

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 12, 2015 - BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View held Thursday, February 12, 2015 in Council chambers at 441 Perry Hwy., Pgh., PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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. Members present were: President Barry G. Schell, Vice President William F. Aguglia, Members Donald E. Mikec, M. Kimberly Steele, Bryan S. Kircher, Robert D. Schellhaas, Jr. and Eugene Borio. Also attending were: J. R. Henry, Mayor, Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary Patricia A. Rapp, Solicitor Michael J. Witherel, Robert E. Zischkau from Glenn Engineering and Fire Chief Mark W. Scheller. Junior Council Members Adam Babjak and Madison Hintemeyer were absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on January 8, 2015 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for general fund for net pay and payroll withholding for \$137,186.84 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$66,426.09 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$4,741.20 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$4,408.29 made by Mr. Borio was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

Reports from the Officers – Report from the Mayor – J. R. Henry, Mayor reported the January 2015 motor vehicle code violations totaled \$3,207.13. The Mayor updated Council about proposed changes to the Route 19 and Highland Avenue intersection, being the addition of left hand stacking lanes on both Highland and north on Perry. The \$70,000 Highland project would be funded through the Highland project developers, but the Mayor would like to have the Perry work done at the same time, which would be at the Borough's cost. Though the cost for the project is estimated high at \$200,000 by Wooster (traffic engineers for the developer and financing is currently available through Pennsylvania infrastructure banking for a 1.64% interest rate. The Mayor would like Council to add this as Motion Item #9 under the Agenda in order to have the Manager, Solicitor and Engineer pursue funding and move forward with paperwork to have this tentative project proceed. The Mayor would like to have the project run concurrently with the Highland project and both would be completed approximately within a year.

Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Report – Chief Bruce A. Fromlak addressed the sign replacement program within the Borough. We are required to conform our street signs to federal requirements and the Chief had samples of conforming signs for Council and the Audience to view. The signs must begin being installed by 2016 and completed by 2018 at a cost of approximately \$7,000 for the entire Borough, not inclusive of the cost of the break-off posts for each sign. Report from the Solicitor – Michael J. Witherel reported on the lease agreement within Agenda Item #3. Mr. Witherel would like Council to consider Item #3's approval, contingent upon changes made to this lease by both himself and the Chief. Report from Glenn Engineering – Robert E. Zischkau had no report for Council. Fire Chief's Report – Mark W. Scheller – Chief Scheller reported on the Wisconsin trip to Pierce Manufacturing that he and some of the members of the WVFD had taken to sign paperwork and see the progress of their new Ladder Truck. After the Chief attends a meeting with their Representative to view graphics for the truck, production will begin and Chief Scheller is anticipating the truck's delivery in July or August. The WVFD is having a Cash Bash in April and tickets for this fundraiser are still available.

Reports from the Committees – Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher said the wage tax collection deposits were \$775.83 for January with the Borough's net proceeds at \$378.92. A total of \$42,055.14 was deposited into the general fund checking account by Keystone Collections. Our liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$65,023.60 as of January 31st and earned \$2.81 in interest. Our building fund money market account had a balance of \$33,440.17 as of January 31st and earned \$1.38 in interest. Our general fund money market account had a balance of \$950,271.89 as of January 31st, earning \$45.49 in interest. Our local services collection deposits totaled \$4,516.97 for January. The Borough's net proceeds were \$4,006.76. Business and mercantile collection deposits totaled \$29,682.85 for January. The Borough's net proceeds were \$14,856.43. Real estate tax collection deposits in January totaled \$14,876.11. Mr. Borio had no

report for Property and Purchasing. Public Works Report – Robert D. Schellhaas reported the Public Works completed 30 work orders in January and have used 680 tons of salt. The Crew repaired the steps on Glenmore and has taken down all of the Christmas decorations. Police and Public Safety Report – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia said that all of the Officers have completed their mandatory in-service training at the County Police Academy. Officers Chris Mann and Mike Stern are to attend a 5-day class March 2-6 at the Allegheny County 911 dispatch center for new County wide reporting system evaluation. Officer Stern will attend a 2-day class on March 24-25 to be certified Remington armor. Mr. Aguglia feels the police have been very visible in the Borough and have been patrolling the streets very well.

