

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 1, 2017**

Call to Order / Silence for Meditation / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sampogna stated that Council had met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

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

COMMUNITY PRIDE PRESENTATION

Resolution #1240 - Honoring the 10th Anniversary of the Green Tree Farmers Market in the Park

Mr. Sampogna read Resolution #1240 as follows:

"Whereas, the Green Tree Farmers Market Committee originated in 2008 with a mission to provide the community with the opportunity to buy locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, to make shopping a pleasure rather than a chore, and help retain the unique character of our community, and

Whereas, the Green Tree Farmers Market features a variety of produce, baked goods, and prepared food vendors and events including cooking demonstrations, knife sharpening services, entertainment events, and promotion of local community groups and businesses, and

Whereas, the Farmers Market in the Park is a community hub – a place to meet up with friends, bring your children, or just get a taste of small-town life in the midst of our wonderful community while stocking up on local produce and cultivating relationships with both vendors and neighbors, and

Whereas, the Market is operated on a weekly basis from May until October by a fantastic group of volunteers, including many who have been involved since 2008, that currently includes: Vincent Abbato, Dan Gall, Lou & Dot Heinz, Marty Hungerman, Rocco Muffi, Kris Pusateri, Mark Sampogna, Bob Spinneweber, Kinny Thens, Ralph Vitt, Allyson Wilson, Joshua Wilson, and Fred Zinger, and

Whereas, the Green Tree Farmers Market Committee selflessly serves the community on a weekly basis without regard to the weather, and works together as a team to provide one of the best farmers markets in the county.

Now, therefore, be in resolved that on behalf of the residents of Green Tree, visitors to the market, Members of Council and Mayor Schenck, Council expresses our deepest appreciation and gratitude to the past and present members of the Green Tree Farmers Market Committee for their dedication and service to our community.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be tendered as a memorial and token of Council's esteem to the current volunteers of the Green Tree Farmers Market Committee."

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to adopt Resolution #1240.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

March 27, 2017

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to approve the March 27, 2017 with the following correction:

p. 7 - Change "Mr. Sampogna said that he had done a survey and found a dearth of available office space..." to "Mr. Sampogna said that he had done a survey and found ample available office space..."

Motion carried unanimously.

April 3, 2017

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to approve the April 3, 2017 Council meeting minutes with the following correction:

p. 2 - Change "Mr. Sampogna replied that smoking would be limited to the parking areas during Octoberfest," to "Mr. Rea replied that smoking would be limited to the parking areas during Octoberfest."

Motion carried, with Mr. Sampogna abstaining because he had not attended this meeting.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Patrick O'Sullivan, 53 Robinhood Road

Mr. O'Sullivan said that Robinhood is currently undergoing a repaving. He said that the only notice Robinhood residents received was a letter from the paving company several weeks ago. Construction began last Monday, but it did not include the entire road. He said he realized that part of Robinhood was in Scott Township, but wanted to know why the entire road would not be repaved at the same time. He asked about the details of the paving bid and he said he is representing other Robinhood residents who would like to know why the entire road is not being repaved.

Mr. Montz said that residents on the roads that were slated for repaving last fall had received a letter from the borough saying that their road would be repaved. A second letter was sent later in the fall to affected residents stating that the repaving was being postponed until the spring because of inclement weather. Mr. Montz said he would check to see why Mr. O'Sullivan had not received these letters.

Mr. Montz said that partial paving on Robinhood is not unusual and it is done regularly on roads where there are municipal boundary lines. Mr. O'Sullivan's property is at the end of Green Tree's boundary and the milling on Robinhood actually goes slightly beyond the borough limits to pave beyond Mr. O'Sullivan's driveway, which is actually beyond the borough limits. Discussion continued regarding the details of the location of the milling on Robinhood.

Mr. Montz stated that the paving project was bid for the Borough of Green Tree and not for Scott Township. The borough does not have an agreement with Scott Township regarding repaving. The part that has been milled is the part that will be repaved.

Mr. O'Sullivan's wife asked why all of Robinhood Road could not be repaved. She asked if Green Tree Borough could contact to Scott Township about paving the entire road. Mr. Montz replied that the borough does not normally contact neighboring communities regarding repaving, but if Council would like him to reach out to Scott Township about repaving all of Robinhood Road, he would do so.

Don Folkmire, 1006 Avacoll Drive

Mr. Folkmire said he has spoken before Council on several occasions. He said he had a petition that was signed by most of the neighbors on Avacoll to have the borough look into the speeding and traffic on Avacoll. This new petition is requesting the installation of a speed bump on Avacoll to stop the speeding, but it will not cut down on the traffic. He asked if it would be possible to make a no right turn from Carnahan onto Avacoll from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the evening. He asked Council to consider these possibilities or come up with another plan to address the traffic and the speeding. Discussion regarding the petition continued. Mr. Folkmire asked Chief Cleary to come to Avacoll to see the traffic and speeding.

