

REGULAR MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL – MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, September 11, 2014 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Hwy., Pgh., PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Schell, followed by a moment of silent prayer, remembering those that lost their lives 13 years ago on 9/11 and offering a prayer for our Friend John Koerts, and the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was held 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, and Bryan S. Kircher, with Robert D. Schellhaas absent. Also attending were: Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Sec./Mgr., Asst. Sec. P. A. Rapp, Solicitor Fred E. Baxter, Robert E. Zischkau from Glenn Engineering and Fire Chief Mark W. Scheller, with J. R. Henry, Mayor absent. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on August 14, 2014 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments of general fund for net pay and payroll withholding for \$133,783.58 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$199,069.07 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$4,727.24 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$1,503.19 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.

Reports from the Officers – Mayor’s Report – J. R. Henry, Mayor was absent and President Schell said the total receipts for motor vehicle code violations for August 2014 were \$5,088.98. Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak had no report. Solicitor Baxter and Robert Zischkau from Glenn Engineering had no reports. Fire Chief Mark W. Scheller said a Fire Prevention Presentation will be held by the West View Volunteer Fire Department in the West View Plaza on Saturday, October 4, 2014, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Fire Chief Scheller said the Department is looking into replacing the Ladder Truck and will supply a monthly summary to Council on the progress. Chief Fromlak requested Steve Kovac join him at the podium, where he was sworn in as a Fire Police Officer. President Schell and Chief Fromlak thanked the WVVF and Chief Scheller for the outstanding flag and fire truck display today along Perry Hwy. in honor of 9/11.

Reports from the Committees – Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher said the wage tax deposits in August were \$3,001.80, with the Borough’s net proceeds being \$1,442.40. \$70,666.64 was deposited into the general fund checking account by Keystone Collections. Our liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$166,177.68 as of 8/31 and earned \$6.60 in interest. Our building fund money market account had a balance of \$13,433.91 as of 8/31 and earned .54 cents in interest. Our general fund money market account had a balance of \$775,055.22 as of 8/31 and earned \$25.21 in interest. Our local services collection deposits totaled \$7,812.10 for August and the Borough’s proceeds were \$7,060.96. Business and mercantile collection deposits totaled \$3,380.24 for August. The Borough’s proceeds were \$1,214.85. Real estate tax collection deposits in August totaled \$535,979.97. There were no reports from property and purchasing or public works or police and public safety, but Mr. Kircher reported that his budget/administration committee was to schedule a meeting and he should have budget drafts within 30 to 60 days for Council’s review. Mr. Mikec gave his fire and water report, saying that the WVVF responded to 27 calls in August for a total of 226 minutes or 77.09 man hours, with 878.56 man hours to date.

M. Kimberly Steele had no public relations report and moved onto her recreation report. A crime watch meeting presented by Giant Eagle Pharmacy will be held on Monday, October 13, 2014 and flu shots will be administered to those presenting healthcare cards. Madison Hintemeyer submitted the Junior Council Member report on both her and Austin Babjak’s behalf, who was also present. The annual marching band festival will start at 7:00 p.m. at Martorelli Stadium on 9/13. The planetarium shows will be held 9/11, 9/16, and 9/19 at 6:30 p.m. A home football game against Butler will take place on Friday, 9/12 at 7:30 p.m. Madison said the North Hills High School wind ensemble has been selected for National Honors and the North Hills Staff members took the ALS ice bucket challenge to support finding a cure for Lou Gehrig Disease.

Mr. Glenn Ulrich addressed Council during audience participation on behalf of 3 families living at 69, 71 and 73 Frankfort. Mr. Ulrich said their deteriorating alley has led to water running into their properties and causing flooding. Chief Fromlak said that he would be out to check out the problem first thing tomorrow. Mr. Ulrich was in front of Council for 2 minutes. There was no unfinished business or new business and Mr. Schell moved onto the Agenda. Item #1 – Council to consider the early payoff of the 2014 tax anticipation note as of 10/1/14 for \$403,153.33. Motion to approve the payoff made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion approved and ordered. Item #2 – Council to consider Resolution #1412. Motion to read #1412 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Chief Fromlak read #1412, which is a Resolution appointing Eugene L. Borio of 126 Princeton Avenue to fill the unexpired term of John W. Koerts as Member of Town Council. Motion to approve Resolution #1412 made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

Announcements – President Barry G. Schell said before Council adjourns tonight’s meeting, I would like to say a few words about our friend John. John was a resident of our Borough for over 51 years and was blessed with 2 children and 2 grandchildren, lived on Princeton Avenue with his wife Carol. John proudly served his Country and was a Veteran of the Army. John retired from the H. J. Heinz Company and volunteered his time for many years with Youth Football. John served the Residents as a Member of the Planning Commission for many years before being appointed as a Member of Town Council in July of 2005, where he dedicated his time to proudly serve the Residents for the past 9 years.

President Schell said John was a good man, a good neighbor, a good friend and above all, John was good for the Borough of West View. We would like to close tonight’s meeting in the honor of the memory of our Friend John W. Koerts. It was a pleasure to know John. John gave his best to everything he did and we will always treasure his friendship.

President Schell requested a Motion to Ajourn in John’s memory, made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered by Council. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED: 10.9.2014

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

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

BY: Barry G. Schell
Barry G. Schell, President of Town Council