

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW – REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 10, 2017

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, August 10, 2017 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway,, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President William F. Aguglia thanked everyone for attending, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chief 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 V. Miller. Also attending were: J. R. Henry, Mayor, Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary Patricia A. Rapp, and Solicitor Michael J. Witherel. Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, Engineer Robert E. Zischkau and Fire Chief Justin Assisi were absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on July 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 \$158,671.41 made by Mr. Borio was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$136,267.95 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$4,688.13 made by Mr. Schellhaas was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$13,007.99 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered.

Reports from the Officers – Mayor’s Report – J. R. Henry, Mayor – The Mayor said the total receipts for motor vehicle code violations for July 2017 were \$6,860.81. The Mayor commended the Staff and the Public Works for all of their assistance with the Borough’s paving project. The Mayor read a the Public Notice he issued for the placement of a stop sign on Bellevue Avenue at Schwitter Avenue, facing traffic northbound, for a thirty day trial period beginning August 11, 2017. The Mayor feels there is an on-going issue at this intersection and is erecting a stop sign to insure maximum safety. Ms. Steele agreed that motorists use this as a cut through and feels this leads to a dangerous intersection. Report from the Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak – Chief Fromlak reported the Police had 403 calls for service in July, along with 62 traffic citations being issued, 102 traffic enforcement reports, 12 criminal arrests, 16 accident reports, 14 ordinance violations and 450 street sweeping violations. The Chief reported the Borough is the recipient of a \$5,200 50/50 grant for the purchase of Police vests. The Borough also received \$1,650 and \$175 from Duquesne Light for going green with LED lighting both at Schell field and Council Chambers.

The Chief said the work at both the Perry and Highland intersection and at North Park Road has been completed. The Paving Program is proceeding and the pavers will be on Clairmont, Ridgewood and Township Road as soon as tomorrow. The Chief said the Borough will accept sealed bids on Tuesday, September 12th for the “as-is” sale of the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria. Report from the Solicitor – Michael J. Witherel had no report for Council. Engineer’s Report – Robert E. Zischkau was absent and had submitted a written report. Fire Chief’s Report – Justin Assisi was absent and had submitted a written report. Reports from the Committees – Finance Report – Bryan s. Kircher was absent and Ms. Steele read the Finance Report for July 2017 as follows: Delinquent wage tax collection deposits totaled \$75.01 in July. A total of \$38,620.00 was deposited into the Borough’s general fund checking account by Keystone Collections. Our liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$217,645.32 as of July 31st and earned \$92.39 in interest. Our building fund money market account had a balance of \$13,559.52 as of July 31st earning \$5.76 in interest. Our general fund money market account had a balance of \$186,296.32 as of July 31st, earning \$79.08 in interest. Real estate tax collections totaled \$171,225.50 in July. Local service tax collections in July totaled \$3,260.76 and the Borough received \$2,900.22. Business/Mercantile collections totaled \$14,611.94, with the Borough receiving \$7,310.97.

Property & Purchasing Report – Eugene Borio had no report. Public Works Report – Robert D. Schellhaas reported the Public Works Crew completed 14 work orders in July, along with repairing fencing, using 4 tons of hot patch, and sent out 18 property maintenance letters, with 10 complying. Mr. Aguglia extended his thanks to the Borough Crew for their work on Schell Field. Police & Public Safety Report – William F. Aguglia – Council Member Miller read an email received by the Borough that was very complimentary toward the Police Department due to their commitment in being a part of the Community. Budget/Administration Report – Bryan S. Kircher was absent. Fire & Water Report – Donald E. Mikec reported the West View Volunteer Fire Department responded to 41 calls in July, with 248 year-to-date, with an average of 35 responses per month.

Public Relations & Recreation Report – M. Kimberly Steele reported there had been a snafu with the Senior Citizen Trolley and service will continue on September 1st. The Borough is looking into alternate bus companies for a better price for service. The Halloween Parade will take place on Monday, October 30th and plans are in the making. Audience – President William F. Aguglia welcomed Ross Township Commissioner Jack Betkowski was in attendance in the Audience and Mr. Aguglia said Mr. Betkowski is also running for County Council. Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort commented on the complimentary email received by the Borough and said the Borough, along with the Mayor, is doing an excellent job. Mr. Barr said the North Hills School District scheduled a make-up meeting for tonight at the same time as the Borough’s Council Meeting, which he did not feel was a good idea. Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 1.08.03 minutes.

There was no unfinished business and there was no new business and President Aguglia moved onto the Agenda. Item #1 – Council to consider an appointment to the Civil Service Commission for a 6 year term, through August 1, 2023. Motion to appoint M. Kimberly Steele made by Mr. Miller was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. Item #2 – Council to consider an appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3 year term, through August 1, 2020. Motion by Ms. Steele to appoint James Doerfler was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion was approved and ordered by Council. Announcements - there were no announcements.

Adjournment – With no further business to come before Council, President Aguglia requested a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Borio was seconded by Mr. Miller. Mayor Henry requested this evening’s meeting be closed in honor of Mr. Stein who recently passed away and had been active in the Borough for many years. Motion approved and ordered.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

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

BY: _____
President William F. Aguglia