Mr. Panza asked if Mr. Folkmire had been at the meeting a number of years ago when Council had a traffic engineer look at Avacoll and he had recommended making Avacoll one way. Mr. Panza said the backlash from the residents regarding this plan had prevented it from being implemented. He added that a number of people who had been against the one-way were from Daleland in the City of Pittsburgh who would also have been impacted by this change. Mr. Panza said that the residents who live on a street with traffic issues sometimes end up feeling that the proposed changes are too restrictive for them.

Mr. Lorenzini asked Mr. Folkmire if he was more interested in restricting traffic or reducing speeding. After some discussion, Mr. Folkmire felt that if amount of traffic was reduced it might take care of both problems. Discussion regarding various methods in restricting traffic on Avacoll continued.

Mr. Montz said he would discuss the new petition regarding speed humps with the traffic engineer, and report back to Council regarding the best solution.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Schenck

- A.** Mayor Schenck thanked the Farmers Market Committee for the good job they have done in the community. He said the Farmers Market is a great community event.
- B.** Mayor Schenck said that he had received a verbal commitment from the Kossmans to keep the borough apprised regarding the Parkway Center Mall property, so that the residents can be kept up to date on this issue.

- C. Mayor Schenck attended the PFO Bingo last Friday night. It was well attended and he, Chief Cleary, and a number of other Green Tree residents had taken turns calling the numbers. Aiken School currently has 198 students and is a very active school.
- D. Mayor Schenck visited three new businesses in Green Tree: Nakama in Parkway Center Building #7, Fast Labs at 100 Fleet Street, and Alorica in Parkway Center Building #9.

REPORT OF GREEN TREE BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - Mr. Rea

1. Authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for bids for the replacement of the pool patio retaining wall

Mr. Rea stated that the reconstruction of the pool patio wall would be done in the fall after the pool has closed for the season.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise for bids for the replacement of the pool patio retaining wall.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance #1775

Amending Ordinance #1772 by setting forth the penalty for each violation.

Mr. Rea said that Council had passed Ordinance #1772 prohibiting smoking in all borough parks and playgrounds. At that time, Mr. Lindsey had asked about the fine that would be associated with the violation. Ordinance #1775 will set those penalties.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to place Ordinance #1775 on first and final reading by title only.

Mr. Tintori asked if the violations would be posted somewhere. Mr. Montz replied that signage would be posted at the entrance to the parks. This ordinance would set the first offense at \$25, the second offense at \$50, and additional offenses at \$100. He noted that smoking would be permitted in the parking lots of the parks and playgrounds.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinance #1775 by title only.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion seconded by Mr. Novak, to pass Ordinance #1775 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinance #1775 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. General Report

- (a) Mr. Rea commended the Public Works Department for the great job they had done on updating the batting cages at Hemlock Field and installing the new dek hockey rink. Mr. Rea said Council would have a kick-off event for the new dek hockey rink.
- (b) Mr. Montz said he had ordered the materials for the Hale Park sound barrier.
- (c) When asked, Mr. Montz said the contractor would soon be starting work on the cemetery wall. Mr. Montz said he would provide Council pictures of what the cemetery wall would look like when completed
- (d) Mr. Rea said that the work on the Nature Center trails should begin soon.

B. RECREATION & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Mr. Panza

1. Appointment to Library Board (to fill unexpired term to January 2018)

Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to appoint Mrs. Susan Wuenstel to the Library Board to fill an unexpired term through January 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Lindsey

1. General Report

- (a) Mr. Lindsey said that he had followed up with Mr. Montz regarding the fire company's false alarms since the beginning of 2016. The information is being reviewed, but no proposals are being made at this point regarding the fines. Some warnings have been sent out.
- (b) Mr. Montz said that Mr. Lindsey had brought to his attention that without a fire siren, average citizens are unaware of urgent fire calls. This could be a problem when people are walking to or from the pool or park, or children are riding bicycles in the parking lot at a time when firefighters are arriving at the station in their personal vehicles to respond to a call. Mr. Montz stated that Mr. Lindsey has found equipment that would provide a warning signal at the fire station area that could flash lights or emit warning tones to notify those in the immediate parking lot area that there has been a fire call and to clear the area. Mr. Montz said that the borough is looking into this device and he hopes to present information to the Public Safety Committee soon. Mr. Lindsey said there have been improvements made to sight lines when entering the fire station area by trimming trees and shrubs, but this device would provide a clear warning in the lot area. Discussion continued regarding the details of such a warning system.

D. PLANNING & ZONING - Mr. Lorenzini

1. Mr. Lorenzini said that Council would be holding another review of the proposed zoning ordinance on Monday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. The Definitions section would be reviewed.
2. Mr. Lorenzini said that two of the three buildings have been demolished on Noblestown Road for the construction of a new Burger King.
3. The Zoning Hearing Board has two hearings scheduled for Thursday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. One hearing is for a resident on School Street and the other is for a resident on Parkedge. Both residents are requesting variances for fences on their properties.

Mr. Lorenzini said the Zoning Hearing Board held a hearing for a variance on April 13th for a property on Clearview Drive to install a pool. It was denied.

