

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW – REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 13, 2017

Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View held Thursday, April 13, 2017, in Council chambers at 441 Perry Hwy., Pgh., PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Aguglia, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Roll call was conducted by Chief of Police Fromlak. Members of Town Council present were: President William F. Aguglia, Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, Members Donald E. Mikec, M. Kimberly Steele, Robert D. Schellhaas, Eugene Borio and Scott V. Miller. Also attending were: J. R. Henry, Mayor, Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Secretary/Manager, Asst. Sec. Patricia A. Rapp, Solicitor Michael J. Witherel, Engineer Robert E. Zischkau and Junior Council Member Monica Snyder. Fire Chief Justin Assisi and Junior Council Member Nick Rossmiller were absent. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on March 9, 2017 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding for \$224,300.65 made by Mr. Schellhaas was seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$367,588.04 made by Mr. Borio was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$28,455.11 made by Mr. Miller was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$18,149.73 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered. Reports from the Officers – Mayor’s Report – J. R. Henry, Mayor – The Mayor reported on the motor vehicle code violations received in March, totaling \$4,525.17 and reported on the upcoming Annual Congress for CONNECT. Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager – Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief reported on the CONNECT electronics auction. The Borough’s electric costs will drop from .0628¢ to .0588¢, saving the Borough approximately \$704 per year on electricity costs. Chief is looking into getting natural gas savings through the CONNECT auction. The Chief, along with Joe Assisi and Rich Rapp, will attend meetings regarding utilities coordination and one calls in order to keep utility companies from excavating recently paved streets. This is a good initiative, one of a kind program that will save many municipalities future reparation costs after they have paved roads. The Chief said the Borough received dividends of \$14,716.27 from MRM property and liability and \$46,785.91 from MRM Workers’ Compensation. The Chief reported on the Martsolf Bridge and the new electronic sign at #3 Firehall, which is currently experiencing technical difficulties. Chief announced the Borough was awarded as being a recipient of the ALOM 2017 Banner Community Award.

The Chief reported the Police had 370 calls for service, issued 49 traffic citations, and handled 12 criminal arrests, 8 accident reports, and 5 ordinance violations in March. Report from the Solicitor – Michael J. Witherel – Mr. Witherel remarked the Borough was instrumental in bringing about the MRM pooled trust, which has refunded over \$19 million to participating municipalities since its’ inception. Engineer’s Report – Robert E. Zischkau reported on the paving bids received yesterday for the Borough’s 2017 paving program, which are to be considered under the Agenda. Mr. Zischkau advised Council concerning the stringer/bridge damage on the Martsolf Bridge, which will be fixed and subsequently inspected in June. Mr. Zischkau said payment to the contractor is being withheld until completion and said the last thing to do will be to paint the bridge once the weather remains steady above 40°. Mr. Mikec questioned an estimate on completion of the bridge work and Mr. Zischkau said hopefully he will know a completion date by the next meeting of Council.

There was no report from Mr. Borio for Property & Purchasing, from Mr. Aguglia for Police & Public Safety, or from Mr. Kircher for Budget / Administration. Public Works - Robert D. Schellhaas reported the Crew handled 25 work orders in March and had been busy with cold patch and used 89 tons of salt in March. Fire & Water Report – Donald E. Mikec said the West View Volunteer Fire Department had 28 calls in March, with 87 year-to-date, averaging 29 calls per month and Mr. Mikec reminded everyone of the Friday, March 21st Cash Bash at the Firemen’s Banquet Hall. Public Relations & Recreation Report – M. Kimberly Steele reported on the May Crime Watch meeting, with a Vector Security Representative to address the meeting on Monday, May 8th. Spring Cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 22nd from 9:00 a.m. until noon. No electronics will be collected or accepted. Junior Council Member Report – Nick Rossmiller was absent and Monica Snyder addressed Council regarding the school’s current spring break and said APEX exams will be May 1-5 and 8-12. School is off on May 16th for Election Day and Friday, May 26th is the last day of school and Graduation.

Audience – President Aguglia welcomed any Borough resident to address Council. Sandy Truver from 36 Montclair requested guidance or advice from Council on a serious raccoon problem. Chief Fromlak said he will check with the Public Works Department, as they rat abate, but the Chief is unsure regarding trapping/removing raccoons and will look into this matter. Ms. Truver was in front of Council for 3.15.54 minutes. Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort said he couldn't hear the Solicitor and then needed someone to explain the MRM pooled trust dividends Mr. Witherel had addressed, which the Mayor re-explained. Mr. Barr asked if this trust had anything to do with Borough pensions and the Mayor said no and re-explained the yearly trust dividends. Mr. Barr questioned the report concerning the CONNECT auction for one call system for utilities, which the Mayor re-explained. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 6.12.55 minutes. There was no unfinished or new business and President Aguglia moved onto the Agenda. Agenda Item #1 – Motion to read Ordinance #1493 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Jr. Council Member Snyder read #1493, which establishes stop signs at State and Ridgewood and Amherst and Lehigh and establishes no parking on the east side of Carlisle between Adrian and Oberlin. Motion to adopt #1493 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.

Item #2 – Motion to appoint Rich Rapp and Frank Conley to the two appointments to the West View Shade Tree Commission for three-year terms, through April 10, 2019 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Item #3 – Council to consider the bid results for the 2017 Paving Program. Mr. Zischkau addressed Council on the 9 bids received on Tuesday, April 12th. The low bidder was Victor Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$307,581, contingent upon available funding, with a Program completion date by July 31st. Both the Mayor and Mr. Kircher commented and Vice President Kircher said \$250,000 had been budgeted and may be able to use Bond money for the additional \$57,581. Motion to approved made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. With no announcements, President Aguglia thanked everyone for attending, wished everyone a blessed and happy Easter and requested a Motion to adjourn the meeting in honor of the memory of Dan Rooney. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

APPROVED: May 11, 2017

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

BY: _____
William F. Aguglia, President of Town Council