

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 2, 2016**

Call to Order / Silence for Meditation / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sampogna asked those present to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice when serving our country with the Memorial Day holiday this month.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Edward A. Schenck, Mayor
Mark Sampogna
Rino Lindsey
David Lorenzini
John Novak
Ron Panza
David Rea
Arthur Tintori

Also Present:

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

COMMUNITY PRIDE

Ceremonial Swearing In: Probationary Police Officer Ryan Bacci

Mayor Schenck said that Officer Bacci was sworn in as a Green Tree Police Officer several weeks ago and has been working for the Green Tree Police Department. However, tonight's ceremonial swearing in of Officer Bacci is for the public to meet and greet him.

Mayor Schenck swore in Officer Ryan Bacci as a probationary police officer of the Green Tree Police Department. The audience applauded. Officer Bacci thanked Council and Mr. Montz for giving him the opportunity to serve as a police officer for Green Tree Borough.

Mr. Montz stated that there would be a reception for Officer Bacci following the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

April 4, 2016

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to approve the April 4, 2016 minutes as presented.

Motion carried, with Mr. Sampogna and Mr. Novak abstaining because they had not attended this meeting.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

There was no one present who wished to be heard.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Schenck

Mayor Schenck said that he had three proclamations as follows:

A. Designating the week of May 15-21, 2016 as Public Works Week

"Whereas, the safety, health, sanitation and general well-being of our community depends, to a great degree, on the services provided by the Green Tree Public Works Department; and

Whereas, the quality and efficiency of the Borough is vitally dependent upon our public works employees; and

Whereas the winter of 2015-2016 is just one example of how the members of the Green Tree Public Works Department excelled in providing a service, clear roads for motorists; and

Whereas, the maintenance and upkeep of our parks, common areas, public buildings, and roads is second to none; and

Whereas, retaining and attracting qualified and dedicated personnel to staff our Public Works Department is a priority of this Borough.

Witnesseth

That by virtue of the power vested in me, I, Edward A. Schenck, Mayor of the Borough of Green Tree, do hereby formally designate May 15,21, 2016, as Public Works Week in the Borough of Green Tree and on behalf of all the residents express appreciation and gratitude to all past and present members of the Green Tree Public Works Department for their dedication and service to the residents of Green Tree."

A. Designating the week of May 15-21, 2016 as Emergency Medical Services Week

"Whereas emergency medical services is a vital public service, and

Whereas, the members of Medical Rescue Team South Authority (MRTSA) provide to the Borough of Green Tree lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and

Whereas, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

Whereas, the members of MRTSA, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

Whereas, the general public benefits daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals

Witnesseth

That by virtue of the power vested in me, I, Edward A. Schenck, Mayor of the Borough of Green Tree to recognize the value and accomplishments of the emergency medical services provided by Medical Rescue Team South Authority, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2016, as Emergency Medical Services Week in the Borough of Green Tree and on behalf of all the residents express the appreciation and gratitude to all past and present members of Medical Rescue Team South Authority for their dedication and service to the residents of Green Tree."

A. Designating the week of May 15-21, 2016 as Public Works Week

"Whereas, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Green Tree Borough Police Department; and

Whereas, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

Whereas, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

Whereas, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, our Police Department keeps our community safe and are available 24/7 to anyone who needs their services; and

Whereas, the general public benefits daily from the knowledge and skills of our highly trained and professional officers.

Witnesseth

That by virtue of the power vested in me, I, Edward A. Schenck, Mayor of the Borough of Green Tree, do hereby formally designate May 15-21, 2016 as Police Week in the Borough of Green Tree and on behalf of all the residents express the appreciation and gratitude to all past and present members of the Green Tree Police Department for their dedication and service to the residents of Green Tree."

