

## BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

### REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 9, 2016

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View held Thursday, June 9, 2016 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Hwy., Pgh., PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President William F. Aguglia, 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 William F. Aguglia, Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, Members Donald E. Mikec, M. Kimberly Steele, Eugene Borio and Scott V. Miller. Also attending were: Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Secretary/Manager, Assistant Secretary Patricia A. Rapp, Attorney Matt Kalina and Fire Chief Mark W. Scheller. Absent were: Council Member Robert D. Schellhaas, J. R. Henry, Mayor, Solicitor Michael J. Witherel, Engineer Robert E. Zischkau and Junior Council Member Monica Snyder.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on April 14, 2016 made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding for \$146,032.04 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$81,653.75 made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$4,583.69 made by Mr. Borio was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$9,961.83 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.

Reports from the Officers – Mayor’s Report – J. R. Henry, Mayor – absent – In the Mayor’s absence Member Miller said the Motor Vehicle Code Violations for the month of May 2016 totaled \$5,851.34. Report from the Chief of Police / Secretary / Manager – Chief Bruce A. Fromlak reported the Police handled 420 calls, 149 traffic enforcement reports, 87 traffic citations, had 14 criminal arrests, along with 11 accident reports and 5 ordinance violations. The Chief would like to advertise for bids for the as is sale of the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police vehicle as soon as the new 2016 vehicle is in service. The Chief said Council is to consider extending the Borough’s road salt agreement through the NHCOC for the 2016-2017 season for the same \$66.40 per ton cost as last year. Council will consider refinancing the 2012 General Obligation Bond and Chief said this would save the Borough money as this a lower interest rate and Council may consider adding \$300,000 onto the Bond, which could be paid back at the same rate per month and the same term. The additional revenue would go to upcoming projects, such as the repairs to the retaining wall at Ridgewood Bridge, and/or renovations to Schell Field, though the Borough has applied for grant money through the Commonwealth for the Field.

President Aguglia said the Borough will keep applying for grant money and Ms. Steele said the Borough had applied for funds through the Department of Economic Development for the Field. Chief said the Borough did receive notice that their grant application for \$25,300 for the reconstruction of Columbia Avenue has been approved. Mr. Mikec questioned the refinance, was it similar to what the Borough did in 2012 and would the principal be increased over the 2012 Bond? The Chief said it would not and ear-marked the additional revenue for projects like the Ridgewood Bridge wall, Schell Field renovations and fixing the sliding hill behind the Borough Complex. Mr. Mikec felt that the refinance was a good idea. Report from the Solicitor – Mr. Witherel was absent and Attorney Kalina had no Solicitor’s report for Council. Engineer Robert Zischkau was absent and Fire Chief Mark W. Scheller had nothing additional than the submitted written report.

Reports from the Committees – Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher read May’s report as follows: Delinquent wage tax collection deposits totaled \$150.00 in May. Keystone Collections deposited \$70,766.87 into the Borough’s general fund checking account. Our liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$202,658.32, earning \$53.29 in interest as of May 31<sup>st</sup>. Our building fund money market account had a balance of \$28,486.46 as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, earning \$7.49 in interest. Our general fund checking account had a balance of \$466,954.02 as of May 31<sup>st</sup>. No real estate taxes were deposited in May. May’s local service tax collections were \$9,577.60 and the Borough received \$8,602.50. Business/Mercantile collections totaled \$4,534.21, with the Borough receiving \$2,327.11. Mr. Kircher feels that it is a good idea for Council to consider refinancing the 2012 Bond, as it would be nice to enter into 2017 with a cushion due to all the projects the Borough faces in the near future.

