

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2018**

Call to Order / Silence for Meditation / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Tintori stated that Council had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Edward Schenck, Mayor
Arthur Tintori, Vice President of Council
Rino Lindsey
David Lorenzini
Ron Panza
John Novak
David Rea

Also Present:

W. David Montz, Borough Manager
Peter Molinaro, Jr., Borough Solicitor
Colin Cleary, Chief of Police
Deborah N. Gawryla, Stenographer

Absent:

Mark Sampogna

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

February 5, 2018

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to approve the February 5, 2018 Council minutes with the following correction:

p. 6 - Under (A) in the President's Report, it should be changed from "Mr. Sampogna said he and the ***Borough Engineer*** had attended the Pennsylvania Municipal League's Capital Conference..." to "Mr. Sampogna said he and the ***Borough Manager*** had attended the Pennsylvania Municipal League's Capital Conference..."

Motion carried, with Mr. Lorenzini abstaining because he had not attended the meeting.

February 19, 2018

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to approve the February 19, 2018 Council minutes with the following correction:

p. 4 - Under "Neighborhood Commercial": Change "The owners of these homes should be contacted about whether they would like their homes to be rezoned to Residential," to "Council discussed the possibility of contacting the owners of these homes regarding whether they would like their homes to be rezoned as residential or keep them commercial and could possibly consider it at a later time." Mr. Lorenzini stated that the possibility of changing this area to Residential was merely a suggestion during a discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

There was no one present who wished to be heard.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Schenck

A. Proclamation:

Declaring April 2, 2018 as Light It Up Blue Day for Autism in Green Tree

Mayor Schenck presented the following proclamation:

"Whereas, Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that affects a person's ability to communicate and develop social relationship, and

Whereas, one in 68 children are diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, and

Whereas, Autism Speaks was founded in February 2005 by Bob and Suzanne Wright, grandparents of a child with autism. Since then, Autism Speaks has grown into the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization, dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and a cure of autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families, and

Whereas, Autism Speaks, launched the Light It Up Blue and is a unique global initiative that kicks-off Autism Awareness Month and helps raise awareness about autism. In honor of this special day, many iconic landmarks, hotels, sporting venues, concert halls, museums, bridges, and retail stores are among the hundreds of thousands of homes and communities that take part to Light It Up Blue.

Whereas, April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day, and to celebrate thousands of people are coming together to Light It Up Blue.

WITNESSETH

That by virtue of the power vested in me, I, Edward A. Schenck, Mayor of the Borough of Green Tree, on behalf of Council and myself, join Autism Speaks to help shine a light on autism, and do hereby declare Monday, April 2, 2018 as Light It Up Blue Day in the Borough of Green Tree, and that the Municipal Center shall be specially lit on the evening of April 2, 2018 in celebration of Light It Up Blue."

- B.** Mayor Schenck stated that the recent shootings at a Florida high school was a tragic event. He commended the students from the high school for speaking out about gun control and mental health treatment. There should be ways to identify people who need mental health services and identify those who could potentially be dangerous to themselves or others. He felt that communications should be improved between various governmental agencies so those deemed to be dangerous can be "red-flagged." It will not be a foolproof system, but many improvements need to be made.

Mayor Schenck said that school security must be increased. The Green Tree Police Department is spending more time at the local schools and they are driving by the schools, too. The GTPD received a note from a citizen who thanking the department for the increased patrols. The school district must also decide how much security they want to install in the schools.

Mayor Schenck said that the issue of gun control must be discussed. A discussion regarding gun control does not necessarily mean opposition to the second amendment. The Mayor said that although he himself owns a gun he is in favor of gun control. There needs to be a debate in this country regarding gun control, background checks, the appropriate age to purchase a gun, assault weapons, etc.

Mayor Schenck said he is not opposed to the second amendment, but felt he needed to speak out since the students from the Florida high school have been brave enough to speak out about this issue.

- C. Mayor Schenck stated that if he ever says anything that someone feels embarrasses the borough, he would like to be notified about it within 30 days. He appreciates feedback and can accept negative feedback. He asked that the feedback be specific and not generalized.
- D. Mayor Schenck said that one of his heroes, Roger Bannister, who broke the four-minute mile, recently died. Bannister said that his greatest achievements were being a doctor and his family and grandchildren.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - Mr. Rea

1. Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to award the bid to G&W Roofing & Construction, Inc. for the replacement of the roof on the Public Works facility, the pool bathhouse facility, and the pool pump facility at a cost of \$159,703.00, and to authorize the proper officers to execute the contract.

Mr. Rea stated that G&W Construction had put the roof on the Municipal Center in 2009 and the roof on the Fire Hall in 2014. There had been three bidders, but only two were qualified.