Mayor Schenck said that all three of these public services provide excellent service to Green Tree.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PLANNING & ZONING - Mr. Lorenzini

1. Zoning Hearing Board

Mr. Lorenzini reported that there would be a Zoning Hearing Board meeting on May 19, 2016 to address two separate items. The first is for Boos Development, which is seeking to develop the property on Noblestown Road where Reed Sports is located. The other applicant is the Hampton Inn, requesting to install a larger, on-lot directional sign.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Lindsey

1. Ordinance #1755

Amending Chapter 325 to allow parking along the northerly side of Rothesay Avenue except from the easterly and westerly lines of Rook Park.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to place Ordinance #1755 on first and final reading by title only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinance #1755 by title only.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to pass Ordinance #1755 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinance #1755 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. PA Moose Lodge Funds

Mr. Lindsey said that the Green Tree Police Department recently received a donation of grant funds from the Moose Lodge. The chief has been working on utilizing these funds in the proper manner, and has suggested that they be used for the purchase of a police patrol bicycle.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to purchase a police patrol bicycle for \$2000, and a trauma kits to be carried by each officer for \$700, with the funds from the Pennsylvania Moose Lodge grant funding.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Schenck said that a letter would be prepared for his and Chief Cleary's signatures to thank the Moose for their generous donation to the Green Tree Police Department.

C. 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 2016 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$67,936.06, Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$490.56, Payroll Account totaling \$192,874.96, and the Educational Service Agency totaling \$4,446.07.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to approve payment of the May 2016 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$77,667.29, Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$312.65, and Capital Projects Fund totaling \$33,531.86.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Authorize Borough Manager to lien the 2015 unpaid real estate taxes.**Motion:**

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to authorize the Borough Manager to lien the 2015 unpaid real estate taxes.

Mr. Sampogna said that Council had received a listing of those properties with unpaid real estate taxes. Mr. Lorenzini asked about the success rate of last year's collection of unpaid real estate taxes. Mr. Montz said that the borough has about a 99% collection rate.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. STREETS & PUBLIC HEALTH - Mr. Novak**1. Mini-Cell Towers in the Public Rights-of-Way - PUC Comments**

Mr. Novak said that the PUC sent information to local municipalities requesting their concerns regarding the installation of mini-cell towers. After a discussion, Mr. Sampogna asked if Council was in agreement about writing to the PUC and requesting a fair and reasonable fee for the installation of the mini-cell towers in public rights-of-way.

Mr. Montz felt that the companies installing the mini-cell towers should not be considered public utilities and should be required to follow the municipality's zoning regarding their installation. Discussion continued regarding the regulations that should be considered regarding the mini-cell towers. Council agreed that communities should have more control over the installation of the mini-cell towers. Mr. Montz said he would draft a letter for the signature of the President of Council to send to the PUC by May 16. Council members would review the letter prior to being sent.

2. Authorize Borough Manager to extend 2011 Street & Sewer Maintenance contract with Casper Colosimo & Sons for an additional year.

Mr. Novak said this is an option year for the borough to extend the contract with Casper Colosimo & Sons with an additional year after this one. The contract calls for a cost-of-living increase of 0.9%, based on the Department of Labor and Statistics.

Motion:

Mr. Novak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to authorize the borough manager to extend the 2011 Street and Sewer Maintenance contract with Casper Colosimo & Sons for an additional year.

Mr. Lorenzini asked what would occur when the contract extensions have expired. Mr. Montz replied that the borough would go out to bid after the final extension of the current contract has been enacted.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Update on Sanitary Sewer Consent Order Agreement Demonstration Project.

Mr. Montz presented a map of the Green Tree sewer system. He showed where the borough had performed flow isolation studies and where there had been problems with ground water infiltration in the sanitary sewer system. He detailed what work was planned over the next several months to reduce ground water infiltration and how the borough would be meeting the requirement of the consent order agreement. Discussion continued regarding the details of the consent order agreement demonstration project.

4. Update on storm water MS4 requirements.

Mr. Novak said that an annual report must be submitted regarding Green Tree's municipal storm sewer water. There are six control measures that the borough must adhere to: public education and outreach on storm sewer impacts, public involvement and participation, illicit discharge detection elimination, construction site storm water runoff control, post construction storm water management in new development and redevelopment areas, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping. The borough must keep records of all these items and it is done each year to obtain the MS4 permit.

Mr. Montz noted that this is another unfunded mandate from the federal government to the state government to the borough. The primary focus is on the Whiskey Run watershed. He detailed some of the items that have been previously done as well as what was tentatively planned for the future. Discussion continued regarding the requirements.

