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BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2015

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, November 12, 2015, in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The meeting was called to order by Vice President William F. Aguglia at 6:58 p.m., followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll call was taken by Chief Fromlak. Town Council present were: President Barry G. Schell, Vice President William F. Aguglia, Members Donald E. Mikec, M. Kimberly Steele, Bryan S. Kircher, Robert D. Schellhaas and Eugene Borio. Also attending were: J. R. Henry, Mayor, Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Secretary/Manager, Asst. Secretary Patricia A. Rapp, Solicitor Michael J. Witherel, Robert Zischkau from Glenn Engineering and Fire Chief Mark W. Scheller.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on October 8, 2015 made by Mr. Schellhaas was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for net pay and payroll withholding for \$141,241.45 made by Mr. Schell was seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$411,792.38 made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$4,609.67 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$3,119.79 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered.

Reports from the Officers – Report from the Mayor – J. R. Henry, Mayor – Mayor Henry announced the reason for the historic attendance at tonight's Council meeting was due to honoring and officially recognizing Council President Barry G. Schell. Mayor Henry read an official proclamation, honoring Barry for his 16 years plus on Council, for his 42 year residency, and for his selfless nature and willingness to enhance the Borough by volunteering his time and energy. Barry retired from the North Hills School District as Director of Facilities and is a life member of the West View Volunteer Fire Department, also serving as President of the Department. Barry served for years as the Borough's Electrician and is personally responsible for wiring music and lighting along Perry and at Bronx Field. Mayor Henry said Council was pleased and humbled to officially acknowledge the years of public service achievements of Barry and to recognize his continued, outstanding service. Mayor Henry congratulated Barry and proclaimed the Field located on Center Avenue at Bronx Avenue, known as "Bronx Field" be officially dedicated to the exemplary service of Barry by naming the Field "Barry G. Schell Field" and the Mayor extended his thanks on the behalf of Town Council and the Employees and the Residents, to Barry for helping to keep West View "A Good Place to Live." Barry's grandchildren carried in the Barry G. Schell Field sign for all to see and the sign is to be erected at the field on Friday. Barry received a standing ovation and was applauded by all. Barry thanked everyone for this honor.

Mayor Henry requested Michael Guenther, Justin Mann and Bryan Kircher join him at the podium. The Mayor commended the three West View Volunteer Firefighters for their heroic actions at a fire scene in Ross Township in August, which lead to the rescue of an individual that was trapped. The Mayor was honored to be able to commend the three men and was extremely thankful for their service. The Firefighters were applauded by all. The Mayor reported on the special meeting that was held in November regarding the proposed closing of vehicular traffic on the Martsolf Avenue Bridge, to become effective April 1, 2016. The Bridge will remain open to pedestrians and will continue to be inspected twice each year by PennDOT. The cost to repair the Bridge is beyond the Borough's ability and the Road Crew and the Police will keep a constant

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eye on the Bridge for deterioration signs. The Mayor said the total receipts for October 2015's motor vehicle code violations was \$5,059.34.

Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Report – Chief Bruce A. Fromlak extended his congratulations to President Schell and reported on the Police Candidate Eligibility List progress. The oral and written tests are over and the 5 Candidates that passed will be interviewed on November 24th. The Chief reported on the study conducted on Lehigh, as a stop sign was requested due to reported speeding in the 25mph zone. Chief said that out of 11,000 vehicles over a 1 month study, 85% of the vehicles were doing 25 and under, so this matter would be further studied. The Police responded to 3,669 calls to date, averaging 13 per day and Chief reported the Borough recently hired Part Time Officer Jacob Schmitt. The Chief said the curb work in front of the Borough building is done and the parapet work is on-going. The proposed budget for 2016 is tax neutral and remains at 5.4 mills. The paving project is all but complete, with minor sealing along Center needed. The leaf collection is on-going and the Community Clean Up was a success, with 4 30 yard dumpsters being filled, along with 95 electrical items being collected. The next Clean Up will take place in April and Chief thanked Ms. Karnavas for organizing this event.

There was no report from Solicitor Michael J. Witherel. Glenn Engineering – Robert E. Zischkau reported that he does not have the interim consent order yet and would report to Council upon receipt. Mr. Zischkau extended his congratulations to Council President Schell and said he has learned a lot from Mr. Schell. Report from the Fire Chief – Mark W. Scheller – Chief Scheller congratulated Mr. Schell and the 3 Firefighters on receiving their commendation and requested all Firefighters in the Audience stand to be recognized, which they did and were applauded by all.

