

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING - JULY 11, 2013

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View held Thursday, July 11, 2013 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Hwy., Pgh., PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Barry Schell, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chief Fromlak conducted roll call. Members of Town Council present were: President Barry G. Schell, Vice President William F. Aguglia, and 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, Sec./Mgr., Asst. Sec. Patricia A. Rapp, Solicitor Fred E. Baxter, Robert E. Zischkau from Glenn Eng. and Fire Chief Mark W. Scheller.

Motion to approve minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on June 13, 2013 made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve general fund payment of net pay and payroll withholding for \$130,548.80 made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve general fund payments to vendors for \$82,752.03 made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$5,095.87 made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of building fund expenditures for \$9,996.44 made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.

Reports from the officers - Report from the Mayor - J. R. Henry reported on motor vehicle code violations totaled \$8,501.71 for June 2013, with \$345.00 for parking violations/tickets, \$2,400.80 for vehicle code violations/magistrate, \$1,346.98 for ordinance & statute violations/magistrate, \$2,572.42 for Allegheny Co. DUI and \$1,836.51 for State shared/vehicle code. The Mayor provided Council with information on the Girty's Run Joint Sewer Authority letter concerning the Borough's feasibility study due the end of July. Mayor Henry sent a letter to the Authority, due to vote on the member municipality agreements this evening, stating that it is the Borough's intention to have Alcosan take over the Borough trunk lines in the future as part of the Borough's feasibility study. The Mayor will keep Council informed on the progress of his meetings with Girty's Run.

Report from the Chief of Police/Sec./Mgr. Bruce A. Fromlak - The Chief reported the Borough Auditor Don Reddinger, was in to review 2013's finances to date and the Chief said the Borough is currently in good shape. The Chief said Local Services Tax (LST) collections are good, which is the \$52/per year to work in West View, being up approximately \$11,000 over 2012's collections. The Chief updated Council on the Perry Hwy. sinkhole fix and requested Council consider approving funds to purchase a new unmarked/undercover vehicle for the Police. The Chief would use the vehicle, as well as the Detective. Chief said the DA's office has provided money, along with money from the sale of a vehicle, a tractor and a pickup, for an approximate total of \$23,802 in revenue to be applied to the purchase of a vehicle. It is the Chief's intention to pursue the undercover/unmarked vehicle purchase through the current \$26,000 vehicle Costar bid.

Solicitor Baxter had no report for Council. Robert Zischkau from Glenn Engineering updated Council on the completion of the work on the Perry Hwy. sewer collapse and the 22' void that appeared by the Grotto Restaurant/Tavern at the intersection of West View Park Dr. Mr. Zischkau said this was a very expensive endeavor which will be paid for through West View Authority's user fees. Mr. Zischkau coordinated the work at the site with the Borough, the Health Dept., Penndot and the DEP. Mr.

Zischkau is coordinating the final paving for Perry Hwy., the salt storage lot and Center Avenue's "green project" and is responsible for filing all exit orders for the Perry job.

Fire Chief's Report - Mark W. Scheller reported 15 firefighters will take part in the flashover simulator class at Allegheny County's Fire Academy in order to obtain State certification.

Reports from the committees - Finance Report - Bryan S. Kircher said Wage Tax collection deposits for June totaled \$6,371.65. The Borough's net proceeds were \$3,185.83 and were deposited into the general fund checking account, along with \$88,709.92 from Keystone Collections. Our Capital Reserve - UDAG checking account had a balance of \$28,948.24 as of June 30th. Our Liquid Fuel checking account had a balance of \$170,884.45 as of June 30th and earned \$26.21 in interest. Our Building Fund money market account had a balance of \$180,327.47 as of June 30th and earned \$13.83 in interest. Our General Fund money market account had a balance of \$474,242.85 as of June 30th and earned \$45.48 in interest. Our Local Services collection deposits totaled \$72.80 for June. The Borough's net proceeds were \$41.65. Business and Mercantile collection deposits totaled \$1,338.72 for June. The Borough's net proceeds were \$674.36.

