

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 14, 2012

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View held Wednesday, June 14, 2012 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The meeting was called to order by President Burchell at 7:00 p.m., followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chief Fromlak conducted roll call. Members of Council attending were: President Ralph R. Burchell, Vice President Barry G. Schell, Member William F. Aguglia, Member Donald E. Mikec, Member Mary C. Bernhard and Member M. Kimberly Steele. Member John W. Koerts was absent. Also in attendance 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 May 10, 2012 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of general fund expenditures for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$191,695.29 and payments to vendors in the amount of \$76,499.51 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of building fund expenditures in the amount of \$13,598.78 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of liquid fuel fund expenditures in the amount of \$5,214.08 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion was approved and ordered.

Reports from the Officers - Mayor's Report – J. R. Henry, Mayor – The Mayor reported the motor vehicle code violation receipts for May 2012 totaled \$2,889.49. The Mayor updated Council on a May 2nd emergency management meeting he attended to help coordinate Police, Fire and EMS services and extended his thanks to Chief Fromlak. The Mayor said the Borough hosted a CONNECT meeting on May 15th, which was a half day annual meeting of the congress.

Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Report – Bruce A. Fromlak – The Chief reported on public scams by people posing as roofers or pavers and wanted to make the general public aware. The Chief said the trolley is 12 years old and has seen better days. The trolley is in need of \$7,000-\$10,000 of repairs and Mr. Burchell said this matter is to be considered under the agenda.

Report from the Solicitor – Fred E. Baxter, Jr. – Mr. Baxter addressed the proposed “blighted properties” ordinance and recommended Council considers this ordinance. The Mayor suggested Mr. Baxter contact CONNECT as they may be able to share important information regarding blighted property ordinances.

Report from Glenn Engineering – Robert E. Zischkau – Mr. Zischkau presented the ALCOSAN proposed Center Avenue green infrastructure project which would be a green demonstration project for wet weather flows. EPA is funding this project through grant monies through CITF grants. The majority of costs would be shared through ALCOSAN and the EPA and the

Municipal Authority and the Borough would share the \$12,500 cost of the project. Mr. Zischkau discussed the retention area, capture vessel and the rain garden proposed for the area in the middle of Center Avenue between Hawthorne and Norwich Avenues, which would reduce wet weather flows and/or run off into Girty's Run and said Glenn Engineering, Inc. would be doing the engineering for this project. President Burchell thanked Mr. Zischkau for his presentation, as this project has been a couple of years in the making. The Mayor requested Mr. Zischkau circulate the project drawings to the Audience.

Report from the Fire Chief – George Hollenberger – Chief Hollenberger reported on drills Members attended and the progress of the West View Volunteer Fire Department.

Reports from the Committees - Finance Report – Mary C. Bernhard - Wage Tax collection deposits for May totaled \$16,468.15 and \$836.10 was refunded to individuals and municipalities. The Borough's net proceeds were \$7,816.03 and this amount was deposited into the General Fund Checking account, along with \$48,400.00 from Keystone Collections for the 1st Quarter of 2012. Our Capital Reserve - UDAG Checking Account had a balance of \$28,948.24 as of May 30th. Our Liquid Fuel Checking Account had a balance of \$127,796.99 as of May 30th. Our Building Fund Money Market Account had a balance of \$180,133.71 as of May 30th and earned \$15.25 in interest. Our General Fund Money Market Account had a balance of \$128,639.90 as of May 30th and earned \$2.55 in interest. Mrs. Bernhard said there were no deposits for real estate tax collections during the month of May.

Property and Purchasing Report – John W. Koerts – absent

Public Works Report – Barry G. Schell – Mr. Schell reported that Joe Assisi and Mark Scheller had been working along with the pavers during the milling and paving process and George Guenther and Dan Sterzinger had been painting all of the safety zones. Mr. Schell said Joe Assisi and Rich Rapp attended and successfully completed a recreation and park maintenance safety program. The Crew repaired storm sewers on Cornell, on Columbia at Center and on Norwich.

Police and Public Safety Report and Budget/Administration Report – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia had no report for Budget/Administration but reported on several incidents that occurred and the numbers of citations issued during Click it or Ticket. Mr. Aguglia read a thank you received from a woman whose child was freed from a locked vehicle by Detective Ganster. Mr. Aguglia requested an Executive Session be held to discuss a matter pertaining to personnel. Mr. Burchell said this would be done at the end of tonight's meeting.

