

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW – REGULAR MEETING – MAY 11, 2017

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View held Thursday, May 11, 2017 in Council chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Aguglia, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silent prayer. Chef Fromlak conducted roll call. Members of Town Council present were: President William F. Aguglia, Members Donald E. Mikec, M. Kimberly Steele, Robert D. Schellhaas, Eugene Borio and Scott Miller. Also attending were: J. R. Henry, Mayor, Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Secretary/Manager, Solicitor Michael J. Witherel, Engineer Robert E. Zischkau, and Junior Council Member Monica Snyder. Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, Assistant Secretary Patricia A. Rapp, Fire Chief Justin Assisi and Junior Council Member Nicholas Rossmiller were absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on April 13, 2017 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding for \$156,389.60 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$88,560.21 made by Mr. Schellhaas was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$4,671.30 made by Mr. Borio was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$4,546.19 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.

Reports from the Officers – Mayor’s Report – J. R. Henry, Mayor – The Mayor was met at the podium by Mr. David Seifried. The Mayor read a commendation for Mr. Seifried, Owner of LaBelle Beauty Salon on Center Avenue for over 50 years. Mr. Seifried was congratulated and applauded by all. The Mayor said the total receipts for April’s motor vehicle code violations were \$4,572.34. The Mayor reported on the CONNECT Congress resolutions that were recently passed and the Mayor hopes Council reviews the resolutions and thanked both President Aguglia and Chief Fromlak for attending the CONNECT meeting. Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager’s Report – Bruce A. Fromlak – The Chief said the Police had 360 calls for service in April, with 36 citations issued and 86 traffic enforcement reports conducted, along with 18 criminal arrests, with 11 accident reports and 9 ordinance violations. The Chief reported on the speed trailer results from Hempstead Avenue from May 8th until May 11th, which is a posted 25 mph zone. 354 vehicles used the roadway, with the average speed being 19 mph and 11 vehicles were recorded being above 28 mph.

Solicitor Michael J. Witherel had no report for Council. Engineer Robert E. Zischkau updated Council on the progress of the Ridgewood Avenue Bridge, which should be finished by the end of the month, and updated Council on the progress of the North Park Road stormwater remediation project. Chief Fromlak updated Council on May 2nd’s Planning Commission meeting, which was regarding the lot consolidation of the Polito property on Frankfort. The Planning Commission recommended Council consider the consolidation, which is Agenda Item #2. Fire Chief Justin Assisi was absent and a written report was filed.

Reports from the Committees – Finance Report – Vice President Bryan Kircher was absent and had filed a written report, which Mr. Miller read as follows: Delinquent wage tax collection deposits totaled \$232.99 in April. A total of \$39,939.82 was deposited into the Borough’s general fund checking account by Keystone Collections. Our liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$217,365.30 as of April 30th and earned \$80.96 in interest. Our building fund money market account had a balance of \$13,542.07 as of April 30th, earning \$5.04 in interest. Our general fund money market account had a balance of \$219,344.32 as of April 30th, earning \$81.70 in interest. There were no real estate tax collections in April. April’s local service tax collections totaled \$3,158.56 and the Borough received \$2,842.20. Business/Mercantile tax collections totaled \$17,848.44 and the Borough received \$8,984.23.

Property & Purchasing Report – Eugene Borio had no report. Public Works Report – Robert D. Schellhaas reported 25 work orders were completed in April. Stop signs were installed at Ridgewood and State Alley and Amherst and Lehigh and the street sweeping program has officially started. Police & Public Safety Report – President William F. Aguglia had no report. Budget/Administration Report – Mr. Kircher was absent. Fire & Water Report – Donald E. Mikec reported the West View Volunteer Fire Department responded to 43 calls in April, with 130 calls year-to-date, averaging 32.5 calls per month. Mr. Mikec said Engine #1 has completed its’ yearly inspection, with no issues and one minor repair. Station #2 had an emergency generator issue, which was repaired. Mr. Mikec attended the cash bash in April and they are

organizing a purse bash for November to raise funds. All 3 Companies have been awarded grant money from the Pennsylvania State Fire Department, which will be used for equipment and training.

Public Relations & Recreation Report – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele reported Crime watch meetings have ended for the summer and will begin again in October and thanked Officer Pavlecic, Ms. O’Lare and Lt. Holland for their help. Junior Council Member Report – Nicholas Rossmiller was absent and Monica Snyder submitted her final North Hills School District report to Council, as she will graduate May 26th. The Mayor presented Monica with a certificate of appreciation from Council for her 2 years of service to Council.

Audience – President Aguglia welcomed any resident to address Council. Frank Polito and his son from 126 Frankfort addressed Council regarding their fundraising efforts for the Cystic Fibrosis campaign. Mr. Polito has helped to organize a challenge, similar to the ice bucket challenge, and is planning a CFF Got Talent show to spread awareness, which will be July 20, 2017 at the North Hills Senior High School. Mr. Polito nominated West View to take part in this challenge. Mr. Polito and his son, Steven, were in front of Council for 9.32.35 minutes. Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort addressed Council on putting the challenge on the Borough’s billboard, questioned who submits the work orders, questioned the North Park Road agreement and said the March minutes were not on the website. Mr. Barr spoke about West View not having a candidate for the North Hills School District Board and questioned the legality of tinted glass on vehicles. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 6.22.34 minutes.

Bekki Weber from 112 Princeton Avenue addressed Council to propose West View consider a non-binding resolution that West View, along with other communities, have comprehensive Medicare for all health insurance for all Pennsylvanians, as health care is crucial for life. Mayor Henry questioned if Ms. Weber had a sample resolution and she did not. The Mayor said more details would be needed and recommended Ms. Weber communicate with the Borough Manager. Ms. Weber was in front of Council for 1.54.46 minutes.

There was no unfinished business and no new business and President Aguglia moved onto the Agenda. Item #1 – Council to consider Resolution #1450. Motion to read #1450 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. Ms. Snyder read #1450, which is a Resolution approving the filing of a Greenway, Trails and Recreation Grant Program for \$134,300 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the improvements to Barry G. Schell Field. Motion to approve #1450 made by Mr. Miller was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Item #2 – Council to consider the Planning Commission recommendation for the consolidation of two adjoining lots into one lot at 126 Frankfort. Motion to approve this recommendation made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. There were no announcements.

Adjournment – President Aguglia thanked everyone for attending this evenings’ meeting and requested a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Schellhaas was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. The Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

APPROVED: June 8, 2017

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

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

BY: _____
William F. Aguglia, President of Town Council