

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW – REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 8, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council held Thursday, March 8, 2012 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Burchell, followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the Flag. Chief Fromlak conducted Roll Call. Present were: President Ralph R. Burchell, Vice President Barry G. Schell, Member William F. Aguglia, Member John W. Koerts, Member Donald E. Mikec, Member Mary C. Bernhard and Member M. Kimberly Steele. Also present were: J. R. Henry, Mayor, Police Chief Bruce A. Fromlak, Sec./Mgr., Assistant Secretary Patricia A. Rapp, Solicitor Fred E. Baxter, Robert E. Zischkau from Glenn Engineering and Fire Chief George Hollenberger.

President Burchell welcomed everyone to the meeting. *Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on February 9, 2012 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment on general fund expenditures for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$142,193.24 and payments to vendors in the amount of \$159,145.80 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of building fund expenditures in the amount of \$6,745.67 was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of liquid fuel fund expenditures in the amount of \$5,212.74 made by Mr. Koerts and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.*

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Report from the Mayor – J. R. Henry, Mayor – The Mayor took this time to approach the podium to swear in Timothy Opiela as Fire Police Officer and then swore in Randy Schubert as Fire Police Officer and both were applauded and thanked for their service to the community by President Burchell on Council's behalf. The Mayor said the receipts for February 2012 totaled \$3,965.15. Mayor Henry reported on progress being made on the Borough's emergency response plan, as he is Emergency Management Coordinator. The Mayor, with Chief Fromlak and the Fire Chief and the Chief of EMS, attended a meeting at the County to begin updating the plan. An upcoming draft of the plan is to be presented to Crime Watch in the near future and the Mayor will be looking for volunteers to help with the Borough's emergency management plan.

Report from the Chief of Police / Secretary / Manager – Chief Fromlak reminded everyone about their commitment to CONNECT and advised that through CONNECT, he has been looking into lowering the Borough's electric costs, specifically reducing the street lighting costs by 50%, as well as looking into lowering the Borough's use of natural gas. The Chief said that Officer Pavlecic has become involved in crime prevention, attending crime watch meetings and being active at the school. Both Officer Pavlecic and the Chief read Dr. Seuss books to the children last Friday night to help celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with the Children.

Report from the Solicitor – Fred E. Baxter – Mr. Baxter had no report for Council.

Report from Glenn Engineering – Robert E. Zischkau – Mr. Zischkau said Council will consider Agenda Item #1, which is a Resolution authorizing the filing of paperwork through CTIF grant monies, which is the gaming monies from Allegheny County. They would be considering the \$200,000 through the Redevelopment Authority for the reconstruction of Center Avenue. Mr. Burchell questioned which portion of Center and Mr. Zischkau said the section out by Ross Township.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Finance Report - Mary C. Bernhard - Wage Tax collection Wage Tax collection deposits for February totaled \$134,610.18 and \$6,354.21 was refunded to individuals and municipalities. The Borough's net proceeds were \$64,128.00 and this amount was deposited into the General Fund Checking account. Our Capital Reserve - UDAG Checking Account had a balance of \$28,948.24 as of February 29th. Our Liquid Fuel Checking Account had a balance of \$414.09 as of February 29th. Our Building Fund Money Market Account had a balance of \$180,088.44 as of February 29th and earned \$14.27 in interest. Our General Fund Money Market Account had a balance of \$28,632.58 as of February 29th and earned \$2.27 in interest. Mrs. Bernhard said there were no Real Estate Tax Collections for February.

Property and Purchasing Report – John W. Koerts – Mr. Koerts recommends Council consider the purchase of a 2013 AWD Ford Utility Police Interceptor through the SHACOG's Costar program through Woltz & Wind for the price of \$26,929 as Agenda Item #2.

Public Works Report – Barry G. Schell – Mr. Schell said the Public Works Crew removed three trees and their stumps along Route 19 and leveled the sidewalk. They have been cold patching throughout the Borough and have measured 20 streets and alleys that may be part of the Borough's paving program. The Crew has used 274 tons of road salt to date and have ordered more. They rebuilt the ceiling in the Magistrate Secretary's office and are taking care of snow removal when necessary.

Police and Public Safety Report – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia said West View Officers served a search warrant in Ohio Township and resulted in the recovery of \$3,300 in stolen property. The property was returned to the West View burglary victims and arrests were made in regards to this event. Arrests were made in connection with three burglaries in the 100 and 300 block of Columbia Avenue. Mr. Aguglia said \$400 was recovered and returned to its' rightful owner. A traffic stop for failure to stop at a posted stop sign was made at Brightwood Avenue and State Alley and resulted in arrest of a male for an outstanding warrant.

