

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2011

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View held Wednesday, November 9, 2011 in council chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Bernhard, followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was conducted by Police Chief/Manager Fromlak and the members of Town Council present were: President Mary C. Bernhard, Member William F. Aguglia, Member John W. Koerts, Member Donald E. Mikec, Vice-President Barry G. Schell and Member M. Kimberly Steele. Mayor John R. Henry, Solicitor Fred E. Baxter, Robert Zischkau from Glenn Engineering, Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Fire Chief George Hollenberger and Assistant Treasurer Cathy A. Mann. Member Ralph E. Burchell and Assistant Secretary Patricia A. Rapp were absent.

Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council held on October 12, 2011 was made by Mr. Aguglia and was seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion was approved and ordered.

Motion to approve the payment of general fund expenditures for net pay and payroll withholding in the amount of \$ 221,096.33 and payment to vendors in the amount of \$ 200,871.78 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve the payment of building fund expenditures in the amount of \$ 4,990.64 was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Aguglia. Motion was approved and ordered. Motion to approve the payment of liquid fuel fund expenditures in the amount of \$ 5,237.91 was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion was approved and ordered.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICERS

Report from the Mayor – J.R. Henry

Mr. Henry reported that the total receipts for October totaled \$ 6,210.44 and that the itemized report was furnished to Council with their packets.

Mr. Henry asked for an Executive session at the end of the regular meeting to discuss contractual matters.

Report from the Chief of Police/Manager – Bruce A. Fromlak

Chief Fromlak reported the Lieutenant and Sergeant testing is completed and the next step is to interview the candidates for the promotions.

Chief Fromlak reported that the speed trailer has been throughout the Borough. He stated that the law is that you can not ticket someone until they are over 10 miles per hour of the posted speed limit. The average in the borough is 7 miles an hour.

Chief Fromlak stated that Barb O'Lare the police records keeper was instrumental in the awarding of 2 grants that were applied for.

Mr. Fromlak reported that a preliminary budget for 2012 was given to council for review. He also stated that he attended a meeting of Connect with Mayor Henry and that they are focusing on saving money on

the electric bills of the communities.

Report from the Solicitor – Fred E. Baxter

Mr. Baxter had no report.

Report from Glenn Engineering – Robert E. Zischkau

Mr. Zischkau reported that the paving in the borough should be completed by Friday.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES

Finance Report – William F. Aguglia

In the absence of Mr. Burchell, Mr. Aguglia reported that the deposits from wage tax collection for the month of October totaled \$ 115,414.81. The Borough's net proceeds were \$ 56,169.45. Our capital reserve-UDAG checking account had a balance of \$ 28,948.24 as of October 31ST. Our liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$ 143,414.09 as of October 31ST.

Mr. Aguglia reported that our building fund money market account had a balance of \$ 198,028.39 as of October 31st, after earning interest in the amount of \$ 16.82. Our general fund money market account had a balance of \$ 766,880.93 as of October 31st, after earning interest in the amount of \$ 45.77. Mr. Aguglia reported that the real estate tax collection for the month of October totaled \$ 36,493.68.

Property and Purchasing Report – John W. Koerts

Mr. Koerts reported that the windows upstairs in the borough building are the original windows and they need replaced. We received bids to replace them in two sections, the front of the building and the back and side of the building. He is recommending Pittsburgh Glass Block for the rear and side and Metropolitan Windows for the front as these two were the low bidders.

Public Works – Barry G. Schell

Mr. Schell reported that the road department has been busy doing major reconstruction on the storm sewer at Cornell & Georgetown. They have been picking up leaves, cutting grass, fixing potholes and the street sweeper has been out in the borough. They are also working with the pavers. The plow and spreader were put on the truck that was sold and it was picked up.

Police and Public Safety Report – William F. Aguglia

Mr. Aguglia reported that the police are investigating 2 robberies that occurred during daylight hours, evidence was collected and suspects are being questioned. Also the police received information that a person on parole had a firearm in his residence which is a violation, when checked there was no firearm. During a traffic stop it was found that there was marijuana and cocaine in the vehicle. While answering a parking complaint at a residence the police observed marijuana inside the residence and it was found that they were dealing marijuana out of the residence.

Administrative/Budget Report – Ralph R. Burchell

No report as Mr. Burchell was absent.