Mr. Montz said there had been a third bidder, but that bidder was not qualified because the advertisement for bids clearly stated that the outside of the envelope must note what the bid is for, such as "Roof Project for Public Works facility." In this case, the individual's envelope was merely marked "Bid." It was not opened and refused since the borough did not know specifically what it was for. Mr. Lindsey asked if this particular bidder had been informed about his error. Mr. Montz replied that this bidder was informed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lorenzini asked if the other work for the pool has been completed. Mr. Rea replied that the pool patio and the concrete apron have been completed. Discussion continued regarding various pool improvements that were considered.

B. FINANCE - Mr. Tintori

Mr. Rea presented the Finance portion of the meeting.

1. Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the February 2018 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$212,569.59, Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$1,784.29, Capital Projects Fund totaling \$49,500.00, Payroll Account totaling \$202,853.70, and Educational Service Agency totaling \$4,960.46.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to approve payment of the March 2018 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$448,100.83, Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$3,324.10, and Capital Projects totaling \$3,183.45.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ordinance #1785

Establishing Twenty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$22,925.00) in connection with the requirements for contracts pursuant to Section 1501 of the Home Rule Charter and in connection with those contracts that do no require competitive bidding pursuant to Section 1504.4 of the Home Rule Charter.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to place Ordinance #1785 on first and final reading by title only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinance #1785 by title only.

Mr. Rea asked if this was being increased from a lesser amount. Mr. Montz said that this is done occasionally when the borough's budget is increased. The competitive bidding is based on 0.25% of the budget.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to pass Ordinance #1785 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Rea	Yes
Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Novak	Yes
Mr. Lorenzini	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinance #1785 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Ordinance #1786

Establishing salary for certain administrative employees of the Borough.

Ordinance #1787

Establishing the salary and benefits of the Borough Engineer.

Ordinance #1788

Setting the salary of certain Borough employees of the Green Tree Public Library.

Ordinance #1789

Setting the salary of the Library Director and Assistant Librarian.

Mr. Rea said that these four ordinances would be presented together.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to place Ordinances #1786, #1787, #1788, #1789 on first and final reading by title only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinances #1786, #1787, #1788, and #1789 by title only.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to pass Ordinances #1786, #1787, #1788, #1789 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Rea	Yes
Mr. Novak	Yes
Mr. Lorenzini	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinances #1786, #1787, #1788, #1789 and that they be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. RECREATION & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Mr. Panza

1. Appointment to Recreation and Community Affairs Board

Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lorenzini, to reappoint Mr. Kenneth Nolte to the Recreation and Community Affairs Board for a three-year term, expiring March 2021.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Panza reported that the next Oktoberfest meeting would be held on Monday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. Council and others are welcome to attend.

- 3. Mr. Panza stated that Mr. Montz had previously expressed concern regarding a proposed bill in the Senate about police pension buy-back. This bill has created a lot of concern for local municipalities since it could create a lot of difficulty for municipalities as an unfunded mandate. Mr. Panza said that he is a director of ALOM (Allegheny League of Municipalities), which represents all municipalities in Allegheny County. ALOM sent a letter to the five senators in Allegheny County stating that ALOM opposes this proposed bill. With the support of Allegheny County's five senators it should help defeat this bill. He thanked Mr. Montz for bringing this issue to ALOM's attention.

D. PLANNING & ZONING - Mr. Lorenzini

1. Ordinance #1783

An ordinance to accept retention pond and open space that is part of the McLean Farms Subdivision to be adopted by the Borough as public land.

Motion:

Mr. Lorenzini made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to place Ordinance #1783 on first and final reading by title only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinance #1783 by title only.

Motion:

Mr. Lorenzini made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to pass Ordinance #1783 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Lorenzini	Yes
Mr. Novak	Yes
Mr. Rea	Yes
Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Lorenzini made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinance #1783 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Mr. Lorenzini said that Council would be meeting to continue the review of the proposed Zoning Ordinance on March 19. After a discussion, Council decided to move the date of the meeting to March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

E. PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Lindsey

1. Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, for Council to uphold the suspension of Officer Charles Kern, imposed by Mayor Schenck on February 26, 2018, and that Officer Kern be terminated from employment with the Borough of Green Tree, effective immediately, for neglect or violation of his official duties and for conduct unbecoming an officer.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance #1784

Setting the requirements for Part-Time Police Officer pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Lindsey said that changes have been made to the hiring requirements and minimums for part-time officers that were currently in place.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to place Ordinance #1784 on first and final reading by title only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinance #1784 by title only.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to pass Ordinance #1784 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Novak	Yes
Mr. Lorenzini	Yes
Mr. Rea	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinance #1784 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Mayor Schenck said that he had previously mentioned that the police officers are spending more time at the schools in the borough. Additionally, Chief Cleary has been meeting with the two principals at the local schools in Green Tree to review their school emergency plans and also to discuss their responses to school emergencies. Mayor

Schenck said if anyone had additional ideas to improve school safety, he/she should contact him.

4. Mr. Lorenzini asked about an alert system at the fire station to notify others of rapidly approaching firefighters to the station in the event of a call. Mr. Montz stated that the alert system has been purchased, but needs to be installed.

