

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 3, 2019**

Call to Order / Silence for Meditation / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sampogna asked those present to remember Mrs. Marguerite Canonge, former Green Tree Councilwoman, who recently passed on. Mrs. Canonge always took her work on Council seriously and served the community for years. He asked everyone to keep her and her family in their thoughts and prayers.

Mr. Sampogna asked everyone to remember the 75th anniversary of D-Day on Thursday. Thousands of Americans lost their lives in the opening salvo against tyranny in Europe that changed the world as we know it today.

Mr. Sampogna asked everyone to remember the 12 municipal workers in Virginia Beach who were tragically killed this past week.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Mark Sampogna, President
Rino Lindsey
David Lorenzini
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

Absent:

Edward Schenck
John Novak

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

May 6, 2019

Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to approve the May 6, 2019 Council minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ken Fritz, Parkedge Road

Mr. Fritz said he had spoken to Mr. Rahner, the Public Works Director, who he was recently at the Recycling Center area. He asked Mr. Rahner why there has been no mulch for residents at the mulch bin at Green Tree Park. Mr. Rahner told him that the borough's shredder is not working and the cost to rent a shredder to make mulch was very expensive and the cost to purchase a new shredder would be prohibitive. He was told that there are grants available that could help with the purchase of a new shredder. Mr. Fritz asked if the borough was going to buy mulch to spread around borough parks and flowers.

Mr. Montz said the borough had found the cost of renting a shredder was astronomical, but the borough is looking for an alternative. Mr. Montz said the borough has not used mulch around its

flowerbeds for a long time. The borough is still looking into alternatives in order to provide mulch for the residents, but right now it is unavailable.

Mr. Fritz asked if the recycling facilities were making or losing money overall. He outlined some of the problems that have plagued recycling facilities recently. Mr. Sampogna replied that the paper/cardboard and the plastic/tin/metal/aluminum bins would be removed once curbside recycling begins in July. The glass collection bin and the Rotary's aluminum can bin will remain. If the curbside recycling collector looks into a bin and sees items that are not permitted to be recycled or items that are bagged, the can will not be collected for recycling. Discussion continued regarding the details of the curbside recycling. Mr. Montz said that when the curbside recycling bids were opened, they were approximately \$1 higher per household than anticipated because of the cost to remove contaminants in the recyclables.

Donald Folkmire, 1006 Avacoll Drivew

Mr. Folkmire said the neighbors on Avacoll had their annual block party. The recent restrictions on the left-hand and right-hand turns were discussed and the residents feel that it has been going well. However, many drivers do not seem to pay attention to the left-turn restriction in the evenings, with Thursdays and Fridays being the worst. He wanted to make Council aware of this issue.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Schenck

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

REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Mr. Panza

1. Octoberfest

Mr. Panza said the Octoberfest Committee met a week ago and put together the donation, sponsor, and community group letters for mailing. The committee is waiting to see who will be participating in the event.

B. PLANNING & ZONING - Mr. Lorenzini

1. Mr. Lorenzini said that he is in the process of contacting two Planning Commission members and one Zoning Hearing Board member to see if they are interested in continuing on their respective boards as their terms have expired. If they agree to continue to serve, they will be placed on next month's agenda for consideration for reappointment.
2. Mr. Lorenzini reported that Planning Commission met on May 22 to review the conditional use application from AT&T Mobile to install new antennas on the roof of a Foster Plaza building. Planning Commission also reviewed the proposed billboard ordinance. Recommendations from Planning Commission to Council have been made on these items. After a discussion, Council agreed that the Public Hearing for the AT&T Mobile conditional use application and the proposed billboard ordinance could be placed on the July 1 agenda.

