

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW - REGULAR MEETING - AUGUST 9, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of Thursday, August 9, 2012 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Hwy., Pgh., PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order by President Burchell at 7:00pm, followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Burchell welcomed everyone and Chief Fromlak conducted roll call. Members of Council present were: President Ralph R. Burchell, Vice President Barry G. Schell, William F. Aguglia, John W. Koerts, Donald E. Mikec, Mary C. Bernhard and M. Kimberly Steele. Also attending were: J.R. Henry, Mayor, Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary Patricia A. Rapp, Solicitor Fred E. Baxter, Robert E. Zischkau from Glenn Engineering and Fire Chief George Hollenberger.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on July 12, 2012 made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of general fund expenditures for net pay and payroll withholding for \$124,917.73 and payments to vendors for \$145,739.06 made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of building fund expenditures for \$5,242.60 made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of 2007 project fund - sewer for \$173,170.00 made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$5,226.34 made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of 2012 project fund - sewer for \$160,836.10 made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Mayor's Report - J. R. Henry, Mayor - Mayor said the receipts for motor vehicle code violations for July 2012 totaled \$3,328.51 and announced the West View Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a golf outing at Lakeview North on September 17th for a cost of \$80 each. Information can be obtained at the Borough office. The Mayor asked Tom and Gail Weisbecker to join him at the podium and read a proclamation, thanking both for their dedicated service as former owners of Islay's.

Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Report - Bruce A. Fromlak - Chief said Walt Salachup from Ross Twp. has been hired as a part time Police Officer. The Chief said Council has been furnished with the 2011 Auditor's report, to be considered at the September meeting.

Solicitor's Report - Fred E. Baxter, Engineer's Report - Robert E. Zischkau, Fire Chief's Report - George Hollenberger - no reports.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Finance Report - Mary C. Bernhard - Mrs. Bernhard reported wage tax collection deposits for July totaled \$18,649.91 and \$1,046.22 was refunded to individuals and municipalities. The Borough's net proceeds were \$8,801.95 and this amount was deposited into the general fund checking account, along with \$59,513.10 from Keystone Collections. Our capital reserve - UDAG checking account had a balance of \$28,948.24 as of July 30th and the liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$127,796.99 as of July 30th. Our building fund money market account had a balance of \$180,160.73 as of July 30th and earned \$14.27 in interest. Our general fund money market account had a balance of \$78,659.72 as of July 30th and earned \$11.59 in interest. Real estate tax collection deposits totaled \$329,079.38 for July.

Property and Purchasing Report - John W. Koerts had no report.

Public Works - Barry G. Schell - Mr. Schell said the Crew has been painting curbs and crosswalks, cutting grass, weeds and bushes throughout the Borough and along guide rails. They erected a new swing set in Farley park and have wood chipped all of the playgrounds. Mr. Schell reported the Crew had been trimming the trees along Perry Hwy. on Route 19 today.

Police and Public Safety and Budget/Administration Report - William F. Aguglia had no report.

Fire and Water Report - Donald E. Mikec - Mr. Mikec said the West View Volunteer Fire Department responded to 10 calls during July, spending 6 hours 17 minutes and 45 seconds in man hours, an average per call of 37 minutes 47 seconds each.

Recreation Report - M. Kimberly Steele reported that summer recreation concluded on July 27th and averaged 34 children per day for the six week program. Ms. Steele said the four counselors working the program were wonderful and said the next thing Recreation will be organizing is the Halloween Parade.

Audience - Mr. Burchell welcomed any Resident to speak to Council, adhering to the rules furnished on the back of their agenda. Allison Mullinary of 225 ½ Park Avenue addressed Council regarding the man on her street that is running a business out of his home and parking a large truck and three work vans (marked with his business id and home phone) and she feels it is not safe, that emergency vehicles could not get through. Mr. Burchell referred this matter to the Chief, as this is a residential area. Ms. Mullinary was in front of Council for 2 minutes 3.7 seconds. Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort Avenue questioned the 2007 and 2012 sewer project fund payments and was advised that the \$173,170.00 paid off the 2007 bond interest and \$160,836.10 was the interest on the refinanced 2012 \$7 million bond. Mr. Barr asked if the new part time Officer was hired to replace the K-9 Officer. The Chief said no and the K-9 was donated to Scott Township PD. President Burchell said Officer Connolly is rehabilitating. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 2 minutes 59 seconds.

