

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 2012

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council of the Borough of West View held Thursday, May 10, 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 held roll call. Members present were: President Ralph R. Burchell, Vice President Barry G. Schell, Member William F. Aguglia, Member Mary C. Bernhard, Member John W. Koerts, Member Donald E. Mikec, and Member M. Kimberly Steele. Others attending were: Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Secretary/Manager, Assistant Secretary Rapp, Solicitor Fred E. Baxter, Jr., Robert E. Zischkau from Glenn Engineering, and Fire Chief George Hollenberger. J. R. Henry, Mayor was absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on April 12, 2012 was made by Mr. Schell and was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of general fund expenditures for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$124,082.50 and payments to vendors in the amount of \$165,581.89 was made by Mr. Mikec and was seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of building fund expenditures in the amount of \$10,637.90 was made by Mr. Schell and was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment of liquid fuel fund expenditures in the amount of \$5,214.18 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.

President Burchell recognized individuals from Allegheny / Northern area Clean Ways who volunteered for a substantial cleanup for the Lipp Run Watershed Cleanup and removed 13.9 tons of debris from the area. Mr. Mikec presented commendations to Joe Divack, Hannah Grace, Dave Limbacher and Myrna Newman and in absence to Nancy Martin-Silber. Chief Fromlak thanked all for volunteering 310 hours of their time to remove 6,340 pounds of metal, 331 tires and a 1950 Willy's Jeep from the area.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Report from the Mayor – J. R. Henry (absent) Mr. Burchell said Mayor Henry is out of town on business and reported the motor vehicle code violation receipts for the month of April totaled \$5,476.75.

Report from the Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager - Chief Fromlak said the closing for the Borough's bond issue finalized on May 4th in the amount of \$8,370,000, of which \$1,003,620.84 was deposited into PNC for the road paving project account. The new police vehicle received several weeks ago is now being outfitted for service.

Report from the Solicitor – Fred E. Baxter, Jr. had no report.

Report from Glenn Engineering – Robert E. Zischkau reported on the bids received at the NHCOC for CD Year 38 / Georgetown Avenue reconstruction project contract #12-2, which Council will consider under agenda item #2.

Report from the Fire Chief – George Hollenberger reported on a Craft Show the Fire Department is sponsoring at the Firemen's building on Saturday, May 12th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and said over 30 vendors will be attending.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Finance Report – Mary C. Bernhard said the wage tax collection deposits for April totaled \$216,480.34 and \$14,144.54 was refunded to individuals and municipalities. The Borough’s net proceeds were \$101,167.90 and this amount was deposited into the general fund checking account. The capital reserve - UDAG checking account had a balance of \$28,948.24 as of April 30th and our liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$127,796.99 as of April 30th. The Borough’s building fund money market account had a balance of \$180,118.46 as of April 30th and earned \$15.26 in interest. Our general fund money market account had a balance of \$28,637.35 as of April 30th and earned \$2.50 in interest. There were no deposits for real estate tax collections during the month of April.

Property and Purchasing Report – John W. Koerts said the Borough received a donated camera, which is being installed in car 64 and reported on the Borough building being refurbished by having it cleaned and repainted.

Public Works Report – Barry G. Schell said that Joe Assisi, Mark Scheller and Rich Rapp attended a PennDot Spring road maintenance program. The Crew dragged the infield at Bronx Field and rolled the outfield and fixed the fence. They replaced wooden ties at Columbia Park and added wood chips at the playground. The Crew has been cutting grass and repaired the storm sewer on Center Avenue by St. Luke’s Church and cleared a storm sewer on West View Park Drive prior to the paving beginning. They removed milling and planted trees at the dump to make it a nice looking area.

Police and Public Safety Report and Budget/Administration Report – William F. Aguglia said the Budget Committee would be meeting with the Chief to look over the 1st quarter budget reports. Mr. Aguglia reported the Police arrested four juvenile males for retail theft at Kmart on April 16th and they had taken a BB gun pistol. Upon searching their backpacks, Police also found ski masks. The Police recovered stolen jewelry on April 21st and it was returned to its’ owner and arrests for receiving stolen property were made. The Police assisted Ross Township on April 29th with a traffic stop on Union Avenue and discovered 1,250 stamped bags of heroin and arrests were made. Officer Pavlecic attended a Crime Prevention Officers training course and is the new Crime Prevention Officer for the West View PD. Detective Ganster has completed an advanced Police interviewing class and will attend an advanced fingerprint class this month. Officer Mann will be attending workshops at Allegheny County’s 911 dispatch center regarding the new Police reporting system that the Police will be using soon. Mr. Aguglia said West View will be hosting a joint training opportunity with the Bellevue PD and will discuss stalking protocol for law enforcement through the Crisis Center North. The Borough has received a \$1,000 Grant from the Attorney General’s Office to use in the purchase of two breathalyzers.

