

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW – REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 12, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council held Thursday, April 12, 2012 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Burchell, followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Chief Fromlak conducted Roll Call. Present were: President Ralph R. Burchell, Vice-President Barry G. Schell, Member William F. Aguglia, Member John W. Koerts, Member Donald E. Mikec, Member Mary C. Bernhard and Member M. Kimberly Steele. Also present were: J.R. Henry, Mayor, Police Chief Bruce A. Fromlak, Sec./Mgr., Assistant Treasurer Cathy A. Mann, Robert E. Zischkau from Glenn Engineering and Fire Chief George Hollenberger. Absent were Assistant Secretary Patricia A. Rapp and Solicitor Fred E. Baxter.

President Burchell welcomed everyone to the meeting. *Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on March 8, 2012 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment on general fund expenditures for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$ 122,922.81 and payments to vendors in the amount of \$ 186,368.08 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of building fund expenditures in the amount of \$ 6,536.34 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of liquid fuel expenditures in the amount of \$ 5,212.74 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion approved and ordered.*

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Report from the Mayor – J.R. Henry – The Mayor reported that the receipts for March totaled \$ 5972.17. Mayor Henry reported that they have been attending ongoing meetings with the Emergency Management team. A draft is being prepared and should be ready by the end of summer. The CONNECT Executive Committee meeting will be held on May 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. hosted by West View at the Fireman's Building. Mayor Henry, Ms. Steele, Mr. Baxter and Mr. Zischkau have been attending the Girty's Run Joint Sewer Authority meetings regarding the compliance of the Alcosan requirements. Mr. Baxter is legally excused from tonight's meeting as he is attending a Girty's Run meeting. Mr. Mikec, Ms. Steele, Mayor Henry and Mrs. Ward attended a meeting at the community partner planning council which is a joint project between the North Hills School District, Ross Township and West View Borough to look for input to improve the economic development.

Report from the Chief of Police / Secretary / Manager – Chief Fromlak stated that there is a pre-closing hearing on April 27, 2012 regarding the bond. The Chief stated that the K-9 program is being put on hold in the Borough for now. Eddy is a good dog, Officer Connolly handled Eddie well but it is not a feasible program at this time for the Borough. Eddy was moved to Scott Township with approval of the Roethlisberger Foundation. There will be a drug take back at Giant Eagle on Saturday April 28, 2012 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Report from the Solicitor – Fred E. Baxter – Mr. Baxter was absent and had no report.

Report from Glenn Engineer – Robert E. Zischkau – Mr. Zischkau reported that the CD38 Georgetown Avenue project will be bid through the North Hills Council of Governments the second week of May.

Report from Fire Chief – George Hollenberger – At the end of April the fire department will be holding a bomb class being presented by the Allegheny County Police. On May 4, 2012 the firemen are having a cash bash from

7 pm to 11 pm. On May 12th there will be craft/vendor show, tables are still available. At the end of May they will be doing a structural burn class at the fire academy through CCAC.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Mary C. Bernhard – Wage Tax collection deposits for March totaled \$85,025.42 and \$5,583.18 was refunded to individuals and municipalities. The Borough’s net proceeds were \$39,721.12 and this amount was deposited into the General Fund Checking account. Our Capital Reserve – UDAG Checking Account had a balance of \$28,948.24 as of March 31st. Our Liquid Fuel Checking Account had a balance of \$127,796.99 as of March 31st. Our Building Funds Money Market Account had a balance of \$180,103.20 as of March 31st and earned \$14.76 in interest. Our General Fund Money Market Account had a balance of \$28,634.85 as of March 31st and earned \$2.27 in interest.

Property and Purchasing – John W. Koerts – No report.

Public Works Report – Barry G. Schell – Mr. Schell stated that the Public Works Crew has been repairing lines for the street lights, repaired fencing around the basketball court on Glenmore, painted the Magistrate secretary’s office, they have been cutting grass throughout the Borough, replaced decorative brick and removed the trees and repaired and replaced storm outlets on Park Avenue.

Police and Public Safety Report – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia reported that there was a burglary in the 1100 block of Center Avenue and one was arrested and property was recovered. There were vehicle break-ins on Adrian and Yale Avenue’s, items recovered and arrest pending. A wallet was taken from K-Mart and 2 were arrested. There were counterfeit bills passed at Phil’s Citgo, the police are working with the Secret Service and charges to be filed against suspect. From December – March there were burglaries in the 1200 and 300 block of Columbia Avenue in which items were recovered and arrests were made.