5. General Report

(a) Crack sealing has been done on a number of roads in the borough.

- (b) Leon Drive has been repaved by the water company.
- (c) The swimming pool parking lot is scheduled to be resealed and lines painted before the pool opens.

E. RECREATION & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Mr. Panza

1. General Report

- (a) The Green Tree Farmers Market starts on May 19 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- (b) Green Tree Night at PNC Park with the Pirates vs. Dodgers is June 25. Tickets are still available.

F. PUBLIC PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - Mr. Rea

1. Hale Park

Mr. Rea reported that Hale Park's improvements should be completed very soon. He said Public Works and the contractors did a fantastic job with the park. There is more parking and more greenspace as well as playground equipment for both toddlers and older children and a new basketball and tennis court.

2. Swimming Pool

Mr. Rea stated that Public Works has been preparing the pool for its Memorial Day weekend opening.

- 3. Mr. Rea said that he and Mr. Lindsey had gotten to ride along with Chief Cleary on Friday evening. Mr. Rea said it gave him a new perspective and appreciation on what the officers do on a regular basis.
- 4. Mr. Rea asked about the status of the school district property. Mr. Montz said the school district had given him some dates and would be providing a final date shortly.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. MRTSA - Mr. Montz

Mr. Montz had nothing to report at this time.

B. Char West COG - Mr. Novak

Mr. Novak said that the COG held its annual dinner at Peter's Place. The guest speaker was Mr. Guy Reschenthaler who spoke about Senate Bill #3 regarding the passage of medical marijuana, the radar bill that is held up in the Transportation Committee, and House Bill #1325 Storm Water Fee for Second Class Townships. Mr. Novak noted that Char West COG would be holding a golf outing on June 20. The borough received a certificate of perfect attendance at the Char West COG meetings.

Mr. Sampogna asked Mr. Novak to bring to the COG's attention the bill regarding executive sessions for discussion.

C. Library - Mr. Sampogna

Mr. Sampogna said the Library Board met on April 19th. The board approved a revised volunteers policy, bringing it up to date. The board also reviewed the strategic plan and included fundamental ideas under which the library operates. Mr. Sampogna noted that the library had an author visit with Pittsburgh author J. J. Hensley on April 20, and would be holding a seminar on Beginning Genealogy on May 23.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Sampogna

1. Mr. Sampogna said the annual CONNECT Congress was held on April 21st. Heidelberg and Churchill were added as CONNECT members. Mr. Sampogna said he was elected CONNECT Chairman for the year. He detailed the various resolutions that CONNECT had passed at the annual CONNECT Congress.
2. Mr. Sampogna stated that Council had adopted a resolution supporting healthy living in Green Tree. There will be a kick-off event for Green Tree to become a Live Well Allegheny community on Thursday, June 30, in conjunction with the Green Tree Farmers Market. There will be a number of organizations at the event including the Allegheny County Health Department, Green Tree Public Library, Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, American Diabetes Association, Yoga Digs, Beach Bodies, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, the head of the Allegheny County Health Department Dr. Karen Hacker, and others. It will be an inaugural event for what Mr. Sampogna hoped would be an ongoing process and initiative to keep the residents of Green Tree healthy and give them resources to lead healthier lives.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Molinaro

Mr. Molinaro had nothing to report at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Montz

1. Mr. Montz said Council had met last month to start the review of the proposed Zoning Code. He suggested that Council meet on May 16th to continue the review with the Single-Family Residential District. After a discussion, Council agreed to hold the review meeting on May 16 at 7:30 p.m.
2. Mr. Lindsey reported that Ingram Borough Council officially decertified their volunteer fire company. Besides partnering with Ingram for the Sportsman's Bash, Ingram has been a mutual aid partner for the Green Tree Volunteer Fire Company for years. Mr. Lindsey said that this helps make Green Tree appreciate what it has with its volunteer fire company and the necessary resources for a high quality volunteer fire company.

Mr. Montz said it was a true commitment of Council to financially support Green Tree Volunteer Fire Company, giving the fire fighters what they need to help the community.

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