E. FINANCE - Mr. Tintori**1. Motion:**

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the April 2017 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$82,265.78, Capital Projects Fund totaling \$6,069.00, Payroll Account totaling \$198,801.76, and Educational Service Agency totaling \$4,495.48.

Mr. Lorenzini asked about the invoice for \$1,500 to the Green Tree Athletic Association, listed as a "Donation." Mr. Montz replied that the borough donates to the GAA every year.

Mr. Lorenzini asked about an invoice for U.S. Bank for \$374,308.25 with a notation of "GOB." Mr. Montz said "GOB" stands for General Obligation Bond and it is the borough's bond payment.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to approve payment of the May 2017 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$469,878.03, Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$2,763.12, and Capital Projects totaling \$8,990.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. STREETS & PUBLIC HEALTH - Mr. Novak

1. Mr. Novak said the street repaving program has begun. Mr. Montz asked Council about the residents who had requested that all of Robinhood be paved at the same time. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of trading off the paving of Robinhood for another street that is partially in Scott Township and Green Tree, such as Spreading Oak or Black Oak. Council agreed that Mr. Montz should contact Scott Township, but it was stressed that a written agreement between the borough and Scott Township would have to be created regarding any such agreement.

Mr. Sampogna said that PA One Call will be rolling out new software allowing utilities, authorities, and municipalities the ability to put their paving plans and other infrastructure work on a common database. This would help prevent conflicts between the various entities. The City of Pittsburgh should be on this new database in June, surrounding

CONNECT member communities should be on it in July, and the rest of the county should be on it by the end of the year. Mr. Sampogna said that this would allow neighboring municipalities to look at paving plans and provide better coordination.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. MRTSA - Mr. Montz

Mr. Montz had nothing to report at this time.

B. Char-West COG - Mr. Novak

Mr. Novak reported that the COG had held its annual dinner at Peter's Place. State Senator Wayne Fontana was the guest speaker. He spoke about statewide issues, such as pensions and details about the DEP testing of water. Senator Fontana is sponsoring Senate Bill 335.

C. Library - Mr. Sampogna

Mr. Sampogna noted that the library is still considering whether to add a self-checkout machine.

Mr. Sampogna said that he and Library Board member, Mr. Randy McFarland, had attended the Southwestern Pennsylvania Multi-District Trustee Training event. The state and the Allegheny County Library Association provided this training. Some items discussed included technology and how it relates to libraries, innovative interior and exterior library facility design with physical space reflecting the principles and values of the library in both interior and exterior design, and solutions for more effective library board meetings. The statewide annual conference of the Pennsylvania Library Association is scheduled for October and will be held at the DoubleTree in Green Tree.

There will be new computers installed in the library this week. Book donation day is this Saturday, May 6. The Historical Society, in conjunction with the library, will be doing a presentation on "Schools in Green Tree" on May 12th. The library will hold a City Cycling Workshop by BikePgh on May 25. The annual Ice Cream Storytime will be held in June.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Sampogna

A. Assistant Borough Manager

Mr. Sampogna introduced the Green Tree's new Assistant Borough Manager, Mr. Harry Faulk, who was in the audience. He was welcomed and the audience applauded. Mr. Sampogna said that Mr. Faulk would be handling code enforcement as well as Assistant Borough Manager duties.

B. Mr. Sampogna said he had attended the annual CONNECT Congress on April 20th, where he passed the gavel to Ms. Marita Garrett, a Councilwoman from Wilkensburg. CONNECT Congress adopted nine resolutions.

C. Mr. Sampogna said he had written a letter to the State PUC regarding antenna system providers, such as ExteNet, that were seeking to be designated as a public utility. The PUC issued a ruling on March 17th denying that request. Since that time, two of those providers, Crown Castle and ExteNet, have appealed the PUC ruling and are asking them to reconsider. Mr. Sampogna said he has a copy of the proceedings, along with a response from Attorney Daniel Cohen on behalf of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, the Pennsylvania State Municipal League, the Pennsylvania State Association

of Boroughs, and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners opposing that request for reconsideration.

- D.** Mr. Sampogna said that he had visited Alorica in Parkway Center Building #9. Alorica currently has over 300 employees and anticipates around 500 by the end of the year.
- E.** State Senator Wayne Fontana and State Representative Dan Deasy will be sponsoring a Shredding Event in Green Tree Park on May 13th.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Molinaro

Mr. Molinaro had nothing to report at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Montz

- A.** Mr. Montz stated that Mr. Serakowski in the Administrative Office is retiring and Mr. Faulk will be taking on some of his code enforcement duties in addition to a number of other responsibilities.
- B.** Mr. Montz said there is legislation that appears to be getting traction that would require the borough to take its business privilege tax collection to the regional tax commission. He has expressed that BPT is not a payroll tax like the earned income tax and he is fighting to keep BPT collection local. Discussion continued regarding business privilege tax collection.
- C.** Mr. Montz reported that the recent electronics recycling event was a big success. He thanked those who had volunteered to help with the event. He said that the residents were outstanding and had no problem presenting identification. The event collected enough recycling to fill a 40-foot tractor trailer of electronics.

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