Budget and Administrative Report – William F. Aguglia – No report,

Fire and Water Report – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec reported that the Fire Department responded to 20 calls, averaging 19 minutes and 34 seconds.

Public Relations Report – Donald E. Mikec – No report.

Recreation Report – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele reported that the next Crime Watch meeting will be held on May 14, 2012 and Allegheny Sherriff department will be running the meeting. The Senior luncheon cruise on the Gateway Clipper will be held on June 1, 2012, reservations can be made at the Borough building through the end of May. Summer Recreation will begin on Monday June 18, it is a 6 week program and information can be found on our website.

AUDIENCE

Mr. Burchell welcomed comments from the audience and said Council will attempt to answer any questions and provide answers if possible. Mr. Burchell asked that the procedures on the back of the agenda be followed. Paul Pokorny of 50 Tomoka Avenue was asking about properties behind his home that he recently purchased. He wanted

to know if there were future plans in developing the paper alley behind his house. He is interested in building a couple houses but was told by the Borough that he would have to have his developer put a road in. There are at least 10 lots there and some are the Borough's, do we have any plans to develop this land. Ralph replied that at this time we have no plans. Mayor Henry stated that if anyone wanted to develop land that is on an undeveloped road the borough would not develop the paper streets. Re-assessments on undeveloped property went from \$1500 to \$26000, shouldn't have to pay these high taxes on undeveloped properties. Mr. Pokorny was in front of Council for six minutes and 12 seconds.

Tiffany Broderick of 69 Frankfort Avenue stated that she lives across the street from the Borough landfill and wanted to know what the Borough planned to do about all the millings, there is plenty of dust and dirt that goes into her house. Also it is an eyesore could the Borough plant some trees so that it is not visible and to help keep the dust and dirt from traveling. She is concerned about the coash that is in the millings that can cause lung cancer. She is willing to donate trees if needed. The street cleaner sits at the end of the day for about 1 ½ hours cleaning the machine which is very noisy, can this be done elsewhere? Ms. Broderick was in front of Council for 4 minutes and 30 seconds.

Mirella Vercillo from West View Towers has a community garden down at the Towers and it is now hard for her to maintain by herself, does the Borough know of anyone wanting to volunteer to help with the garden. Also can a stop sign be put up by the car wash coming up from the plaza because the cars speed up there and by the time they reach the stop sign by the Towers they don't stop. Ms. Vercillo was in front of Council for 4 minutes and 20 seconds.

Mr. Jim Barr of 200 Frankfort Avenue stated that when they discussed the Comprehensive plan before he suggested that through intergovernmental cooperation we could build a road between Frankfort and Cemetery Lane to cut through. The CD38 plan is that a grant and council answered it is a partial grant. Mr. Barr questioned about the counterfeit information if it was the Secret Service that was involved and Chief Fromlak replied that because of their authority they work with the FBI on these cases. The Emergency Management could you summarize the plan. Mayor Henry explained that the plan is for the Borough and in an Emergency this is only one part. There are different plans such as FEMA, PEMA, County and Local plans all depending on the severity of the Emergency. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 5 minutes and 30 seconds.

AGENDA

1. Council to consider Ordinance #1464. *Motion to read #1464 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.* President Burchell read Ordinance #1464 which would regulate all Borough street openings/excavations. *Motion to approve Ordinance #1464 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered.*
2. Council to consider Ordinance #1465. *Motion to read #1465 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.* President Burchell read Ordinance #1465 which established fees and charges for street openings/excavations. *Motion to approve Ordinance #1465 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.*
3. Council to consider appointing a Delegate and an Alternate Delegate to the Allegheny County Borough Association. *Motion to appoint Mr. Aguglia as delegate and Mr. Koerts as alternate was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion approved and ordered.*
4. Council to consider the results of the April 9th bid opening for the 2012 paving project. *Motion to accept the bid of \$636,278.50 from Victor Paving & Construction was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

President Burchell thanked Chief Fromlak and Mayor Henry participated in a phone interview with Standard and Pores in rating the financial health of the Borough. We have been rated A+ which is an excellent rating.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be discussed, Mr. Burchell requested a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered by Council. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED: MAY 10, 2012

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

BY: _____
Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Sec./Mgr.

BY: _____
Ralph R. Burchell, President of Town Council