

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW – REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View held Thursday, September 8, 2016 in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Hwy., Pgh., PA 15229. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Aguglia, 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, Vice President Bryan S. Kircher, Members Donald E. Mikec, M. Kimberly Steele, Eugene Borio and Scott V. Miller. Member Robert D. Schellhaas was absent. Also attending were: J. R. Henry, Mayor, Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Bruce A. Fromlak, Assistant Secretary Patricia Rapp, Solicitor Michael J. Witherel, Engineer Robert E. Zischkau, Fire Chief Mark W. Scheller and Junior Council Member Monica Snyder.

Mayor Henry introduced Robert Christian, along with his wife Paula, as the Executive Director of West View Water Authority and gave a short resume of Mr. Christian's qualifications. President Aguglia welcomed both to the West View Family. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Town Council on August 11, 2016 made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payment for net pay and payroll withholding for \$256,257.78 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments to vendors for \$55,774.18 made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for liquid fuel fund expenditures for \$35,000 made by Mr. Miller was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. Motion to approve payments for building fund expenditures for \$43,096.75 made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

Reports from the Officers – Mayor's Report – J. R. Henry, Mayor, said the total receipts for motor vehicle code violations for August 2016 was \$4,358.72. The Mayor updated Council on the CONNECT meeting he had attended that discussed the increase in opioid addiction and overdose treatment with naloxone. The Mayor said every West View Officer has been trained and credits our Officers with 2 naloxone saves in the Borough. The Mayor will keep Council apprised of future CONNECT meetings. Chief of Police/Secretary/Manager Report – Bruce A. Fromlak – The Chief addressed the refinancing of the 2012 general obligation bond and the additional \$403,279.40 money in the 2016 project fund, with the terms and length of repayment staying the same as 2012. Chief said the Police have responded to 338 calls to date, issuing 30 traffic citations, making 12 arrests, filing 9 accident reports and 8 ordinance violations. Solicitor's Report – Michael J. Witherel had no report for Council. Report from the Engineer – Robert E. Zischkau – Mr. Zischkau updated Council regarding the Ridgewood Avenue bridge rehabilitation project, addressing the cosmetic repairs needed. Mr. Zischkau said the contractor will be able to complete the work, keeping at least one lane open to traffic during the project. Report from the Fire Chief – Mark W. Scheller – Chief Scheller had no report for Council, other than the written report he had submitted.

Reports from the Committees – Finance Report – Bryan S. Kircher – Mr. Kircher said the delinquent wage tax collection deposits totaled \$100 for August. A total of \$71,451.86 was deposited into the Borough's general fund checking account by Keystone Collections. Our liquid fuel checking account had a balance of \$202,811.60 as of August 31<sup>st</sup> and earned \$54.99 in interest. Our building fund money market account had a balance of \$18,500.27 as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, earning \$5.84 in interest. Our general fund money market account had a balance of \$731,841.11 as of August 31<sup>st</sup>. August's real estate tax collections totaled \$412,145.91. August's local service tax collections were \$10,809.99 and the Borough received \$9,770.60. Business/Mercantile collections totaled \$7,413.95, with the Borough receiving \$3,716.98. Property & Purchasing Report – Eugene Borio had no report for Council. Police & Public Safety – William F. Aguglia had no report. Budget / Administration Report – Bryan S. Kircher reported he plans a meeting for next Tuesday to discuss the 2017 budget and wanted to clarify the \$403,279.40 proceeds from the bond refinance are for specific funds only and are not for use in the general fund.

Fire & Water Report – Donald E. Mikec reported the West View Volunteer Fire Department responded to 27 calls during August, bring the year-to-date total to 257 calls. Mr. Mikec reported on an article that had Pennsylvania with the largest number of volunteer fire companies, with 2,215 statewide, 28 of those being career, 92 with both and 2,095 as volunteer. Public Relations & Recreation Report – M. Kimberly Steele reported the Halloween Parade will take place on October 24<sup>th</sup>, with signups by the Committee on the 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and they will be packing bags on October 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:00 p.m. and volunteers are welcomed. Junior Council Member – Monica Snyder reported August 22<sup>nd</sup> was the first day of

school, with September 1<sup>st</sup> being picture day and September 30<sup>th</sup> as Homecoming and October 1<sup>st</sup> is the Homecoming Dance. North Hills Football has begun and the team defeated Shaler 28-7. Monica attended a meeting at Allegheny County District One on August 31<sup>st</sup> and they discussed registration fees and restaurant grading, which was very informative.

Audience – President Aguglia welcomed any Resident to address Council. Jim Barr from 200 Frankfort questioned Council on the rumors he heard about the legality of a halfway house coming to West View at a Planning meeting, to which the Mayor said the Borough had no information or application regarding this matter, but could not comment on a rumor, as it would be foolish to speculate without facts. Mr. Barr said he was confused on the Martsolf bridge roof and the Mayor explained the Ridgewood Bridge repairs to Mr. Barr, who was in front of Council for 5.09.97 minutes. There was no unfinished business and no new business and President Aguglia moved onto the Agenda.

Item #1 – Motion to amend the date on the first line of the second paragraph of the June 9, 2016 Minutes from April 14 to May 12 made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered. Item #2 – Mr. Zischkau had the results of the September 8<sup>th</sup> bid for the reconstruction of Columbia Avenue. Two bids were received and the low bid received was from Victor Paving and Construction, Inc. for \$50,728 is in order and Mr. Zischkau recommends Council consider acceptance. Approximately \$20,000 will be paid for through a NHCOC grant. This is the upper part of Columbia to the dead end. Motion to approve the bid made by Ms. Steele was seconded by Mr. Kircher. Motion approved and ordered. Item #3 – Mr. Zischkau received 2 bids on September 6<sup>th</sup> for the Ridgewood Bridge. Nathan Construction was the low bid at \$138,580 and Mr. Zischkau felt this was reasonable and recommends Council consider approval. Mayor Henry questioned the timeline for completion, estimating by the end of fall. Motion to approve the bid made by Mr. Mikec was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion approved and ordered.

Item #4 – The Planning Commission had approved the request for the sale of Borough property at Center and Frankfort Avenues, as all was in order. Mr. Kircher was not in favor of this sale of the Borough right-of-way and Motioned to deny, which was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion to deny was approved and ordered. Mr. Miller abstained from the vote. Item #5 – The Planning Commission approved the North Hills School District request for the subdivision of the Heil property along Perrysville Road. Chief Fromlak said the properties meet all of the requirements and he had received no objections for the subdivision. Mr. Swindell from the School District was in the Audience, addressing Council regarding the two properties being subdivided to be eventually sold in order to get them back on the tax rolls. The subdivision is needed to move the property lines for the homes at 5310 and 5314 Perrysville Road. Motion to approve the subdivision made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Mikec. Motion approved and ordered.

Announcements – Chief Fromlak said the Borough Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until noon, meeting behind the VFW on Center Avenue. Students from the University of Pittsburgh will be on hand and there will be 3 dumpsters placed along Center for residents to use. Adjournment – President Aguglia requested the meeting be closed in honor of the 15<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary of those who lost their lives on 9/11. Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Kircher was seconded by Mr. Borio. Motion approved and ordered. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED: October 13, 2016

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Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak  
Secretary/Manager

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
William F. Aguglia, President  
Town Council