F. STREETS & PUBLIC HEALTH - Mr. Novak

1. **Poplar Street Storm Sewer Project - Authorize the proper officers to execute the contract for the storm sewer improvements on Poplar Street.**

Mr. Novak stated that the borough has been awarded a GROW grant for work on the Poplar Street storm sewer. The borough has advertised and received bids for this project with the low bidder being A. Folino Construction, Inc.

Motion:

Mr. Novak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to award the contract for the Poplar Street Storm Sewer Project to A. Folino Construction, Inc. for the sum of \$177,560.33.

When asked, Mr. Novak said that the GROW grant was an 85/15 grant. Mr. Montz said the project was originally estimated to be approximately \$500,000. Since then, PennDOT has informed the borough that it plans to repave Poplar Street in 2018 and has requested that municipalities attempt to get other work done on streets scheduled for repaving prior to the repaving. As a result, the borough has expedited the Poplar Street project to meet the timeline, which will save the borough the cost of the replacement of the concrete sub-base, costing approximately \$150,000.

The borough was pleased when this bid was received and A. Folino Construction, Inc. was contacted to make certain that there wasn't an error in their bid estimate. They said they felt comfortable with the amount of the bid and informed the borough that they were also the contractor for PennDOT for the repaving of Poplar Street, which will help the borough with coordination efforts. A. Folino Construction has completed a number of borough projects over the years and have consistently done a good job.

When asked, Mr. Montz said that if Council approves the contract bid tonight, it is anticipated to have everything signed within 30 days, and the project should be completed within 60 days after the signing. Mr. Montz said the completed project will remove approximately 23 million gallons of storm water from the sanitary sewer system upon completion.

Mr. Montz said it is hoped that detours will not be needed for this project. If the company finds that detours are needed, the work requiring detours will be done at night. Mr. Montz said he would have the Borough Engineer provide Council with a tentative timeline for the various stages of the project. Mr. Montz described the details of some of the work that will be done on the Poplar Street storm sewer project.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Montz said that during budget discussions Council had discussed the possibility of adding curbside recycling collection. One of the issues to be considered will be the size of the recycling bins available for the residents. Mr. Montz presented two different sizes of recycling bins that are used in Forest Hills Borough where their residents choose which size they would like. If the borough provides curbside recycling for the residents, the borough would purchase one recycling bin for each home. To be eligible for a grant, it would need to be mandatory recycling. The recycling grant for the purchase of the recycling bins is a retroactive grant; meaning that if Council would approve curbside recycling and then be awarded the grant, the borough could be reimbursed for the purchase of the recycling bins. Discussion continued regarding the recycling bins and the details of a possible recycling bin grant reimbursement.

Mr. Montz suggested that the Streets Committee meet to discuss the details of the curbside recycling.

3. Mr. Novak stated that the annual Shredding Event would take place on Saturday, April 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Green Tree Park. There will be an Electronics Recycling Event for Green Tree residents only on Saturday, April 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Public Works parking lot.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. MRTSA - Mr. Montz

Mr. Montz stated that MRTSA is seeking to increase funding. There will be an upcoming committee meeting to work on a plan. The goal is to get the plan out to the MRTSA municipalities by June or July to allow time for dialog and preparation for municipal budgets.

B. Char West COG - Mr. Novak

Mr. Novak said the COG's guest speaker was Mr. Tom Baker from the Allegheny County Council. Mr. Baker reviewed some general Allegheny County statistics. The county does 61 miles of paving and a number of retaining walls. Mr. Baker represents approximately 100,000 people.

Mr. Novak said that the price of salt through the COG went up by 46¢ per ton for a total of \$70.20 per ton.

C. Library - Mr. Sampogna

In Mr. Sampogna's absence, there was no Library report this evening

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Sampogna

There was no President's Report this evening with Mr. Sampogna's absence.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Molinaro

Mr. Molinaro had nothing to report at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Montz

- A. Mr. Montz said that police applicant testing will be held on April 24. The physical agility test will be held in the morning and the written testing will be held in the evening.

B. Mr. Montz said he has contacted PennDOT regarding articles in the newspaper regarding some roadway designs on Banksville. The article also mentioned the Green Tree Parkway ramps. Mr. Montz contacted PennDOT's Executive Director who informed him that PennDOT is in the process of getting the engineering work done on the interchange. Mr. Montz told PennDOT that the borough had previously expressed concern over some of the designs that had been proposed and requested a meeting. As a result, PennDOT will be approaching the borough to set up a meeting to convey the borough's concerns. Additionally, PennDOT's Executive Director said that Parkedge residents would be receiving notification regarding a sound study. Mr. Montz said that PennDOT does not have funding for the physical work, but is only getting the engineering work done at this time for these proposed changes. Discussion continued regarding the future possibilities for the interchanges and the Parkedge sound barrier.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Sampogna, President

W. David Montz, Manager

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