

Borough of West View – Regular Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2014

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View held Thursday, June 12, 2014 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Hwy., Pgh., PA 15229. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Schell, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Chief Fromlak conducted roll call. 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 attending were: J. R. Henry, Mayor, Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Secretary/Manager, Asst. Sec. P. A. Rapp, Fire Chief Mark W. Scheller, Solicitor Fred E. Baxter, Robert E. Zischkau from Glenn Engineering, along with NHHS/West View's Junior Council Members Austin Babjak and Madison Hintemeyer.

Mayor Henry asked Resident Kathleen Karnavas to join him at the podium and explained Kathleen was instrumental in organizing the April 26th Community Cleanup. The Mayor read a commendation thanking Kathleen for her outstanding service to the Borough of West View and Ms. Karnavas was applauded.

President Schell requested a Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on May 8, 2014, made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for general fund for net pay and payroll withholding for \$132,479.54 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$95,710.07 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$5,081.15 made by Mr. Schellhaas was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$5,587.33 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered.

Reports from the Officers – Mayor's Report – J. R. Henry, Mayor – The Mayor's June report was not available and the Mayor had nothing further for Council. Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager's Report – Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak reported to Council on the progress of the intersection repairs at Perry Highway (Route 19) and West View Park Drive. Chief updated Council on the progress of the Center Avenue Green Infrastructure Project and the pending Bell Drive Project. The Chief said summer help has been hired. Gregg Scholze of Westfield Ave., Adam Serpa of Oakwood Ave., Richard Lankes of Ridgewood Ave., Evan Huebner of Stanford Ave. and Brandon Conley of Carlisle Ave. have begun working as of June 9th in the Public Works and Richard Lankes will not begin until July 7th. Summer Recreation starts June 23rd and the 4 new hires are Jennifer Cochran from Hidden Valley Dr., Mariah O'Lare of Wentworth Ave., Emily Lankes of Ridgewood Ave. and Christine Fromlak from Hidden Valley Drive.

Chief Fromlak advised of non-conforming homes regarding wet weather sanitary connections and reported that violation notices are going out to various homes on Center, Clairmont, Norwich, Hawthorne and Lansing. The Chief said mandatory firearms training qualifications are being conducted at Allegheny County Police Academy for 9 Officers and many members will be participating in a qualification course. The Police took delivery of their 2014 Ford Explorer SUV, being purchased through the SHACOG Alliance for \$27,111.

Solicitor's Report – Fred E. Baxter recommends Council consider approving 2 Agenda items. One is the agreement between the Borough, ALCOSAN and the West View Water Authority for the Center Avenue Green Infrastructure Project. ALCOSAN forgot to present the agreement prior to the Project beginning and this agreement merely reaffirms the Borough will commit to doing everything we are already doing on the Project. Second is the approval of the CONNECT agreement, which is simply a letter from the Borough indicating we want to participate in the discussions and negotiations. It is non-binding agreement expressing the Borough's interest to participate. The Mayor added the CONNECT agreement outlines the Borough and Girty's Run

Sewer Authority are willing to work cooperatively together in the future, which is a step forward in building a relationship with Girty's Run and ALCOSAN to have the best outcome for Borough residents in terms of rate paying for sewage and related capital projects. Report from Glenn Engineering – Robert E. Zischkau reported to Council on the violation notices that will be sent out to homes regarding their sanitary connections as a result of dye testing being conducted. The notices advise owners they must remove their rainwater connections from storm water drains. Mr. Zischkau feels the majority of the owners will be able to comply without penalty. Mr. Zischkau said he was at the Center Avenue Project during a downpour and was very pleased with the result of the runoff at this location. Mr. Zischkau feels the Project will complete in mid-July. Mr. Zischkau reported on the receipt of the 2014 Paving Project Bid, as only 1 was received. He will reassess the Bid and delete items in order to bring it under budget and will have a recommendation for Council at the July meeting. Report from the Fire Chief – Mark W. Scheller reported 21 Firefighters are currently attending a County certified ladder operations class that will continue for 3 more weeks.