Mr. Kircher had no report for Budget / Administration. Fire and Water Report – Donald E. Mikec reported the West View Volunteer Fire Department responded to 28 calls, using 158 man hours in January. Mr. Mikec questioned Chief Scheller if the WVVFD will sell the old ladder truck. The Chief said the Department is running a for sale ad and if the truck should sell before the new truck is delivered, the Chief will rely on mutual aid for ladder truck support. Public Relations Report – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele said the next Crime Watch meeting will take place on Monday, March 9 and Brian Opiela will present a program on computer safety. For her recreation report, Ms. Steele said the Borough Crew has been working on an ice skating rink at Bronx field and extended kudos to Rich Rapp for his hard work and also to the Public Works for their efforts with the rink. If all goes well, skaters will be able to use the rink during daylight hours. Junior Council Members Austin Babjak and Madison Hintemeyer were absent.

Audience – President Schell welcomed Residents to address Council. Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort said he did not believe tonight's meeting was posted on the Borough's website. The Chief said it is posted in the yellow and red box on the left side of the webpage. Mr. Barr said he heard Bellevue Borough had seen two coyotes on their basketball court and questioned the proposed left hand turn Highland intersection project and questioned what is now occupying 5300 Perrysville. The Mayor said it is the former Boyle Carpet building. The Chief said the Borough is looking to rent the lower level of that building for a warehouse only to house the Road Crew and the Fire Department's equipment, materials and supplies. Mr. Barr apologized and said the thought the DPW was the State and the Chief explained the Borough has its own DPW who maintains the roads, salts streets, etc. Mr. Barr questioned if the Borough knew of any smaller municipalities that did their own solid waste pickup like Munhall does? The Mayor said no and President Schell said of the 25 municipalities in the NHCOG, all bid out their pickup. Mr. Barr questioned Chief Scheller on how a cash bash works and why they don't hold a gun bash. Chief Scheller explained the specifics of the cash bash and said the WVVFD takes in more money on the cash bash. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 6.38.08 minutes.

There was no unfinished business or new business. Agenda – Item #1 – Council to consider Resolution #1421. Motion to read the title only for #1421 made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Chief Fromlak read #1421, which is a Resolution applying for \$112,625 in RAAC grant money through the NHCOG for improvements to Bronx Field. Motion to adopt #1421 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Item #2 – Council to consider purchasing 14 Glock 21 GEN 4, .25 caliber sidearms with holsters and magazine pouches for the Police Officers in the amount of \$11,800 through CoStar Contract #012-071 through Markl Supply, with the trade in value of \$250 per old weapon. President Schell said his is a budgeted expense. Motion to approve made by Mr. Schellhaas was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.

Item #3 – Council to consider renting the first floor of 5300 Perrysville Road for 5 years for \$1,000 per month for 2,700 square feet. This area would be used as a warehouse for the DPW. Motion to approve the rental, contingent upon review and approval from the Solicitor and Chief of Police made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Item #4 – Council to consider a 5-year appointment to the Municipal Authority of the Borough of West View through December 31, 2019. Motion to reappoint Joseph J. Nowark was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Item #5 – Council to consider a 5-year appointment to Ross/West View Emergency Services Authority through December 31, 2019. Motion to reappoint Joseph Dinkel was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. Member Bryan Kircher abstained from the vote. Item #6 – Council to consider a 5-year appointment to the Recreation Board through December 31, 2019. Motion made by Ms. Steele to reappoint Misty Hollinger was seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.

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Item #7 – Council to consider a yearly appointment to the Vacancy Board through December 31, 2015. Motion made by Ms. Steele to reappoint Daniel Dannenmueller was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. Item #8 – Council to consider two 2-year appointments to the Three Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Program through December 31, 2016. Motion to reappoint William F. Aguglia and Bruce A. Fromlak was made by Mr. Borio and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Item #9 – Council to consider authorizing the Borough Manager, the Solicitor and the Engineer to move forward with the paperwork to get financing up to \$200,000 for the stacking lane project, northbound on Perry Highway at Highland Avenue. The Mayor had said this work would run concurrently with the Highland Avenue stacking lane project and financing will be pursued through PA Infrastructure banking at 1.64% interest rate. Motion made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered.

Announcements – Reminder that the regular meeting of Town Council for Thursday, April 9th has been cancelled and rescheduled for Thursday, April 2nd. Adjournment – President Barry G. Schell thanked everyone for attending the meeting and requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion was approved and ordered.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED: APRIL 12, 2015

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

BY:



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

BY:



President of Town Council Barry G. Schell