Mr. Koerts had no report for property and purchasing but reported on the Public Works, who have been busy patching potholes, fixing curbs, mowing grass, working at Mayor Park with fixing the bridge and they worked fixing 1 sanitary and 3 storm sewers. Police & Public Safety Report - William Aguglia reported the Allegheny Co. DA's Office is conducting a truck and trailer safety program in the North Hills area to make sure trailers are correctly attached. Mr. Kircher had no Budget / Administration report for Council. Mr. Mikec addressed Fire and Water, reporting the West View Volunteer Fire Dept. answered 21 calls in June, using 114 hours 27 minutes of man hours, with 139 calls and 675 hours 78 minutes year to date. The Mayor said Fire Police officers are to be recognized at the August meeting for their outstanding efforts at the Perry Hwy. sinkhole.

Public Relations - Robert D. Schellhaas reported the West View Volunteer Fire Dept. will be sponsoring their annual golf outing on August 19th at the Shannopin Country Club and anyone interested in participating may call Joe Assisi at 412.931.2800 ext. 112 for information. Ms. Steele reported the West View Summer Recreation program is going well.

Audience - President Schell welcomed residents to participate. Dave Urban from 60 Lakewood Ave. questioned Council regarding which Authority's user fees would pay for the Perry sinkhole repairs, and requested a list of street sweeping tickets issued per street for the 2nd Wednesday in June, as Mr. Urban feels no tickets should be issued if the street sweeper does not sweep. He was in front of Council for 3.41.9 minutes. Tim McCarthy of 19 Fairview Ave. addressed Council to urge them to declare 17 Fairview a nuisance, as it has been sitting 6 months since it caught fire and nothing has been done to remedy its' dangerous situation. Mr. McCarthy addressed Council for 1.43.9 minutes. Chief Fromlak said this matter is to be addressed under the Agenda.

There was no unfinished business or new business. Agenda - Item #1 - Council to consider a 5 year appointment to the Recreation Board through June 30, 2018. Motion from Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Aguglia to re-appoint Jose Martinez. Motion approved and ordered by Council. Item #2 - Council to ratify the employment of 8 part time summer employees. Chief Fromlak read the names and addresses of the 4 youths hired for the Public Works and the 4 youths hired for Summer Recreation. Motion to ratify the hiring of the 8 part time youths made by Mr. Koerts and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered, with Member Kircher abstaining.

Item #3 - Council to consider Resolution #1399. Motion to read #1399 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Solicitor Baxter said this may be read by title only. Chief Fromlak read the title of Resolution #1399, which is a Resolution to declare 17 Fairview Avenue as a public nuisance. Mayor Henry said the fire at 17 Fairview luckily had no injuries but the aftermath of the fire encompassed a unique chain of events that have finally been addressed. Mayor Henry recommends the Borough pay for the demolition and subsequent debris removal and lien the property to recoup expenses. With no further discussion, Motion to approve Resolution #1399 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to authorize bid acceptance for the demolition of 17 Fairview and debris removal made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.

Item #4 - Council to consider an appointment to the Municipal Authority of the Borough of West View, through December 31, 2013, which is the remainder of Mr. Thomas Witherel's term. Ms. Steele recommended the appointment of J. R. Henry, which was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. This appointment will not be a conflict of interest and Mayor Henry thanked Council for this appointment and said he will no longer accept the Mayor's \$175/month salary from the Borough due to this appointment. Item #5 - Council to consider the purchase of a new unmarked/undercover vehicle for the Police Dept. Mr. Koerts motion to approve the purchase was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Item #6 - Council to consider Resolution #1400. Motion to read #1400 by title only made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Chief Fromlak read #1400, which approves the filing of a grant application with the Dept. of Economic Development - Year 40, for \$10,000 in funds to remove the demolition debris from 46 Clairmont Avenue. Motion to approve #1400 made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

There were no announcements. Mayor Henry commented that Tom Witherel had served the Borough for over 40 years and had been on the Municipal Authority Board for 34 years. Mayor Henry requested Council consider closing the meeting in honor of Mr. Witherel, recognizing his service to the Borough and to send notification to his son, Mike.

Adjournment - President Schell requested a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting. Motion to adjourn on behalf of Thomas Witherel made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered by Town Council of the Borough of West View.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED: August 8, 2013

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

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

BY: _____
Barry G. Schell
President of Town Council