Motion:

Mr. Lorenzini made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to schedule a Public Hearing for CU-01-19, a conditional use application from applicant, GPD Telecom, Inc., representing AT&T Mobile, for the installation of a telecommunication system of antennas and associated equipment on the roof of Foster Plaza Building #8, 730 Holiday Drive, on July 1, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Lindsey

1. Appointment of Mr. James Droney to the Civil Service Commission

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rea, to reappoint Mr. James Droney to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term, expiring June 30, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to request that the Civil Service Commission start the testing for the preparation of a list of Police Officer candidates.

Motion carried unanimously.

When asked, Mr. Montz said he had anticipated the passage of this request and had scheduled a tentative Civil Service Commission meeting for June 10.

3. Ordinance #1810

Amending the Police Pursuit Policy by adopting the model recommended by the Allegheny County District Attorney.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to place Ordinance #1810 on first and final reading by title only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinance #1810 by title only.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to pass Ordinance #1810 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Rea	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes
Mr. Panza	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 #1810 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Mr. Lindsey said the American Legion Post #823 would be holding a special Flag Day ceremony on June 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial called, "Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance." There will be a reception afterwards. He encouraged people to stop by and take part in the ceremony.

D. STREETS & PUBLIC HEALTH - Mr. Novak

In Mr. Novak's absence, Mr. Rea presented the Street & Public Health report.

1. Approval of bids for the replacement of the lane control system for Greentree Road.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to approve the bid for the replacement of the land control system for Greentree Road from Bronder Technical Services in the amount of \$269,236.27.

Mr. Sampogna noted that this bid was less than what had been budgeted for this project. Mr. Panza commented that this cost seemed rather high for the installation of a number of traffic arrows. Mr. Sampogna said that all the controls as well as the lights would be replaced. The current lane change system is over 30 years old.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance #1811 - Adopting an ordinance for Lighting Nuisances.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lorenzini, that Ordinance #1811 be placed on first and final reading by title only.

Mr. Rea said this ordinance is in response to complaints from several residents regarding light exposure on their properties from adjoining properties. Mr. Lorenzini said that two of the three complaints have been addressed. Mr. Montz replied that as there have been three similar complaints about this issue within a year's time, it warrants creating a tool to address these issues. Mr. Molinaro said that this ordinance is written in such a way that it could be handled by code enforcement or the police if needed, but it is not directed towards any one property.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinance #1811 by title only.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, that Ordinance #1811 be passed on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinance #1811 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Ordinance #1812

Prohibiting stagnant water areas.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to place Ordinance #1812 on first and final reading by title only.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Molinaro read Ordinance #1812 by title only.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to pass Ordinance #1812 on first and final reading by title only.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to authorize the proper officers to sign Ordinance #1812 and that it be advertised according to law.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. PUBLIC PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - Mr. Rea

1. Approval of bid for the cleaning and painting of the exterior of the Municipal Center.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to approve the bid for the cleaning and painting of the exterior of the Municipal Center by Carmel Construction for a total of \$23,500.

Mr. Rea noted that the high bid for this service was approximately \$62,000. Mr. Montz said the work would be completed within 60 days after the execution of the contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Rea stated that the pool opened over Memorial Day weekend. There was a price increase this year, but there has been overall positive feedback from residents who state there is more parking and the pool is less crowded.

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 May 2019 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$103,962.40, Payroll Account totaling \$331,162.94, and Educational Service Agency totaling \$6,161.89.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to approve payment of the June 2019 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$441,526.58, and Capital Projects totaling \$8,125.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. MRTSA - Mr. Montz

Mr. Montz said that Mayor Donald Baumgartner from Castle Shannon has resigned from the MRTSA Board. Mayor Baumgartner decided that after 42 years he needed to step down. He was one of the people who helped to establish Medical Rescue Team South Authority with Mt. Lebanon, Castle Shannon, and Baldwin Township. He has been a great person to work with and he will be missed.

B. Char West COG - Mr. Novak

In Mr. Novak's absence there was no Char West COG report this evening.