Property & Purchasing Report – Eugene Borio reported the 2016 Ford SUV Police vehicle is due in on June 13<sup>th</sup> and was purchased through the SHACOG through Woltz & Wind Ford. Public Works Report – Robert D. Schellhaas was absent and Chief Fromlak submitted the report as follows: 21 Work orders were completed in May and Joe Assisi, Rich Rapp, Mark Scheller and Chief Fromlak attended a MS4 Class. 9 Steel poles were installed to block off access to the Martsolf Bridge. The Crew repaired 4 storm inlets and the Borough Crew assisted the Turtle Creek COG in cleaning 55 storm sewers. Insight Pipe is currently video recording many areas of sewer lines in the Borough, being paid for by West View Authority Waste Water Department. This is part of the Borough fulfilling MS4 requirements.

Budget / Administration Report – Bryan S. Kircher had no report. Fire & Water – Donald E. Mikec. Mr. Mikec said the West View Volunteer Fire Department responded to 25 calls in May. Public Relations & Recreation – M. Kimberly Steele had no report. Junior Council Member – Monica Snyder was absent.

Audience – President Aguglia welcomed any Borough resident to address Council. Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort addressed an article that ran in the McKnight Journal about the Highland/Perry intersection renovation and questioned if the Borough is to pay all of this cost? President Aguglia said there is no state grant money available, but the Borough was able to receive a PIB low interest loan. Mr. Mikec said the Borough will also receive \$70,000 from Limerick Land Developers. Mr. Barr questioned the ownership of the retention pond on Center and would like to see it turned into a fenced-in 24-hour area for dogs. Mr. Barr questioned why the Turtle Creek COG was used and if the Borough has any unmarked vehicles. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 7.53 minutes.

Carlene Bensch from 287 Highland addressed Council regarding vehicles speeding along Highland, how their house had been hit in the past by a vehicle and the problem she had with heavy rainfall flooding due to the Highland CC construction and mud coming from Wellington and a bad lip on the road in front of her home. She said she had contacted PennDot but PennDot puts all responsibility back on the Borough. The Chief said Joe has been working along with him and the Mayor to resolve any future problems and had the Developer create a new diversion to hold water. The Chief said Highland is a State road and since the Borough cannot use radar enforcement due to State Police rules, they must use vascar and a stopwatch and a speed trailer to try to slow the speeders.

Mr. Kircher thinks the problem will get worse and suggests the Borough put pressure on the Developer. The Chief said PennDot has put off Highland paving until 2018 and said there is a serious sag in the road between Cornell and Highland, along with a manhole that keeps flipping at this site. Chief said it took over 3 months to have the lip repaired by PennDot at 287 Highland and that was done only after he had contacted State Rep. Ravenstahl. The Developer had replaced the cover on the manhole itself but unfortunately they repaired it with the wrong ring, which they have ordered, so it is still not repaired correctly. President Aguglia suggested the Borough keep on top of the Highland situation and contact Rep. Ravenstahl again for help. Ms. Bensch was in front of Council for 10.04.16 minutes.

There was no unfinished business and there was no new business and President Aguglia moved onto the Agenda. Item #1 – Motion by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Mikec to approve the extension of the Borough's Morton Salt Contract through the NHCOG for \$66.40/ton for the 2016-2017 Season. Motion approved and ordered. Item #2 – Motion to appoint Tom Duncan to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term through May 31, 2020 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Item #3 – Motion made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Borio to receive bids for an electronic display sign at #3 Firehall. Motion approved and ordered.

Item #4 – Motion by Mr. Miller was seconded by Ms. Steele to read Resolution #1439. Motion approved and ordered. Chief Fromlak read #1439, which is a Resolution approving the refinance of the 2012 Series Bond. Motion to approve #1439 made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Item #5 – Motion to read Resolution #1440 made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Chief Fromlak read #1440, which is a Resolution authorizing the

application for \$115,000 in GTRP Grant Money for the rehab of Barry G. Schell Field. Motion to adopt #1440 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

There were no announcements. With no further business to come before Council, President Aguglia thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and requested a Motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Borio was seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

APPROVED: JULY 14, 2016

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

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
William F. Aguglia  
President of Town Council