Diane Sovyak from 37 Montclair Avenue questioned if the Borough had a property maintenance ordinance and said the alleys between Jamaica and Lakewood, between Jamaica and Montclair and between Montclair and Jamaica off of Waverly need attention, due to both weeds and people parking vehicles badly. Ms. Sovyak said people need to clean up their trash and lids and cans after pickup, as they leave them out all week. She questioned the safety of the broken gate and the black water in the swimming pool at 43 Montclair. Ms. Sovyak was in front of Council for 4 minutes 56.2 seconds. President Burchell said the Borough has been working behind the scenes to try to remedy the problem with 43 Montclair, as Council shares her concerns. Solicitor Baxter said the Borough has a property maintenance code but adheres to the national code through and independent agency. The Borough follows due process, with the inspector checking the complaint, sending out a letter to the owner, then citing and going to the Magistrate if need be. The Solicitor said the Borough should check the open, falling down gate matter, since this is an attractive nuisance that a child would enter and drown. The Mayor advised Residents not to wait for a Council meeting to report these matters. They should call the Borough Manager or 911 for parking issues and the Manager or Road Crew will address the matters.

Dawn Zissman of 41 Montclair Avenue complained to Council that the problem at 43 Montclair has been ongoing for five years and the uncovered pool and downed gate problem are compounded by mosquitoes, water bugs, dog dirt and garbage all over the property. The Borough took care of the mosquito problem but Ms. Zissman is tired of this problem. Chief Fromlak said the property owner was cited on Tuesday and hopefully will take care of the problem immediately. Ms. Zissman said she is afraid for the sake of the children and was in front of Council for 2 minutes and 24.8 seconds. Sandy Truver of 36 Montclair Avenue addressed Council regarding her neighbor's clogged downspout that is causing rainwater to flood into her basement. Solicitor Baxter said the property should be checked to determine either a normal diversion problem or a lack of maintenance problem. If it is maintenance, the Allegheny County plumbing code would apply and Mr. Zischkau said would fall under the property maintenance code for the County's plumbing division. President Burchell said Chief Fromlak will check into this matter and Ms. Truver was in front of Council for 3 minutes 31.3 seconds. Darin Janeczko from 100 Jamaica questioned Council on how soon the minutes are posted on the website. Mr. Burchell said they are posted once Council approves the minutes. Mr. Janeczko thanked the Chief for his "no knock" sign and said Direct Energy still came to his door and when he asked for their license, he knew they were lying when they said their boss had it. He had called 911 and asked the Chief if he knew what happened. Chief Fromlak said he would have to research this to find the disposition. Mr. Janeczko questioned the number of recycle bins remaining and if the bins stay with the property when moving. The Chief said we had quite a few left and the bin should stay at the property. Mr. Janeczko noted a problem with a pipe draining in his alley and requested hot patch and Mr. Janeczko addressed a matter regarding traffic blocking the alley at Jamaica. Mr. Janeczko was in front of Council for 3 minutes 29.6 seconds. The Mayor asked if the Chief was aware of this problem and the Chief said he would address the matter.

President Burchell said there was no unfinished business and no new business and Council had one item to consider under the Agenda. 1) Council to consider an appointment to the Zoning Board. Mr. Burchell said Mr. John Mihm is currently serving and is interested in being appointed. *Motion to appoint John Mihm for a three year term, through August 1, 2012 made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

Announcements - There were no announcements but Mr. Burchell reminded everyone of the Fire Department's golf outing and requested a Motion to adjourn. *Motion to adjourn at 7:36pm made by Mr. Schell was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.* The meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Approved: SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

Borough of West View

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

By: _____
President of Town Council Ralph R. Burchell