Fire and Water Report – Donald E. Mikec

Mr. Mikec reported that the fire department responded to 17 calls during the month of October for a total of 4 hours and 14 minutes.

Public Relations and Recreation Report – M. Kimberly Steele

Ms. Steele stated that the Halloween parade was a success, and would like to thank all that helped make it a success. The next crime watch meeting will be held on November 14, 2011.

AUDIENCE

Mrs. Bernhard welcomed everyone and stated that the audience participation guidelines will now be printed on the back of the agenda.

Mr. Joel Ballon – 479 Perry Highway asked why the 2 hour parking sign that used to be in the #3 firehall lot was taken down, Chief Fromlak stated that a tree was cut down and was probably removed temporarily and that it would be put back up. He asked about the dismissal of Mr. Wolf, Ms. Bernhard answered that it was an economical decision and that we may hire a new borough manager in the future. Mr. Ballon was in front of council for 2 minutes 30 seconds.

Mr. Jim Barr – 200 Frankfort Avenue asked if Mr. Wolf was laid off and the answer was yes. Also why are we hiring another police officer, he can't support this and feels that the DUI task force checkpoints are a violation of his rights. Mayor Henry replied that the officer is replacing an opening left when Lt. Freedman retired and that we received a grant to fund this officer. Mr. Barr was in front of council for 4 minutes and 48 seconds.

Mr. Dave Urban – 60 Lakewood Avenue stated that no more police should be hired and that the job should be advertised not just promote from part-time and that only 2 of our officers now live in the Borough and they all should. He asked about the August meeting where Mr. Wolf was laid off and a finance clerk position was ok'ed to advertise for. What are the phases of the reconstruction and did Mr. Wolf do anything to be removed from his position. Also what is CONNECT? Mayor Henry answered Mr. Urban's questions in order, first the officer that is being hired was on the Civil Service testing list that is good until 2012 and any West View resident could have taken the test, no one did. This is not an additional officer just a replacement for Lt. Freedman. The reconstruction of the administration is an ongoing process for economical savings, there is no set date to complete this. CONNECT is an organization of communities to research possible ways to save money such as electric bills.

AGENDA

1. Council to consider approving the quotes received for the window replacements at the Borough Building. The low quote for the second floor side and rear windows was from Pittsburgh Glass Block for \$7350.00 and the low quote for the second floor front windows was from Metropolitan Windows for \$ 11,100. *Motion to approve the bid of \$ 7,350.00 from Pittsburgh Glass Block was made by Mr. Koerts and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve the bid of \$ 11,100.00 from Metropolitan Windows was made by Mr. Mikec and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion was approved and ordered.*
2. Council to consider a date for the Budget Workshop Meeting. The date of Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. was suggested. *Motion to have the Budget Workshop Meeting on Tuesday,*

November 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. was made by Ms. Steele and seconded by Mr. Schell. Motion was approved and ordered.

3. Council to consider hiring a Full Time Patrol Officer. Officer Chad Green is currently employed as a Part Time Officer for the Borough and is to be considered for this position. *Motion to hire Officer Chad Green to Full Time Patrol Officer was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.*
4. Council to consider placing pdf files containing approved meeting minutes, resolutions and ordinances on the Borough's website. *Motion to place pdf files containing approved meeting minutes, resolutions and ordinances on the Borough's website was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Koerts. Motion was approved and ordered.*
5. Council to consider making a monetary contribution of \$ 839.00 to CONNECT. *Motion to make a monetary contribution to CONNECT in the amount of \$ 839.00 was made by Mr. Aguglia and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.*
6. Council to consider approving Sub-division of property at 164 Chalfonte Avenue and 168 Chalfonte Avenue recommended by the Planning Commission. *Motion to approve the Sub-division of property at 164 Chalfonte Avenue and 168 Chalfonte Avenue was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion was approved and ordered.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Council will now go into an Executive session regarding contracts at 7:48 p.m. There will be no further business and the audience is free to leave. Mrs. Bernhard called the Regular meeting back to order at 8:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before Council, *Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Schell and seconded by Ms. Steele. Motion was approved and ordered.* The meeting as adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

APPROVED: December 14, 2011

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

BY: _____
Bruce A. Fromlak, Secretary/Manager

BY: _____
Mary C. Bernhard, President
Town Council