

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 7, 2018**

Call to Order / Silence for Meditation / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sampogna reported that Council had held an Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and real estate matters.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Edward Schenck, Mayor
Mark Sampogna, President
Rino Lindsey
David Lorenzini
Ron Panza
Arthur Tintori

Also Present:

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

Absent:

John Novak
David Rea

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

March 26, 2018

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lorenzini, to approve the March 26, 2018 Council minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

April 2, 2018

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lorenzini, to approve the April 2, 2018 Council minutes as presented.

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

April 16, 2018

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lorenzini, to approve the April 16, 2018 Council minutes as presented.

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

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

There was no one present who wished to be heard.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - County Councilman Robert Palmosina

Mr. Palmosina thanked Council for the invitation to attend a meeting. He said he has been on County Council for about four months and has been visiting every community he represents in District 12. He said Green Tree should be proud of its police officers, its parks, and its low

crime rate. He credited Mr. Montz and Council for making this possible. He said Mr. Montz is one of the reasons that Green Tree has grown and continues to be safe. The Green Tree staff has been helpful and efficient. Mr. Palmosina said he would try to help Green Tree in any way possible and he was only a phone call away. Discussion continued regarding how Mr. Palmosina became interested in running for County Council.

Mr. Montz said that he has known Mr. Palmosina for many years, they have had a great working relationship, and he looked forward to working with him on County Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Schenck

A. Proclamation: National Police Week, May 13-19, 2018.

Mayor Schenck presented the following proclamation:

"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, 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 13-19, 2018 as Police Week in the Borough of Green Tree and express my gratitude to all past and present members of the Green Tree Police Department for their dedication and service to the residents of Green Tree."

B. Proclamation: Designating the Week of May 20-26, 2018 as Emergency Medical Services Week

Mayor Schenck presented the following proclamation:

"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, recognize the value and accomplishments of the emergency medical services provided by Medical Rescue Team South Authority, do hereby proclaim the week of May 20-26, 2018, 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."

C. Proclamation: Designating the Week of May 20-26, 2018 as Public Works Week

Mayor Schenck presented the following proclamation:

"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 2017-2018 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 13-19, 2018 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."

- D. (1) Mayor Schenck said that he had performed a wedding yesterday in Beaver County.
- (2) Mayor Schenck reported that Officer Feller and Officer Zane conducted a police foot chase due to a break-in at the concession stand area of the pool. The person was caught.
- (3) Mayor Schenck said that the applicants for the full-time police position have taken a written test. The Civil Service Commission will interview the applicants later this month and an eligibility list will be created and submitted to Council. He said there would be a recommendation for a part-time officer later in this meeting.
- (4) Mayor Schenck said the Police Department is updating its policies and procedures.

REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Mr. Panza

1. General Report

Mr. Panza said that preparations for Octoberfest have been going well. The Summer Recreation Program appears to be ready to go.

B. PLANNING & ZONING - Mr. Lorenzini

- 1. Mr. Lorenzini reported that the Zoning Hearing Board met on April 12th and unanimously approved solar panels on the front and the back of the roof of the home at 167 Reed Drive. He noted that the company installing the solar panels indicated that they would be applying for variances for similar work for two other clients.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Lindsey

1. Ordinance #1790

Amending Article II Chapter 87 of the Green Tree Codified Ordinance and amending the orders of the Green Tree Police Department Manual of Policy and Rules and Procedures

Mr. Lindsey stated that these updates would be ongoing as a review of the entire manual continues.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to place Ordinance #1790 on first and final reading by title only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinance #1790 by title only.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to pass Ordinance #1790 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes
Mr. Lorenzini	Yes
Mr. Panza	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 #1790 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Authorize the hiring of a part-time officer in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Mr. Lindsey said that a number of candidates had been interviewed for the part-time police officer position.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to authorize the hiring of Mr. Michael Kelly as a part-time police officer for the Green Tree Police Department, in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement, and also contingent upon Mr. Kelly passing the required physical and psychological testing and background check.

Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Ordinance #1791
Setting the salary and benefits of Chief Colin Cleary for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 1, 2018.**

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to place Ordinance #1791 on first and final reading by title only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinance #1791 by title only.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to pass Ordinance #1791 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes
Mr. Lorenzini	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 #1791 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. STREETS & PUBLIC HEALTH - Mr. Novak

Mr. Lorenzini presented the Streets & Public Health report in Mr. Novak's absence.

1. Bid Award for the 2018 Street Paving Program.

Mr. Lorenzini said that lowest bid for the 2018 street paving program was from A. Folino Construction with proposed paving of Poplar Street, Holiday Drive, Andersen Drive, and the Trumbull Drive Bridge approach on the Mansfield Avenue side of the bridge. There were four bids received for this project.

Motion:

Mr. Lorenzini made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to award the bid for the 2018 street paving program to A. Folino Construction at the cost of \$269,732.85.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Bid Award for Public Works Department Dump Truck.

Motion:

Mr. Lorenzini made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to award the bid for the purchase of a 2019 International 4400 SBA 4x2 dump truck for the Green Tree Public Works Department from Hunter Truck Sales, through the COSTARS program contract number 025-102, at a cost of \$119,117.80.

Mr. Montz said that a review was done regarding the possible purchase of a used dump truck from Marshall Township, but found that this vehicle was too long for Green Tree Borough's purposes. The truck that is being replaced has been used by the Public Works Department for 19 years.

When asked, Mr. Montz said that the truck that is being replaced will not be traded in, but will be sold at auction.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Montz said the Poplar Street storm sewer project is currently on hold because a natural gas line is in the way of the project and must first be moved before work can begin. It is a 16" high-pressure line. The gas line was discovered during some test drilling prior to the construction beginning. Discussion continued regarding the details and location of the gas line.

E. PUBLIC PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - Mr. Rea

Mr. Panza presented the Public Property & Equipment report in Mr. Rea's absence.

1. Mr. Panza said the pool is being prepared for the summer season. Mr. Montz stated that the roof replacement on the Public Works building and the pool building are underway and the work is anticipated to be completed before the pool opens at the end of the month.
2. Mr. Sampogna said that Hollow Oak Land Trust had looked at the Nature Center and are seeking volunteers to help with the clearing and reconfiguring of paths at the Nature Center on May 31 and June 1.

F. 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 2018 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$87,085.87, Payroll Account totaling \$192,734.04, and Educational Service Agency totaling \$3,927.04.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to approve payment of the May 2018 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$780,953.21 and the Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$7,168.30.

Mr. Sampogna noted that approximately half of the payment from the General Fund is towards a bond payment.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ordinance #1792

Setting the salary and benefits for W. David Montz for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Panza, to place Ordinance #1792 on first and final reading by title only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinance #1792 by title only.

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to pass Ordinance #1792 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinance #1792 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. MRTSA - Mr. Montz

1. Mr. Montz stated that MRTSA has preliminarily decided upon a cost increase to the municipalities in 2019. It will be a little over 20%, which means it will increase Green Tree's cost by approximately \$10,000. He said that the addition of a number of new personal care facilities in the communities that MRTSA serves might also be able to help with its finances in the next few years when they provide transportation services. Mayor Schenck said that even with the increase, the ability to provide an ambulance service at this cost is still a bargain. Mr. Montz said that MRTSA has been working to cut costs without impacting its services.

Mr. Montz said that MRTSA would be getting three new ambulances.

B. Char West COG - Mr. Novak

There was no Char West COG report due to Mr. Novak's absence.

C. Library - Mr. Sampogna

1. Mr. Sampogna said the Library Board met on April 17, where there was a discussion regarding the six Kindles owned by the library. Circulation of the Kindles has declined substantially.
2. Mr. Sampogna said two upcoming library events include an Art Walk on Saturday, May 19 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m., provided through a grant from Remake Learning. It will be held in the Municipal Center Park with various art stations with accompanying activities. In the event of inclement weather, the Art Walk will held in the Municipal Center Gym.

Life Pittsburgh will be presenting a library program on May 22 at 2:00 p.m. called, "Caring for An Aging Loved One." A licensed nurse will present tips and resources for the non-professional caregiver.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Sampogna

- A.** Mr. Sampogna assisted at the recent Shredding Event on April 7 that was co-sponsored by State Senator Wayne Fontana and State Representative Dan Deasy.
- B.** Mr. Sampogna attended a Three Rivers Wet Weather meeting on April 12 that discussed consent order status.

- C. The Electronics Recycling Event on April 14 was very successful.
- D. Mr. Sampogna said he had attended CONNECT's 9th Annual Legislative Session on April 19. The new officers of CONNECT are Chair J.R. Henry, Mayor of West View, Vice Chair Brittany Reno, Council President of Sharpsburg Borough, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Ellen Ramage, Manager of Etna Borough, and Manager Representative Steve Beuter, Manager of Carnegie Borough. Blawnox Borough and the City of Duquesne became new CONNECT members. Also at the meeting, CONNECT endorsed and recommended the Local Government Academy's Newly Elected Officials course, passed a resolution supporting the newly created Community Overdose Response Coordinator, and endorsed all first responders to carry Narcan. CONNECT also passed a resolution to convene a Community Response Working Group to assess the impending crisis of a shortage of volunteer firefighters. CONNECT will be convening a working group to study and develop effective actions to combat gun violence, and resolved to work with the County Department of Human Service and the County Health Department, United Way, and others to assist municipal personnel to navigate the network of human service providers.

Mr. Sampogna said that he had received two Narcan kits at the CONNECT meeting. One kit will be placed in the library and the other at the pool. Personnel will be trained on its use. Mr. Lorenzini asked if pool employees under the age of 18 were permitted to administer Narcan. Mr. Sampogna said the details regarding the training of the Narcan would be worked out.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Molinaro

Mr. Molinaro had nothing to report at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Montz

Mr. Montz had nothing to report at this time.

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