C. Library - Mr. Sampogna

Mr. Sampogna said Mr. Jordan Polito of the Hill Group spoke to the Library Board at its May meeting. The Hill Group is a consulting firm that has been hired by the Regional Asset District (RAD) to manage the project of designing a system of shared services for the ACLA and CLP libraries. The goal of the project is to increase the quality of services, reduce costs, and reallocate staff time from back office functions to customer-facing opportunities. The back office functions the Hill Group is working on are human resources, professional development, website management, cataloging and acquisitions, facilities management, financial management, and fund development. Not all libraries may want to use these shared services and they can choose to opt in or opt out of various services.

Mr. Sampogna said the Library Board made some minor changes to their policies regarding the use of the display cases and bulletin boards. The library's annual Summer Reading Challenge will begin on June 10 along with PBS Kids' Day, which is a new partnership between the library, WQED, and public broadcasting services designed to inspire and educate children. The library will hold their second Touch-A-Truck event on Saturday, June 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust will present a storytime called "Giraffes Can't Dance" on June 17 at 7:00 p.m. On June 20 at 2:00 p.m., a presentation by the Soldiers & Sailors Museum will share artifacts, documents, and photos to describe the typical life of a World War I soldier.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Sampogna

- A.** Mr. Sampogna said he attended the CONNECT meeting in Etna. The guest speaker was Ms. Jessica Walls-Lavelle, the Director of the Governor's Southwest Office. She spoke about the Restore PA initiative to improve infrastructure within the Commonwealth.

CONNECT has been awarded a \$10,000 grant to help kick start usage of the Coordinate PA software developed by PA One Call for municipalities, utilities and developers that will help coordinate street openings and underground work.

- B.** Mr. Sampogna said that he, Mr. Montz, Mr. Novak, and Mr. Tintori had assisted with the Shredding Event in Green Tree Park on May 11, sponsored by Senator Wayne Fontana and State Representative Dan Deasy.
- C.** Mr. Sampogna attended the Green Tree Recreation's Bike Rodeo on May 18 and thanked the Rotary members and volunteers for cooking the hot dogs and providing the three bikes that were raffled off. The Chief of Police also helped, along with members of the RCA Board who did a great job in organizing the event.
- D.** Mr. Sampogna said he had taken part in an online webinar by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs on the Open Records Act.
- E.** The Green Tree Farmers Market has started again this year and will be open each Thursday, except the 4th of July, through October from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Green Tree Park.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Molinaro

Mr. Molinaro had nothing to report at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Montz

- A.** Mr. Montz said the SINC-Up project from Potomac to McKinney, along Greentree Road is still underway. They are working on the systems that activate the traffic lights in the direction of oncoming emergency vehicles.
- B.** Mr. Montz said the borough received a grant to redo the sidewalks along Greentree Road between Pocono and Carnahan, PennDOT approvals have been received, and the project is out to bid and should be available for Council's consideration at the July meeting.
- C.** Mr. Montz said there had been a major water break on Poplar Street. He got to meet the new supervisor who will soon become the regional manager of Pennsylvania American Water and he hoped the borough and PAWC would soon be opening up better communications.
- D.** Mr. Montz noted that although some of the ordinances passed this evening address various issues, it can still be a long, drawn-out process if the resident does not wish to comply. Having an ordinance in place does help, but it is not necessarily a complete fix for a problem.
- E.** Mr. Montz said bi-weekly curbside recycling would begin on July 10th with half of the borough's streets collected on alternating Wednesdays. A street schedule and collection schedule will be provided to all residents in the next few weeks, along with the delivery of recycling containers.

- F.** Mr. Montz thanked Mrs. Short and Mrs. Jones for their help in chaperoning residents for this year's Pittsburgh Pirates Night at PNC Park.
- G.** The Green Tree Summer Concert Series begins on Thursday, July 11, following the Farmers Market. It continues each week for eight weeks. Mr. Montz said the Green Tree Recreation Department does an outstanding job.

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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