Fire and Water Report – Donald E. Mikec had no report for Council. Public Relations Report – Donald E. Mikec commended the four citizens who participated in the Allegheny Clean Ways, as this was a great undertaking.

Recreation Report – M. Kimberly Steele reported on the last crime watch meeting for the summer, which will be on May 14th and will be hosted by Jason Tarap from the Allegheny County Sheriff’s office. The Senior Citizens will be taking a trip to the Gateway Clipper on June 1st and plans are in the making for the six-week Summer Recreation Program, which will run from June 18th through July 27th.

AUDIENCE

Mr. Burchell welcomed any Resident wanting to address Council and advised the guidelines have been furnished to everyone on the back of the audience agenda. Mr. Burchell said if Council cannot answer your question now, they will get an answer to you. Chief Fromlak addressed Council, advising the hiring of five summer help for Public Works and four for Summer Recreation.

Paul Pokorny from 50 Tomoka said he was at the Council meeting last month and addressed Council about the Borough opening a road to the properties he purchased by his home. Mr. Burchell said the Borough has no intention of developing this area. Mr. Pokorny said he isn't asking the Borough to develop it, just open a road to his recently purchased properties. Both Mr. Burchell and Solicitor Baxter addressed this matter by advising the Borough does not open roads, this is normally done by a developer and the Borough is not considering opening any new roads. Mr. Pokorny said Allegheny County raised his assessment for each of the two properties and has appealed the assessment but now thinks he made a mistake in purchasing them since the Borough isn't going to put in a road. Mr. Burchell advised Mr. Pokorny to possibly consult with a surveyor or engineer and then the Chief or Mr. Baxter for help in providing Mr. Pokorny with boundaries and storm drains for this property since it borders the Cascades in Ross Township. Mr. Pokorny was in front of Council for five minutes and twenty-four seconds.

Dave Urban from 60 Lakewood Avenue questioned how many were hired for summer help and Chief Fromlak said five for Public Works and four for summer rec. Mr. Urban requested the names of the individuals hired as summer help in Public Works. President Burchell said Adam Serpa, Evan Huebner, Bryan Kircher, Richard Lankes and Robert Serpa have been hired in Public Works. Mr. Urban said he was impressed with the number of bags those people collected and he said it shows the bunch of pigs living in the Borough and traveling through the Borough. Mr. Urban feels they should be tagged and fines and \$300 littering signs should be put up. Mr. Urban questioned agenda item #2, asking what does "CD Year" mean. Mr. Zischkau said CD means Community Development funded through the County and they are in year 38. Mr. Urban was in front of Council for four minutes and fourteen seconds.

Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort Avenue questioned Council on the recent bond and if money was added. Mr. Burchell said the old bond issue was eliminated on August 1st by paying it off with approximately seven million and one million appropriated for paving projects within the Borough. Mr. Barr questioned if bids were received to refurbish the Borough building and Mr. Burchell said it was not needed, as the cost was under the threshold and we had called around to get the best price possible. Mr. Barr questioned the new dispatch center and the Chief said the Borough is going with a free Allegheny County 911 Visual Alert dispatch center program. It is their software and their free database and there will be no physical charge to West View, saving the Borough money, as there is no yearly fee. Officer Mann will be the Borough's internet tech for this program and the 911 dispatch center is still located around the Point Breeze area. Mr. Barr said he had left a message with the Mayor but will have to address the matter at the next meeting regarding federal agents and habeas corpus and national offense and what is the Mayor's jurisdiction. Mr. Barr questioned his inability over the past few months in monitoring police and fire calls on his radio. The Fire Chief said the Borough switched to ultra high band two years ago and they are now using the 400 frequencies. Chief Fromlak said he has the frequencies and can provide them to Mr. Barr, though Chief Hollenberger said Shaler and Ross use the same frequency as West View. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for five minutes and six seconds.

Unfinished Business – There was none.

New Business – There was none.

AGENDA

1. Council to consider an appointment for four years, through March 13, 2016, to the Police and General Pension Retirement Committee. *Motion to appoint Chief Bruce Fromlak was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.*

2. Council to consider the results of the bid opening for CD Year 38 Georgetown Avenue reconstruction project. Mr. Zischkau said this is Contract #12-2 and results were received through the NHCOG, with Victor Paving and Construction as the low bidder for \$55,355.00. *Motion to approve the low bid from Victor was made by Mr. Schell and was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.* Mr. Schell advised the NHCOG will act on this matter next Thursday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Burchell acknowledged Chief Bruce Fromlak and thanked him for his 33 years 3 weeks and 3 days of service in the USAF. Mr. Koerts said he was honored to read a commendation from Council to the Chief for his dedicated service. The Chief was presented with the commendation and was applauded by all attending.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, President Burchell accepted a motion to adjourn. *Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Schell was seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion was approved and ordered.*

The Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

APPROVED: JUNE 14, 2012

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

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

BY: _____
Ralph R. Burchell
President of Town Council