

OFFICIAL BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW BOROUGH

MINUTES – SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2020

Minutes of the special workshop meeting of Town Council held on Thursday, November 12, 2020, 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. 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 and Scott V. Miller. Also attending were: Mayor J.R. Henry, Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Solicitor Matthew J. Kalina, Public Works Coordinator Richard T. Rapp and Junior Council Member Douglas Bensch.

Chief Fromlak read the legal advertisement for the workshop meeting, advertised in the Post-Gazette North on October 23, 2020, stating the regular meeting will immediately follow and the purpose is for Council to discuss the proposed 2021 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 2021. The Chief reported the Budget was tax neutral and will maintain all service without a tax increase for 2021. The current tax rate is 6.3 mils.

Projected revenues are \$3,825,500.00 and expenditures are \$3,825,500.00 for 2021. Both the Police and Public Works will have a 3% increase for each employee per contract. The UPMC Health Care plan for the same coverage as currently being offered will increase by 3.5% more than the 2020 rates, for an estimated annual premium of \$275,000. As of November 10, 2020, the balances in the following accounts are General Fund Checking \$79,460, General Fund MM \$8,350, Building Fund MM \$19,486 and Liquid Fuels Checking \$248,566. The Chief budgeted \$220,000 for the 2021 paving project and the streets/alleys under consideration are: Burnett Alley connecting Lakewood to Bronx, Oneida Alley connecting Bellevue Ave. to Perry Hwy., Ashford Ave. from Highland to dead end, Lakewood Ave. between Waverly and Highland, Princeton Ave. from Bronx to Center Ave., Columbia Ave. from Center to dead end, Winter Alley behind Tomoka Ave., Oakwood Ave. dead end off Ridgewood, Linden Alley connects Beechmont to Brightwood, Wexford Alley from State Alley to Fenton, Orlando Ave. We have applied for CDBG funding through the Allegheny County Economic Development Authority for Cornell Ave. from Harvard to Center, Stanford Ave. from Harvard to Kenyon, Oakwood Ave. from Center to Fenton and Ridgewood Ave. from State Alley to dead end.

Chief Fromlak reported the major account changes are as follows: Revenues are Real Estate Taxes \$1,877,800, Earned Income Tax \$85,000, Local Service Tax \$59,000, Business Privilege \$21,500. Expenditures are Auditing Service \$23,000, Solicitor \$21,600, Engineer \$35,000. We are not anticipating the need on a TAN Loan for 2021.

We are anticipating the leasing of a Police vehicle and a Department of Public Works vehicle in the 2021. New Glock 9 mm automatics with red dot sights will be purchased with the Police Assn. donating \$3,300 towards them. Purchase of Machinery for \$40,000 was added and Capital fire equipment is at \$30,000. Liquid Fuel purchase/payment of a 2021 F-550 Dump Truck with plow and salt package is \$85,592.

Dollar General signed a lease extension until June 30, 2021 at \$3000 a month, Father and Son Bakery is taking over Steeltown Firearms with a five-year lease at \$900 a month, The HUB food pantry has a lease until August 2021 for \$465 a month, The HUB lease expires August 2021 at \$1000 a month. Allegheny County Lease expires May 2026 at \$3412 a month.

Building Fund has a budget of \$102,530.

Liquid Fuel Fund has a budget of \$174,915.

The Mayor felt everyone did a good job and asked that the committee go over everything again and see if the merging of the Fire Departments will help in the budget now and in the future.

President Steele closed the Budget workshop meeting and opened the Regular Meeting at 6:16 p.m.

APPROVED: December 10, 2020

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Cathy A. Mann

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer