

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

Call to Order / Silence for Meditation / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, September 12, 2016 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, and reminded those present to remember those who had lost their lives in the 9/11 attacks 15 years ago.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Also Present:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

August 1, 2016

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2016 Council meeting as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

August 22, 2016

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tintori, to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2016 Council meeting with the following correction:

p. 4 - Change the sentence "Mr. Lorenzini recommended a mirror be placed on a pole across from the exit to allow cars to see further up School Street," to "Mr. Lorenzini was opposed to a mirror being placed on a pole across from the exit to allow cars to see further up School Street."

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

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

There was no one present who wished to be heard.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Schenck

1. Mayor Schenck said that Officer Ryan Bacci is approaching the end of his six-month probationary period in October and Chief Cleary has reported that Officer Bacci has been doing very well. Mr. Montz said that Council would have to vote on Officer Bacci's removal from probation at the October meeting, following the receipt of a final review from Chief Cleary.

2. Mayor Schenck said that the pharmaceutical drop-off collection box, outside of the administrative office, has been successful. Chief Cleary agreed and said that an outside pharmaceutical collection would also be held on October 22 with the DEA.
3. Mayor Schenck stated there have been discussions in a number of municipalities about local policies regarding the use of a vehicle as a weapon. Mayor Schenck said the Chief informed him that the borough has a policy in place regarding this issue. It will be reviewed, but it appears to be up to date.
4. Mayor Schenck said he would be holding Mayor's Office Hours on Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Birch Room at the Green Tree Municipal Center.
5. Mayor Schenck said that the borough's first National Night Out event on August 2nd had been well received.

REPORT OF GREEN TREE BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. RECREATION & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Mr. Panza

1. Mr. Panza stated that Octoberfest would be held this weekend, September 17-18.

B. PUBLIC PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - Mr. Rea

Mr. Rea had nothing to report at this time.

C. PLANNING & ZONING - Mr. Lorenzini

1. Mr. Lorenzini reported that Council would be meeting on September 26th to continue the review of the proposed zoning ordinance.
2. Mr. Lorenzini asked if there was any information regarding Boos Development's Common Pleas Court appeal for a double drive-thru at the proposed Burger King development. Mr. Montz said he currently had no information about the status of the appeal.
3. The demolition of the Greentree Road apartment buildings is underway.
4. Mr. Lorenzini asked about the status of a house in Rook that was in violation and needed to be fixed. Mr. Montz stated that the property owner had received a notice of violation for unsafe conditions and is currently working through that notice. Discussion continued regarding the handling of code violation citations that have been issued and Mr. Montz said that the borough is dealing with a number of code violations at any given time.
5. Mr. Lorenzini said the Nakama Express/Smallman Deli would be opening soon in the Parkway Center Office Complex. The restaurant will be open for breakfast Monday through Friday to support the office complex and hotel. They anticipate a grand opening soon.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Lindsey

1. **Authorize Borough Manager to purchase a 2017 Ford Interceptor through the Central Westmoreland Council of Government's Purchasing Alliance in the amount of \$28,376.00.**

Mr. Lindsey stated that the purchase of a new patrol vehicle was through the Westmoreland COG's purchasing alliance with Day Ford. The borough uses an 85,000-mileage mark as an indicator of when a police vehicle needs to be replaced. Police car #4 will reach that

mark within the next 12 weeks, which is the estimated delivery time after the purchase of the new vehicle. Mr. Lindsey noted that the purchase of this vehicle is a budgeted item. Mr. Montz said that borough does not have to pay for the vehicle until it arrives.

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rea, to authorize the Borough Manager to purchase a 2017 Ford Interceptor through the Central Westmoreland Council of Government's Purchasing Alliance with Day Ford in the amount of \$28,376.00.

Mr. Lorenzini requested that additional attention be given to the painting of the new police vehicle.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Lindsey stated that the Green Tree Volunteer Fire Company held its annual Sportsman's Bash on Saturday with the Dormont Volunteer Fire Company. Although attendance was down this year, he anticipated that next year's attendance would be bigger.
3. Mr. Lindsey said that Green Tree's participation in the National Night Out at the fire station had been well received and should help build momentum for the event next year.

E. FINANCE - Mr. Tintori

1. Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the August 2016 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$161,703.69, Payroll Account totaling \$228,377.22, and Educational Service Agency totaling \$176.33.

