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BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW – SPECIAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 13, 2014

Minutes of the special meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of West View, held Thursday, November 13, 2014 in Council chambers at 441 Perry Hwy., Pgh., PA 15229. The meeting was called to order by President Schell at 6:30 p.m. followed by a moment of silent prayer and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chief Fromlak conducted roll call. Members present were: President Barry G. Schell, Vice President William F. Aguglia, and Members Donald E. Mikec, M. Kimberly Steele, Bryan S. Kircher, Robert D. Schellhaas and Eugene Borio Also attending: Chief of Police Bruce A. Fromlak, Secretary/Manager, Assistant Secretary Patricia Rapp and Robert E. Zischkau from Glenn Engineering. Mayor Henry and Fire Chief Scheller were absent.

Chief Fromlak read the official notice that ran in the Post-Gazette on November 6th, announcing the special workshop meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the regular meeting to immediately follow. The purpose of the workshop was for Council to discuss the proposed 2015 budget and no other business would be discussed. (J.R. Henry, Mayor arrived at 6:38 p.m., as did Fire Chief Mark Scheller. Junior Council Member Austin Babjak arrived at 6:39 p.m.)

Chief Fromlak thanked Mr. Kircher, Mr. Aguglia and Ms. Steele, along with Cathy Mann and Patty Rapp for the excellent support in developing the proposed 2015 Budget. The proposed Budget maintains all services with no tax increase. The revenues and expenditures for 2015 are proposed at \$3,365,100.00. Contracted Employees will receive a 3% increase in wages and there is a 3.5% increase in health care benefits. The Chief said the balances for the Borough's four accounts as of November 10, 2014 are as follows: General fund money market at \$1,125,130.47, general fund checking at \$201,151.21, building fund money market at \$33,436.00 and liquid fuels checking at \$166,192.02. Council Member Bryan Kircher thanked the Chief and Patty Rapp and Cathy Mann for their help with the 2015 budget.

The Chief said 2014 paving projects totaled \$196,595.40 due to Bell Drive, where a retaining wall and fencing were installed, the 300 block of Oakwood and a portion of Yale at Cornell, which was over the \$175,000 proposed budget amount. The Borough paved 10 streets and alleys. The Chief noted changes within the budget at \$1,696,400 for real estate taxes, \$748,500 for earned income tax, \$45,840 for local services tax, \$31,500 for business privilege tax, \$25,000 for our auditing service, \$21,600 for the Solicitor and \$49,200 for the Engineer.

The TAN note was paid off on October 1, 2014 in the amount of \$403,153.30 and the Chief is not anticipating a need for a TAN note in 2015. Projected capital expenditures are \$228,000 for 2015 street paving, \$74,000 for a new 2015 F550 4x4 dump truck, plow and salt spreader to replace a 2007 dump truck. \$30,000 is budgeted towards capital fire equipment to use for the Fire Department's ladder truck and the Chief anticipates no new purchases of police vehicles.

The Chief budgeted \$15,000 to pay the final year of our 3 year obligation for the vehicle video systems and the Chief budgeted \$9,500 for COSTAR purchases of sidearms, holsters, mounted lights and magazine pouches for all Officers. The Officers would trade in their old weapons at \$250 each, making the cost of a new weapon at \$219 each. The Chief said earned income, local services and business privilege taxes are moving in a positive direction.

The Chief reported on the leases within the building fund. Dollar General's \$2,750 per month lease expires in June of 2016, Steeltown Firearm's \$700 per month lease expires in March of 2017, Schorr Bakery's \$485 per month lease expires December 31, 2015 but they intend on remaining in the future. PNC Bank pays \$3,833.33 per month and their lease expires in December of 2017 and the Chief is still working with Allegheny County on the Magistrates proposed 10 year lease. The Chief said it is his intention to have masonry work done along


the front and rear of the Borough building. The Chief said the liquid fuels fund for 2015 is projected at \$145,300, an increase over 2014's \$135,383.

Mayor Henry thanked Bryan Kircher, Ralph Burchell and Bruce Fromlak in proposing the 2015 budget at 5.40 mills.

At 6:45 p.m., Mayor Henry swore in Council Member Eugene Borio, who was applauded by all attending. At this time, with no further budget questions, President Schell requested a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Aguglia was seconded by Mr. Schellhaas. Motion approved and ordered. The Special Workshop Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED: DECEMBER 11, 2014

BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW

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

BY: 
Barry G. Schell
President of Town Council