

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

Call to Order / Silence for Meditation / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, November 6, 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 and legal matters.

Mr. Sampogna thanked those veterans who were present for their service and asked all those present to keep in mind veterans who have served and protected our country.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Mark Sampogna, President of Council
Rino Lindsey
David Lorenzini
John Novak
Ron Panza
David Rea

Also Present:

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

Absent:

Edward Schenck, Mayor
Arthur Tintori

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

October 2, 2017

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to approve the October 2, 2017 minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

There was no one present who wished to be heard.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Schenck

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

REPORT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

A. PUBLIC PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT - Mr. Rea

1. **Authorize Borough Manager to purchase one (1) administrative vehicle through COSTARS 26-019.**

Mr. Rea tabled this item since more information was needed.

2. **General Report**

(a) Mr. Rea said the work on the pool is almost completed.

(b) The new wall for Greentree Cemetery is nearing completion and should be done within the next two weeks. Mr. Lorenzini asked if there would be a fence installed on top of the cemetery wall. Mr. Rea said that was being considered. Mr. Panza asked if any changes were being made to the sidewalk in front of the cemetery. Mr. Montz replied that the curb would be raised.

(c) Mr. Rea said that the borough is continuing to review the oak wilt situation at the Nature Center and he hoped to have more information by the next meeting.

B. RECREATION & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - Mr. Panza

1. Octoberfest

Mr. Panza said that everything appears to be normal and on-track with Octoberfest. An Octoberfest meeting will be scheduled prior to the end of the year.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Lindsey

1. Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lorenzini, to appoint Mr. W. David Montz as Green Tree Borough's loudermill hearing officer to hear loudermill hearings for all employees.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. PLANNING & ZONING - Mr. Lorenzini

1. General Report

(a) Mr. Lorenzini said the new Burger King on Noblestown Road is close to opening.

(b) A new Verizon store will be moving into the former AT&T location on Greentree Road.

(c) There have been no recent Planning Commission or Zoning Hearing Board meetings. Mr. Montz said that Planning Commission would be meeting on November 15 for an advisory discussion to review Pennsylvania American Water's proposal to occupy the former Family Toy Warehouse/Walgreen's location. Pennsylvania American Water has purchased the building for its distribution and meter shop. They will also be working with Scott Township since a portion of the parking area is located in Scott. The building will be remodeled. When asked, Mr. Molinaro said that the water company falls under PURTA (Public Utility Realty Tax Act) where the borough will receive a level of taxation from them, but it is not the equivalent of regular market value of the real estate. Discussion continued regarding the use and changes to the property.

(d) Mr. Lorenzini said there would not be any additional proposed zoning ordinance review meetings this year. Mr. Montz said he soon would begin sending Council revised sections to review. He anticipated the next review meeting to be held in January.

E. FINANCE - Mr. Tintori

Mr. Rea conducted the Finance Committee's report in Mr. Tintori's absence.

1. **Motion:**

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the October 2017 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$144,940.62, Payroll Account totaling \$204,018.47, and Educational Service Agency totaling \$5,821.70.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Motion:**

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to approve payment of the November 2017 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$469,010.26, Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$9,673.92, and Capital Projects Fund totaling \$9,106.42.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Resolution #1248**

Allocating funds received from the State in 2017 to the Non-Uniformed Employees and Police Pension Plans.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to adopt Resolution #1248 by title only.

Mr. Molinaro read Resolution #1248 by title only.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Set date for public hearing on 2018 Proposed Budget**

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Novak, to establish December 4, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. as the date and time for the public hearing on the 2018 proposed budget.

Mr. Montz said that the presentation of the proposed 2018 budget would be held on November 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend that meeting. The Public Hearing would be held on December 4, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. STREETS & PUBLIC HEALTH - Mr. Novak

1. **Resolution #1249**

Joining with other municipalities within the ALCOSAN Service area to create a unified approach to source reduction and adopting a source reduction study.

Motion:

Mr. Novak made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to adopt Resolution #1249 by title only.

Mr. Molinaro read Resolution #1249 by title only.

Mr. Novak noted a typographical error in the agreement in the last line where the word "Borough" was misspelled. Mr. Montz said he would correct the typo. Mr. Montz said that this resolution is the culmination of the engineers in the communities in the consent agreement working together to create a consistent, unified study. Green Tree's sanitary sewer system is well below the targeted thresholds established by the engineering group. Discussion continued regarding the agreement.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Mr. Montz said PennDOT plans to repave Poplar Street next year. He is attempting to coordinate paving efforts so it can be done after Green Tree completes its sewer work on Poplar Street. Green Tree will undertake the Poplar Street sewer project during the early months of 2018 and fill in the trench with concrete. PennDOT will complete the Poplar Street paving later in the year. This will reduce the borough's cost in installing the new sewer line on Poplar. Mr. Montz anticipated going to bid for the Poplar Street sewer project in December.

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 Executive Director An Lewis from the Steel Rivers COG spoke at the recent COG meeting on the tri-COG land bank and how they are making abandoned land into productive property. It costs \$2500 for a community to join the land bank and it can help with blighted properties in a community. The COG also discussed MS4 details.

C. Library - Mr. Sampogna

Mr. Sampogna said that the Pennsylvania Library Association recently held its annual conference at the DoubleTree in Green Tree. Over 500 members attended and local tours of the Green Tree area were given each evening of the conference.

Mr. Sampogna said that the Scott Township Library is closed until November 27 and it is anticipated that the Green Tree Library will get an influx of their patrons.

The recent Friends of the Library Used Book Sale brought in approximately \$8,250 as a result of a lot of hard work by the Friends and some of the Library Board members.

The Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA) general membership meeting was held on October 30 in Oakmont where ACLA approved its 2018 budget.

Mr. Sampogna said that during this year's "Love Your Library" fundraising campaign the Green Tree Public Library received a matching amount of \$336.44 based on the amount of money donated during the month.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Sampogna

- A.** Mr. Sampogna said that the CONNECT officers met on October 25 in Green Tree. They discussed funding, membership, and organizational sustainability through the next several years. A recent "Friendraiser" CONNECT event was held last week and was well attended.

- B.** Mr. Panza asked when Council would be meeting for its reorganization meeting in January since New Year's Day is a Monday. Mr. Montz replied that the reorganization meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 2. A regular meeting would be held at 7:30 p.m., followed by the reorganization meeting beginning at 8:00 p.m.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Mr. Molinaro

Mr. Molinaro had nothing to report at this time.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Montz

- A.** Mr. Montz reported that Council would receive the proposed 2018 budget by November 15. There is no proposed tax increase for 2018.

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