

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of Borough of West View held Thursday, March 12, 2015 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Barry G. Schell, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call was taken by Chief Fromlak. Members of Town Council present were: President Barry G. Schell, Vice President William F. Aguglia, Members Donald E. Mikec, M. Kimberly Steele, Bryan S. Kircher and Robert D. Schellhaas. Member Eugene Borio was absent. Also attending: J. R. Henry, Mayor, Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Secretary/Manager, Assistant Secretary Patricia Rapp, Robert E. Zischkau from Glenn Engineering and Attorney Matt Kalina. Solicitor Michael J. Witherel and Fire Chief Mark W. Scheller were absent, along with Junior Council Members Austin Babjak and Madison Hintemeyer.

Mayor Henry introduced House of Representative Adam Ravenstahl attending in the audience and welcomed him to the meeting on Council's behalf.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on February 12, 2015 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for general fund for net pay and payroll withholding for \$146,612.45 made by M. Steele was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$95,659.47 made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$4,745.01 made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$6,695.91 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered.

Reports from the Officers – Mayor's Report – J. R. Henry, Mayor, reported the total for February's vehicle code violations were \$3,911.10. The Mayor reported that West View Water Authority would be increasing rates by 26%, due to their new debt service for the proposed plant in Beaver County, to help cover a 105 Million bond issue. The Mayor said WVWA delivers a high quality water and Residents will see the increase in June of 2015. Chief of Police / Secretary / Manager's Report – Chief Bruce A. Fromlak reported the Borough's agility agreement with PennDot has been approved and announced the Borough would be taking part in the Great American cleanup by having a cleanup day on Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 a.m. until noon, meeting behind the VFW on Center. The Chief thanked Resident Kathy Karnavas for her efforts with organizing the cleanup. The Chief reported on a CONNECT Utility Summit that both he and Mr. Zischkau attended. The Chief said they were able to receive helpful information from the utility companies and had discussed important material regarding the utility companies digging up streets prior to the Borough's street paving projects.

The Chief reported on March 14th between 10:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m., West View and Ross PD will be participating in a roving DUI 10 vehicle task force and advised everyone to be safe this St. Patrick's Day weekend. The Chief extended his congratulations to Council and the Mayor for the Borough of West View earning the "2015 Banner Community" status through the Allegheny League of Municipalities. The Borough earned this distinguished Award by being progressive and proactive in the Community. The Chief thanked Patty Rapp for submitting all of the necessary information to ALOM so West View Borough could be considered for the 2015 Banner Community and the Award will be presented in the near future.

Report from the Solicitor – Michael J. Witherel was absent – Mr. Matt Kolina reported on the proposed Amnesty Tax program West View Council is to consider in conjunction with Ross Township and the North Hills School District. The Amnesty program would apply to all business privilege and/or mercantile taxes that are delinquent and would give businesses an opportunity to come forth and pay delinquent taxes and interest, but

the penalties would be waived between June 1, and December 31, 2015. Council would consider approving this resolution at next month's meeting, but it is necessary to have all three, being West View, Ross and the NHSD, work in conjunction by passing collating resolutions.

Report from Glenn Engineering – Robert E. Zischkau reported on the CONNECT Utility Summit and said West View is more proactive with their paving programs than other municipalities and hopes for the best with sharing 3-5 year digging plans with the utility companies, which would more than likely be coordinated through the NHCOCG. The purpose would be to avoid digging up a newly paved road. Mr. Zischkau addressed the PIB loan documentation that is being worked on and will be forwarded onto John Johnson of Harrisburg. The PA infrastructure banking loan of 1.625% for up to 10 years, if received by the Borough, will fund the Perry Highway/Highland Avenue intersection and the Borough is looking to receive up to \$200,000. Fire Chief Mark Scheller was absent and had filed a written report.

Reports from the Committees – Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher said the wage tax collection deposits for February were \$1,787.42, with the Borough's net proceeds at \$893.71. A total of \$50,667.92 was deposited into the general fund checking account by Keystone Collections. Our liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$65,024.24 as of February 28th and earned \$.64 in interest. Our building fund money market account had a balance of \$33,440.50 as of February 28th and earned \$.33 in interest. Our general fund money market account had a balance of \$775,300.11 as of February 28th and earned \$28.22 in interest. Our local services collection deposits totaled \$9,669.31 in February. The Borough's net proceeds were \$8,739.58. Business and mercantile collection deposits totaled \$8,109.50 for February and the Borough's net proceeds were \$4,054.75.

There was no property and purchasing report due to Mr. Borio being absent. Public Works Report – Robert D. Schellhaas reported the Public Works Department completed 25 work orders in the month of February. 557 tons of salt have been ordered to date and the DPW has been cold patching holes in the Borough's roadways. The DPW had both the bucket truck and the aerial inspected.

Mr. Aguglia had no report for police and public safety and Mr. Kircher had no report for budget/administration. Fire and water report – Donald E. Mikec said the West View Volunteer Fire Department responded to 26 calls in February, using 67.38 man hours, totaling 54 responses year-to-date, with an average of 225.3 man hours. Mr. Mikec reminded everyone of the West View Volunteer Fire Department's annual cash bash, to be held on Saturday, April 11th and the \$25.00 tickets are available for purchase. Public Relations and Recreation Report – M. Kimberly Steele reported the next Crime Watch meeting will be held on Monday, April 13th and Allegheny County Deputy Sheriff Jason Tarap will present the program.

Audience – President Schell welcomed Residents to address Council. Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort questioned if it was fair to say the Borough was in the water business, who were the sponsors for the CONNECT summit and how the NHSD chose not to appoint him, but someone else who is not from West View, to fill a vacancy on their board. Mr. Barr questioned why the fire whistle blows and why can't his radio monitor fire calls anymore? Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 6.26.4 minutes.

Though the Mayor could not answer the school district question, he answered Mr. Barr's questions by saying in essence, the Borough controls the Authority, as they appoint the board members, who, in turn, services over 33 municipalities and over 54 thousand customers. Mr. Zischkau said the utility companies sponsored the CONNECT summit, i.e. Duquesne Light, Equitable and Peoples Gas. The Mayor said the Borough is very proactive in their paving program and Mr. Zischkau added many municipalities do not pave roads yearly as the

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Borough does. The Mayor explained the fire whistle blows to alert firefighters of a call in case they do not have their pager. The radio frequency changed to ultrahigh band and the Chief said he could furnish Mr. Barr with the 6-digit frequency, as long as he did not have a crystal radio. There was no unfinished business and, under new business, President Barry Schell reminded everyone the next meeting of Town Council would take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2nd.

Agenda – Item #1 – Council to consider an appointment of a Delegate and an Alternate Delegate to the MRM Property & Liability Trust. Motion to appoint Barry G. Schell as Delegate and William F. Aguglia as Alternate Delegate for 2015 made by Mr. Kircher and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Item #2 – Council to consider an appointment of a Delegate and an Alternate Delegate to the MRM Workers' Compensation Pooled Trust. Motion to appoint William F. Aguglia as Delegate and Donald E. Mikec as Alternate Delegate was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.

Announcements – Mayor Henry said that though the WVA would increase rates by 26% this year, West View's rates are some of the lowest, being in the bottom third in Pennsylvania, and still supply a high-quality water to their customers.

Adjournment – With no further business, President Schell requested a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Ms. Steele, with Council approving and so ordered.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED: APRIL 2, 2015

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

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

BY: 
President of Town Council Barry G. Schell