Fire and Water Report and Public Relations Report – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec reported the Fire Department Members had 21 incidents during April and had 28 incidents during May. Mr. Mikec said the American Legion Post #80 was renamed on Memorial Day in honor of Sergeant Caskey, a West View native and the event was attended by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2754 that rode there on the Borough Trolley. Mr. Mikec thanked Tom Barie for driving the Trolley on Memorial Day.

Recreation Report – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele said the summer recreation program is set to begin on June 18th and will run through July 27th. Ms. Steele reported on how well the Senior Citizen Gateway Clipper trip went on June 1st.

Audience - Mr. Burchell welcomed the Audience and said that everyone had received the guidelines for participating.

Tom Barie from 110 Center addressed Council regarding three properties in need of maintenance and provided Council with pictures. Mr. Burchell asked if Mr. Barie had addressed this matter with the Chief and Mr. Barie said he had not and was advised that Mr. Fromlak and Mr. Assisi would address it. Mr. Barie said he was the Trolley driver for over 5 years and though very few Senior Citizens used the Trolley, he said driving it was a pleasure. Mr. Barie was in front of Council for 4 minutes 9.2 seconds. Heather Pinkerton of 12 Columbia addressed Council regarding a missing sign on Columbia at Highland and questioned the Center Avenue project, concerned the residents would lose parking spaces. Mr. Burchell said the project would not affect the parking area on Center. Heather was in front of Council for 1 minute 42.8 seconds. Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort addressed the Senior Citizens not using the Trolley enough and the children from summer recreation using it. Mr. Barr questioned a Police incident at the HiRise and Mr. Burchell answered his question. Mr. Barr questioned why the EPA and the federal government would care about the Center Avenue “green” project and said they have no money to give and questioned if the Borough would lose control of the area to State and Federal agencies. Mr. Barr questioned who was going to pay for this and was in front of Council for 3 minutes 47.6 seconds. Dave Urban from 60 Lakewood questioned what CONNECT meant and wanted to provide input for the sale of the Highland Country Club and wants a park put there by Heartland Homes or wants the Borough to buy part of the land for a park. Mayor Henry again explained what the CONNECT is a 39 municipality cooperation organization that the Borough joined two years ago. Both Mr. Burchell and Mr. Mikec addressed the Highland Country Club property, which is located in Ross Township and said the plans for property usage are not known. Mr. Urban was in front of Council for 5 minutes 11.9 seconds. Mayor Henry left the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Unfinished Business and New Business – There was none.

Agenda

1. Council to consider an appointment to the Planning Commission for a four year term, through May 31, 2016. *Motion to appoint Mr. Tom Duncan made by Mr. Schell was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered.*
2. Council consider Ordinance #1466, which is an ordinance establishing a stop sign on Oakwood Avenue. *Motion to read Ordinance #1466 made by Mr. Schell was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.* Mr. Burchell read #1466 by title only as per Mr. Baxter and *Motion to approve #1466 made by Mr. Schell was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.*
3. Council to consider approving the proposed ALCOSAN Green Project Contract along with the Municipal Authority and ALCOSAN for the Center Avenue Infrastructure Project (between Norwich and Hawthorne Avenues). Mr. Burchell questioned if the estimates were contingent and the Mr. Zischkau

said \$12,500.00 would be paid out of the sewer account for the Borough. *Motion to approve made by Mr. Schell was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

4. Council to consider the feasibility of the Trolley. Mr. Burchell explained the escalating costs of operating the trolley under normal conditions, plus the pending costs to repair a 12 year-old trolley and the feasibility of this entire matter. It was proposed to advertise the trolley for sale "as is" and rent a school bus to transport the summer recreation children and rent a mini van for the several seniors that currently ride to take them shopping, at least every other week for a day. Mr. Burchell proposed sending a minivan for the Senior Citizens every other week, keeping an eye on the number of riders for future feasibility. This would be advertised and posted on our website and through the Borough and Churches. *Motion to approve the advertisement for the "as is" sale of the trolley made by Mr. Schell was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.*

Announcements – There were no announcements.

President Burchell said no further business would be discussed before Council and the Audience was free to leave, as all that would be done after the Executive Session was adjournment. At 7:51 p.m. Council retired to an Executive Session. At 8:15 p.m. Council returned from Executive Session.

Adjournment - *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.* Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED: JULY 12, 2012

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

BY: _____
President of Town Council Ralph R. Burchell