Budget and Administration Report – William F. Aguglia – Mr. Aguglia said Bruce Fromlak and himself, along with representatives of the Police and Public Works met with the Borough's insurance broker regarding the current health care in order to investigate better plans at no additional cost. The current plan expires May 1, 2012 and the broker is investigating different insurance companies and seems well qualified. Mr. Aguglia read the notice for the acceptance of jobs for temporary part time summer help through the Borough and applications can be obtained at the Borough and online. Mr. Burchell said completed applications are to be submitted to the Borough office.

Fire and Water Report – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec said the Fire Department responded to 10 calls during February, averaging 20 minutes and 50 seconds per call, totaling 3 hours 28 minutes and 20 seconds for all calls. Over 200 first responders attended an arson class consisting of companies

from all over Allegheny County. Mr. Mikec announced the West View Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a cash bash on Friday, May 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Banquet Hall and the cost per ticket is \$20/person.

Public Relations Report – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec reported the American Legion Post #80 in Laurel Gardens at 172 Sixth Avenue will be renamed after deceased West View Marine Sergeant Joseph D. Caskey, a 2004 North Hills graduate and resident of Jamaica Avenue, who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2010. The ceremony will take place on Memorial Day at approximately 12:45 p.m., immediately following their Memorial service at noon and the public is invited. Mr. Burchell said he has been working along with the Legion and the Members have been working hard on the ceremony. Mayor announced their ceremony will take place directly after the VFW Post #2754 ceremony, which is good coordination that Council and residents may attend both ceremonies.

Recreation Report – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele said the Recreation Committee is busy formulating the summer recreation program. The next Crime Watch meeting is March 12th and the subject is EMS.

AUDIENCE

Mr. Burchell welcomed comments from the audience and said Council will attempt to answer any questions and provide answers if possible. Mr. Burchell asked if the procedures outlined on the back of the Agenda could be followed. Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort questioned the Engineer's report and was advised the 1400 block of Center Avenue is the section the Borough is requesting grant money to reconstruct. Mr. Barr questioned the 20 streets the Road Crew measured and Mr. Burchell said they are still assessing which streets and how many streets can be paved in 2012. Mr. Barr questioned the summer help advertisement and was advised an application could be had at the Borough office for seasonal temporary part time summer help, as well as downloaded from online. Mr. Barr questioned the subject of the block watch meeting and Ms. Steele advised the guest would be EMS. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for one minute fifty seconds.

Robert Lang from 1400 Center Avenue addressed Council, expressing his concerns over speeders along this portion of Center Avenue and had emailed Chief Fromlak with this problem. The Chief said the Police have addressed this area and he is looking into "yield to pedestrian" rubber-based signs that are stationed on the roadway. The crosswalk is being repainted and the Police have used an orange traffic enforcement area sign loaned from PennDot, along with the speed trailer and have had Officers sitting along this roadway. Mr. Lang said something needs to be done to slow people down, as he said people speed up as he is crossing the street. Mr. Lang complained of no stop signs on Lilac and Casper off of Princeton and was advised by the Chief that this intersection is in Ross Township. The Mayor said the Borough has used all of its tools and does not know what other legal tools to use, as speed bumps are not an option due to insurance liabilities. Placing a stop sign mid-block on a paper street is also not a legal option but the Mayor said the Police are still working on the problem. Chief gave the statistics from the electronic speed trailer as follows: 3, 168 vehicles were timed with 59 offenders, 3,769 vehicles timed with 83 offenders and 1,731 vehicles were timed with 24 offenders and a one-day traffic blitz warranted 7 citations with 10 warnings issued. The Mayor said that 2% of all timed vehicles were offenders, with 98% driving 0 to 30 mph. President Burchell said the Police are continuing to explore all options and hopefully the Police presence has been a deterrent. Mr. Lang spoke to Council for 5 minutes. Mr. Barr readdressed Council to express his opinion regarding just having Police stopping motorists should be a good deterrent and was in front of Council for 55 seconds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

AGENDA

1. Council to consider Resolution #1387. *Motion to read #1387 made by Mr. Schell was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.* President Burchell read Resolution #1387 which authorizes the filing of an application for \$200,000 in funds with the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for the reconstruction of the 1400 block of Center Avenue. *Motion to approve made by Mr. Schell was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.*
2. Council to consider approving \$26,929 for the purchase of a new 2013 AWD Ford Utility Police Interceptor through SHACOG's Costar program through Woltz & Wind Ford. *Motion to approve the purchase made by Mr. Koerts was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.*
3. Council to consider approving to advertise to receive sealed bids for the Borough's 2012 paving program. *Motion to approve made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Schell.* Mr. Burchell said the Borough is anticipating an aggressive paving program. With no further comments, *Motion approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Fromlak advised the Audience to pick up an energy savings flyer on their way out. Duquesne Light will give four free light bulbs, night lights and a power strip when you register online using your account number.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be discussed, Mr. Burchell requested a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered by Council. The Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

APPROVED: APRIL 12, 2012

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

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

BY: _____
Ralph R. Burchell, President of Town Council