Reports from the Committees – Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher reported the wage tax collection deposits for May were \$4,890.78, with the Borough's net proceeds being \$2,445.39. A total of \$61,934.45 was deposited into the general fund checking account by Keystone Collections. Our liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$166,156.97 as of May 31st and earned \$6.83 in interest. Our building fund money market account had a balance of \$13,432.23 as of May 31st and earned 55 cents in interest. Our general fund money market account had a balance of \$674,972.82 as of May 31st and earned \$31.84 in interest. Our local services collection deposits totaled \$8,128.36 for May and the Borough's proceeds were \$7,213.51. Business and mercantile collection deposits were \$4,799.67 for May and our proceeds were \$2,414.84. There were no real estate tax collection deposits made in May. Property and Purchasing Report – John W. Koerts had no report for Council.

Public Works Report – Robert D. Schellhaas reported Dave Burns and Frank Conley attended a driver's safety course. The Crew installed 50 foot of storm pipe in the alley behind 1-7 Center Avenue. The Road Crew replaced damaged guide rail on North Park Road and hot mix and grass cutting is underway. The Crew has been cleaning up from wash outs and removing fallen trees due to the storms. Police and Public Safety Report – William F. Aguglia reported the Police received a \$1,000 Grant from the Attorney General's office for the purchase of 2 portable breath testing units. The cost of the PBT units are \$500 each and will be obtained at no cost to the Borough. Mr. Aguglia requested Council conduct an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Budget / Administration Report – Bryan S. Kircher had nothing to report to Council. Fire and Water Report – Donald Mikec reported the West View Volunteer Fire Department responded to 31 incidents in May for a total of 150.33 man hours used. Year-to-date incidents are 134 using 631.13 man hours, with an average of 26.8 calls per month at 126.2 hours. Public Relations and Recreation Report – M. Kimberly Steele recognized Beth Schellhaas in the Audience and requested she address Council about the West View Community Connection "Community Day" on June 21st. Ms. Steele said there are 62 Children registered for the summer recreation program, with 4 capable young adults staffing the program, which is filled with fun crafts, games, field trips and swim trips and this year, will have a tie dying session for the Borough Children. The staff is very creative with keeping the Children busy and the only cost to the Child is the entrance fees into either the field or swim trips. The program begins on the 23rd at West View Elementary. Ms. Steele requested Chairperson Beth Schellhaas come forward and address Council regarding June 21st Community Day on Saturday from 3:00 p.m. until movie time at dusk.

Beth Schellhaas addressed Council with the details of Community Day and the West View Community Connection Committee, which consists of Beth, Deb Andrews from West View Savings Bank, Chief Fromlak and Lieutenant Holland. The Committee is attempting to have an event every month and the first event is Saturday, June 21st from 3:00 p.m. until dusk at approximately 8:30 p.m. when the movie Despicable Me will start. They have hired a company to come in to take care of the movie, sound system and the projector. The Fire Department will attend with their Trucks, Police Department and Ross/West View EMSA will be there, with the Police planning a bike raffle and will offer free fingerprinting for Children. Home Depot will attend to make tool boxes with the Children. 3WS will be there with music and games and raffles. There will be a kid's corner and a bounce house and Ben & Jerry will be there with ice cream, as they have supported the Borough functions for years. Ridgewood Church Men's Group, KFC, Boy Scout Troop 83, Center Avenue Slice will all be providing food and ice balls. The Committee is working together to buy new Christmas decorations. President Schell said the Borough's decorations are about 28 years old. Beth is looking forward to everyone attending and Ms. Steele said they are looking for volunteers for this event. Report from Junior Council Member Austin Babjak – Austin said the 2014 North Hills Senior Class's graduation was held on Friday, June 6, 2014.

Audience – President Schell welcomed any Borough Resident to address Council. Dave Urban from 60 Lakewood asked the Chief to re-read all the names of the part timers hired and said Millvale runs an advertisement in the Post-Gazette for summer help. The Chief said the notice was posted in the Borough window and hall and we received 4 applications to work the summer rec program and received 7 for the 5 positions in the Road Crew. Mr. Urban feels it should be advertised to get in new people who aren't connected by friends or relatives. He wanted to know which streets were being paved. Mr. Schell said the Borough has a tentative list to pave proposed portions of Bell Drive, Brightwood Avenue, Burnett Alley, Cooper Alley, Jamaica Avenue, Lakewood Avenue, Mt. Vernon Avenue, Wilkins Alley and Yale Avenue, along with the West View Fireman's parking lot. President Schell said they are all are subject to change due to the Bid being over budget, as Mr. Zischkau previously reported. Mr. Urban was in front of Council for 4.18 minutes.

Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort questioned Council to re-explain the violation notices to be sent out, the Center Avenue Green Infrastructure Project and, said since it was not a mandate, what are their options and the whole realm of complying with the Project. Mayor Henry said the 53 homes in the Hawthorne area need to have remediation to remove their downspouts from their sewer system within 90 days and the estimated cost to the owner ranges from \$200 to \$1,000 for certified plumber, remediation, etc. The Mayor said the Borough is in the process of notification and is willing to work along with the owners. Mr. Zischkau said this is a mandate by the Allegheny County Health Department and the Pennsylvania DEP, being part of the consent orders and 9 minimum controls. Mr. Barr questioned if there were other options if they passed the dye test. The Mayor said there would be no action or remediation necessary if the owner passes a dye test and both the Mayor and Mr. Zischkau re-explained how to remedy violations. There are no options for the violators, it is a mandate that they disconnect their downspouts from their sanitary sewer. The owner cannot impact their neighbors or run this into the street, they must do it legally within the County plumbing code and the international property code, though for liability reasons, the Borough cannot make recommendations to violators. Mr. Barr said again, but they do have options though? President Schell said there are various ways of doing it and would assume they would choose the easiest and cheapest way. Mr. Barr was hoping they had a creative way of doing this. Mr. Schell said they must accomplish the separation from the sewer legally and it must be done without creating a problem for the Borough or their neighbors. Mr. Barr said Ross, Reserve, Millvale and Shaler came up with a way to retain waste water when it backed up with retaining tanks on Babcock and that's how they solved it with a big tank. The Mayor said he wished it was that simple but it is

apples and oranges but there is no simple remedy to conform to the 9 minimum control mandate. The Mayor re-explained the separation of the storm from sanitary and how Agenda Item #4 - the CONNECT agreement to be considered - is for a long term study to hopefully be able to eventually turn over the Borough's trunk line to ALCOSAN within the next 10 years. Mr. Barr said the Borough would be negotiating a deal that was already done and the Mayor said he was absolutely incorrect, that it has nothing to do with the maintenance of the trunk line, nothing to do with the Borough's agreement with Girty's Run but with working along with Girty's Run and ALCOSAN in planning for our future. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 12.18 minutes. Melissa Hintemeyer from 38 Hempstead addressed Council regarding trees overhanging her deck and the Chief said he would be out to look at the matter on Monday. Ms. Hintemeyer was in front of Council for 1.40 minutes.

There was no unfinished business and no new business and President Schell moved onto Agenda Item #1 – the consideration of the Center Avenue Green Infrastructure Agreement. Motion made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Ms. Steele to approve the agreement between the Borough, the Municipal Authority and ALCOSAN. Motion approved and ordered. Item #2 – Motion to consider appointing Mr. Paul Malone to a 4-year term to the Planning Commission through May 31, 2018 to replace Robert Malone, who retired, made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered. Item #3 – Motion to approve the NHCOC recommendation to update the Borough's current zoning ordinance in lieu of the Cohen Law Groups report regarding mini cell towers made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Koerts. President Schell said the Cohen Group attorneys represent the interests of 25 municipalities and our right-of-ways could be compromised without this agreement. Motion was approved and ordered by Council. Item #4 – Motion to approve the CONNECT Inter-municipal Trunk Sewer/Wet Weather Facility Transfer Agreement between the Borough, Girty's Run Joint Sewer Authority, ALCOSAN and 3 Rivers Wet Weather made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. There were no announcements and President Schell said Council would retire to an executive session and no further business would be conducted. Mr. Schell extended Happy Father's Day wishes to everyone.

Council retired to executive session at 7:45 p.m. Council returned at 8:07 p.m. and Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Schellhaas was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

APPROVED: JUNE 10, 2014

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Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Sec./Mgr.

President Barry G. Schell, Town Council