Mr. Lorenzini asked about the expenditure of \$11,023 for Hilltop Paving for the repaving of the pool parking lot. Mr. Montz replied that it had been for a rejuvenation of the parking lot's blacktop, and is part of the borough's ongoing maintenance. He said it was a newer product that had been used and is estimated to last approximately five to six years. Discussion continued regarding the details of the rejuvenation process.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion:

Mr. Tintori made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to approve payment of the September 2016 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$231,168.11, Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$6,148.97, and Capital Projects Fund totaling \$11,104.06.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. STREETS & PUBLIC HEALTH - Mr. Novak

1. ADA Curb Ramps

Mr. Novak reported that ADA curb ramps would be installed in Green Tree, along Greentree Road and few other locations, starting on September 26th. Letters will be going out to impacted residents this week. Mayor Schenck asked if the borough was responsible for

some of the cost of these improvements. Mr. Montz replied that the borough was responsible for a small portion and he would provide the Mayor and Council with that amount.

LIAISON REPORTS

A. MRTSA - Mr. Montz

Mr. Montz had nothing to report at this time.

B. Char West COG - Mr. Novak

Mr. Novak said the COG had held an officers' meeting to discuss items such as joint purchasing, the power of the COG, etc. When asked, Mr. Novak said he was the COG Secretary this year.

C. Library - Mr. Sampogna

1. Mr. Sampogna stated that he had attended the Library Board meeting on August 16th. September has been designated "Love Your Library" month for Allegheny County libraries. Donations to the library during the month will be matched by the Jack Buncher Foundation.
2. Mr. Sampogna said that the Friends of the Green Tree Public Library would be celebrating its 35th anniversary next month. He anticipated a proclamation honoring the Friends at next month's meeting.
3. The library's Christmas in July fundraiser raised about \$950 worth of funds, supplies, and gift cards.
4. Mr. Sampogna asked if there was some way some of the library's adult volunteers could be given a photo ID. Mr. Montz replied that he has discussed this with the fire company and it could be coordinated with their efforts. Mr. Sampogna said that this could be extended to all the borough volunteers who have to get clearances.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Sampogna

A. CONNECT

Mr. Sampogna said he had attended a health policy working group meeting on August 31st with representatives from the Allegheny County Health Department, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, DEA, the CONNECT Community Paramedic Program, the Allegheny County EMS Council, and Allegheny General Hospital. The meeting discussed the heroin epidemic in the area. Mr. Sampogna said he would send Council members a spreadsheet that shows the opioid overdose deaths in the CONNECT communities from 2008 through 2014 and a report from the Allegheny County Human Services on the opioid epidemic and recommendations. Mr. Lorenzini asked how Green Tree stacked up in these statistics. Mr. Sampogna replied that Green Tree had two opioid deaths during that time period, Dormont had 18, Brentwood had 16, Mt. Lebanon had 17, and the City of Pittsburgh had 80. When asked, Mr. Sampogna said he believed the numbers reflected the location where the person overdosed and not their residence.

- B.** Mr. Sampogna said that he, Mr. Montz, Mr. Lorenzini, and Mr. Rea had met with representatives of Hollow Oak Land Trust on September 2nd and conducted a walk-through of the Nature Center. He anticipated getting a report and some recommendations from Hollow Oak in the next month or so.

- C.** Mr. Sampogna said that he and Mr. Montz had attended the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce legislative breakfast on September 9th with state and county legislators.
- D.** Mr. Sampogna reminded residents that the final, rescheduled Concert in the Park with Nina Sainato would be held on Thursday, September 29th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Green Tree Park Gazebo.
- E.** Mr. Sampogna offered condolences to Mr. Tintori on the recent passing of his mother.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Montz

- A.** Mr. Montz reported that the Municipal Center boiler contract has been signed and executed and it has been ordered.
- B.** Mr. Montz said the paving contract is underway. He hoped there would not be a problem with the paving of Ringold, since the borough had recently received notice that People's Natural Gas plans to install a gas line at the end of Ringold. Mr. Montz said he has been coordinating with them and he should have more information on the details in the next few days.
- C.** When asked, Mr. Montz said he did not have any new information from the school district about the Aiken property.

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