that the workshop meeting was advertised in the Post-Gazette North on October 28, 2021, stating the regular meeting will immediately follow and the purpose is for Council to discuss the proposed 2022 Budget, with no other business to be considered. The Chief thanked Mr. Kircher, Mr. Aguglia and Mr. Miller along with Cathy A. Mann the Assistant Treasurer for their support in developing the proposed budget for 2022. The Chief reported the Budget was tax neutral and will maintain all service without a tax increase for 2022. The current tax rate is 6.3 mils.

Projected revenues are \$3,899,000.00 and expenditures are \$3,899,000.00 for 2022. Both the Police and Public Works will have a 3% increase for each employee per contract if Council approves the one-year extension at tonight's regular meeting. The UPMC Health Care plan for the same coverage as currently being offered will increase by 9.6% more than the 2021 rates, for an estimated annual premium of \$275,000. As of November 11, 2021, the balances in the following accounts are General Fund Checking \$259,692.47, General Fund MM \$8,368.62, Building Fund MM \$19,49.09 and Liquid Fuels Checking \$231,582.00. The Chief budgeted \$220,000 for the 2022 paving project and the streets/alleys under consideration are: Ridgewood Ave from Bridge to dead end, Frankfort Ave from Center to Park, Wentworth Ave, Clairmont Ave from Lansing to dead end, Ashford Ave from Westfield to Glenmore, Spruce Alley behind Clairmont and Norwich, Church Way, Enon Alley from Bellevue to Church Way, 11th Alley between Georgetown and Highland, 12th Alley between Cornell and Chalfonte, Vine Alley between Brightwood and Hawthorne, Gay Alley between Ridgewood and Brightwood, Parking area of the 600 block of Center Ave and the parking lot southern end of Borough Building by Dollar General. The Borough has applied for and was approved for \$100,000 grant for eighteen (18) decorative streetlights to be received in 2022.

Chief Fromlak reported the major account changes are as follows: Revenues are Real Estate Taxes \$1,893,000, Earned Income Tax \$935,000, Local Service Tax \$57,000, Business Privilege \$30,000. Expenditures are Solicitor \$30,000. We are not anticipating the need on a TAN Loan for 2022.

We are anticipating the leasing of a Police vehicle in 2022. The lease is for 3 years at 3.32% rate for \$15,600 per year. This will replace a 2016 Police SUV which will be sold via Perryopolis Auto Auction. The lease payment for the Police SUV that we purchased in 2021 is \$15,000 per year for 3 years.

Dollar General signed a lease extension until May of 2022 at \$3000 a month, Father and Son Bakery has been given notice to vacate due to not fulfilling the lease agreement, The HUB food pantry had a lease until August 2021 for \$465 a month and is in negotiations for renewal, The HUB lease expired August 2021 at \$1000 a month and is in negotiations for renewal and Allegheny County Lease expires May 2026 at \$3412 a month.

Building Fund has a balance of \$19,400.

Liquid Fuel Fund has a 2022 budget of \$177,000.

We should receive \$341,012.00 on or about June 2022 from the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). We received \$341,012.00 in June of 2021 for a total of \$82,024.00. This money needs to be spent by December 2026.

Mr. Aguglia asked regarding the increase in healthcare and asked if there were any alternative solutions in lowering the increase. It is possible to increase the employee's contributions and it is being researched. Vice President Kircher replied that they did research with other vendors such as Highmark, Aetna and UPMC was the lowest.

President Steele asked regarding the street surfacing project if we will be able to pave all the streets listed in which Mr. Balewski replied that depended on the costs for next year, that will determine if all the streets will be paved. His suggestion is to get the bids out early in the year to secure pricing.

President Steele asked regarding a tax anticipation loan for 2022. Chief Fromlak replied that they feel that there is no need. Vice President Kircher replied that the costs of a TAN loan were high, and the Borough has utilized a line of credit that past 3 years in needed.

Mr. Kircher stated that the ARPA funds were not built into the general fund budget, that they have their own budget.

President Steele closed the Budget workshop meeting and opened the Regular Meeting at 5:48 p.m.

APPROVED: December 09, 2021

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Cathy A. Mann
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer