

OFFICIAL BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2014

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View held Thursday, August 14, 2014 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Hwy., Pgh., PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order by President Barry G. Schell, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Chief Fromlak conducted Roll Call. Town Council Members present were: President Barry G. Schell, Vice President William F. Aguglia, Members John W. Koerts, Donald E. Mikec, M. Kimberly Steele, Bryan S. Kircher and Robert D. Schellhaas. Also in attendance were: Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Secretary/Manager, Assistant Secretary Patricia A. Rapp, Solicitor Fred E. Baxter and Junior Council Member Austin Babjak. Mayor J.R. Henry, Fire Chief Mark Scheller, Robert Zischkau from Glenn Engineering and Junior Council Member Madison Hintemeyer were absent.

President Schell requested a Motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on June 12, 2014, which was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for general fund for net pay and payroll withholding for \$135,473.50 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$60,102.72 made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$4,727.24 made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$1,831.48 made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

Reports from the Officers – Report from the Mayor – J. R. Henry was absent. President Schell reported the total receipts for vehicle code violations for July 2014 were \$7,212.20. Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak reported the Bell Drive Project is 90% complete and the six-foot fence is to be installed in early September. The Center Avenue Green Infrastructure Project is having guiderails installed, along with grass and mulch. The Contract for the 2014 Paving Project through Victor Paving has been signed. The Chief said real estate tax collections for 2014 have been at a positive flow. Solicitor Baxter had no report, Mr. Zischkau was absent, along with Fire Chief Mark Scheller, and President Schell moved onto the Reports from the Committees.

Bryan S. Kircher read the Finance Report for July 2014 as follows: Wage Tax collection deposits for July were \$285.00, with the Borough's net proceeds being \$142.50. A total of \$37,298.88 was deposited into the general fund checking account by Keystone Collections. Our liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$166,171.08 as of July 31<sup>st</sup> and earned \$7.05 in interest. Our building fund money market account had a balance of \$13,433.37 as of July 31<sup>st</sup> and earned .57 cents in interest. Our general fund money market account had a balance of \$575,030.01 as of July 31<sup>st</sup> and earned \$27.33 in interest. Our local services collection deposits totaled \$6,872.59 for July. The Borough's net proceeds were \$6,211.77. Business and mercantile collection deposits totaled \$31,110.63 for July. The Borough's net proceeds were \$15,454.26. Real estate tax collection deposits in July totaled \$215,069.73. Mr. Koerts had no report for Property and Purchasing. Public Works Report - Robert D. Schellhaas said the Public Works Crew has been cleaning and repairing storm sewers and the Summer Help has been busy with weed whacking and grass cutting duties. The Crew has also been painting street lines.

Police and Public Safety Report – William F. Aguglia read a letter from PA Council of Chief Juvenile Probations Officers Liaison Michael E. Mastroianni commending the efforts of Lieutenant Matthew Holland and Officer Gary Pavlecic for the Borough's handling of Juveniles in the Department. Mr. Mastroianni wrote the Borough is in compliance with the JJDP Act of 2002 and hard work and dedication ensures West View is consistent with

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federal requirements regarding Juveniles. Bryan S. Kircher had nothing for the Budget / Administration Report. Fire and Water Report – Donald E. Mikec reported the West View Volunteer Fire Department responded to 25 incidents in July, with 71.95 man hours used. The year-to-date incidents are 199, averaging 27 calls per month, with a total of 801.47 man hours or averaging 117.5 per month.

Public Relations / Recreation Report – M. Kimberly Steele reported the Summer Recreation Program ended on August 8<sup>th</sup> and was very successful. Plans are in the making for the annual Halloween parade. Junior Council Member Report – Austin Babjak reported the 2014-2015 School Year for the North Hills School District is to begin on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and Friday and the North Hills Indian football season begins against Fox Chapel on Friday, August 29, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. at Fox Chapel.

President Schell welcomed Residents to address Council. Ray and Cynthia Dearth from 128 Princeton Avenue addressed their concerns regarding water flooding into their basement and the overflowing creek behind their home. Mr. Dearth said the Road Crew had cleared items lodged in the creek but it seems to be muddy due to runoff from the Highland CC Construction Site. President Schell said Mr. Dearth had stopped at his home on Sunday and he had advised him he would discuss this matter with the Borough Manager and Engineer, but requested Mr. Dearth give him a chance to act on this. Ross Township is responsible for the control of the runoff and Mr. Schell said he is looking into the matter, as he feels Ross should make the construction company install a silt holding pond at the site. Mr. & Mrs. Dearth were in front of Council for 4.02 minutes.

Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort was concerned over Tuesday's heavy downpour and said he had discussed the overflowing sewers on Perry with Ms. Galant from Dice Chiropractic and worried if there are adequate sewers along Perry. President Schell said PennDot would be responsible for the Perry sewers, but it was a heavy rain event and sometimes items block the sewers in a significant rain event. Mr. Schell said he rides around the Borough to inspect during these kind of events and said we had all of the sewers in West View inspected with a camera and the Borough had no major problems. Mr. Barr questioned why Mr. Schell wanted to install a holding pond since the construction is in Ross. Mr. Schell said West View and Ross have a good working relationship and it is his intention to discuss the runoff problem with Ross, as they would enforce any erosion or sedimentation problems at the construction site. Solicitor Baxter agreed, as Ross should have an Ordinance and would be responsible for control over every renovation problem. Mr. Barr asked what the criteria was for purchasing a new backhoe. Mr. Schell said the old backhoe is over 11 years old and we would receive a good trade in on a purchase of a new Backhoe, instead of sinking money into an old machine. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 7.30 minutes.

There was no unfinished or new business and President Schell moved onto the Agenda. Item #1 – Motion to read Ordinance #1480 made by Mr. Koerts was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Chief Fromlak read the title only of #1480, which is regarding curb cuts that would prohibit vehicles parking in front yards. Motion to adopt #1480 made by Mr. Koerts was seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered. Item #2 - Motion to read Ordinance #1481 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Chief Fromlak read #1481, which is an amendment to the current street sweeping Ordinance #1387, changing the fine system to a flat \$10 per violation. Motion to adopt #1481 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Item #3 - Motion to read Resolution #1410 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered. Chief Fromlak read #1410, which is a Resolution recognizing the week of April 12 – 18, 2015 as Local Governments Week. The Chief explained this is necessary in order for West View to obtain "Banner Community" status in the Allegheny League of Municipalities. Motion to enact made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered.

Item #4 - Motion to read Resolution #1411 made by Mr. Koerts was seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Chief Fromlak read #1411, which is a Resolution authorizing Barry G. Schell as the official representative for the Borough to participate within the Commonwealth of PA's Agility Agreement. Motion to adopt #1411 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered.

Item #5 – Council to consider the purchase of a Backhoe. The purchase proposal is per the State of PA's piggyback program DGS Contract #2420 through Groff Tractor & Equipment, Inc. for a new Case Loader Backhoe for \$80,150, minus the \$24,500 trade, for a final price of \$56,150. Motion to approve the purchase made by Mr. Koerts was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Item #6 – Council to consider an appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3 year term, through August 1, 2017. Motion to re-appoint James Doerfler made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.

Announcements – Chief Fromlak said he is accepting applications for Crossing Guards and Special Police. Signs are posted in the Borough window and hall and interested parties can obtain applications in the Administration office.

Solicitor Baxter apologized to Council and said he failed to request Council's approval on hiring a Bond Council along with ALCOSAN / Girty's Run. This is regarding the Borough's Bond issue and Mr. Baxter requested Council's permission to participate in the hiring of Bond Council for their opinion. Mr. Baxter feels the cost would be kept to a minimum. Motion to approve this request made by Mr. Koerts and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

Adjournment – With no further business to be discussed, President Schell thanked everyone for attending and requested a Motion to Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED: September 11, 2014

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

BY:   
Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak  
Secretary/Manager

BY:   
President Barry G. Schell  
Town Council