Reports from the Committees – Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher read the finance report for October 2015 as follows: Wage tax collection deposits for October totaled \$150 and West View received \$75.01. A total of \$33,261.60 was deposited into the general fund checking account by Keystone Collections. Our liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$159,036.59 as of October 31st and earned \$1.30 in interest. Our building fund money market account had a balance of \$63,443.40 as of October 31st and earned 52 cents in interest. Our general fund money market account had a balance of \$1,000,335.93 as of October 31st and earned \$7.89 in interest. Real estate tax collections totaled \$66,152.69 in October. Local service tax collections totaled \$6,816.59 and the Borough received \$6,161.16. Business/mercantile collections totaled \$28,269.72 and the Borough received \$14,139.86. Mr. Eugene Borio had no property and purchasing report.

Public Works Report – Robert D. Schellhaas said the Road Crew completed 18 work orders in October and have been busy with leaf collection throughout the Borough. The Crews repaired one storm inlet and Mr. Schellhaas remarked how nice the Borough looks, partially due to the leaf collection. Budget/Administration Report – Bryan S. Kircher thanked his committee, Mr. Aguglia and Ms. Steele, along with Chief Fromlak and Mrs. Mann, for their help with the 2016 proposed budget. Fire and Water Report – Donald E. Mikec – Mr. Mikec said the West View Volunteer Fire Department responded to 31 calls in October for a total of 85.05 man hours used. Year to date, the Department has responded to 329 calls, averaging 33 calls per month or 1,300.3 staff hours.

Public Relations and Recreation – M. Kimberly Steele – Ms. Steele said the Halloween Parade was a success, thanking Council, the Road Crew, the Fire Department and Mrs. Rapp for their help. Volunteers packed 1,400 goodie bags for the children. Ms. Steele announced Beth Schellhaas is organizing Community Connection's Celebrate West View, which is light up night on Friday, December 4th, between 6 and 8 p.m. Junior Council Member Austin Babjak reported the North Hills Basketball season begins November 24th.

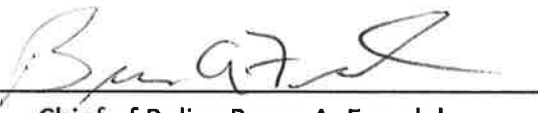
Audience – Ron Smart from 237 Clairmont addressed Council regarding Clean Rivers Campaign and the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, addressing the green infrastructure and source reduction, Alcosan, and discussed sewer bills and their increasing costs and wanted Council to send a letter to the PSWA regarding these matters. Mr. Smart was in front of Council for 3.31.39 minutes. Mayor Henry thanked Mr. Smart for his comments and said the Borough Engineer works along with Alcosan and Girty's Run and must make sure of our decrees first and then will consider his request. Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort addressed the PWSA Study, questioned if there was an update on the consent decree, questioned the street sign replacement and if this was a Federal mandate. Mr. Barr knows a family that received a turkey dinner in a box and wanted to know who is doing this and questioned the costs pertaining to the Perry Highway intersection. Mr. Barr questioned if the draft budget would be on line and if salary increases are budgeted? Mr. Barr was in front of Council for 8.32.9 minutes. Maureen Nagle from 125 Chalfonte addressed Council regarding their passing an Ordinance making it illegal to use high frequency ultrasonic devices in the Borough and spoke at length regarding the harmful effects. Chief Fromlak referred this matter to the Solicitor, but Solicitor Witherel said he has never heard of such an Ordinance but would look into the matter if Council so chose. Mayor Henry added that he sympathized with Ms. Nagle, but Council has received only one complaint, but an Ordinance like this seemed like it would be hard to enforce. Ms. Nagle was in front of Council for 6.30.47 minutes.

There was no old business or new business and Mr. Aguglia moved onto the Agenda. Agenda Item #1 – Council to consider Resolution #1432. Motion to read # 1432 made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Chief Fromlak read #1432, a Resolution authorizing the filing of an application for \$47,000 in grant funds with the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development for the reconstruction of Columbia Avenue. Motion to approve Resolution #1432 made by Mr. Schell was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

Announcements – Vice President Aguglia remarked how nice the Halloween Parade was and how polite the Children in the Parade were. Mr. Aguglia thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and requested a Motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. The Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED: DECEMBER 10, 2015

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

BY: 
Barry G. Schell, President
Town Council