

Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council Meeting of April 1, 2026

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1st ORDER- CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Kearns at the West Pittston Borough Building, 555 Exeter Avenue West Pittston, Pennsylvania.

2nd ORDER- ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Kendra-lee O'Brien: Mike Bugelholll, Jared Jordan, Ariane Pupali, Ian Stevenson, Ellen Quinn, Toni Valenti, President Kearns, and Mayor Angelo Alfano. Attorney Burke was also in attendance.

3RD ORDER- EXECUTIVE SESSIONS- none were held

4TH ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Resident asked that the Council consider all facets, focusing on the fiduciary responsibility of the Borough and the Wyoming Area School District before committing any resources towards and expansion of the current school facilities.

5TH ORDER- APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from Minutes from March 4, 2026, as prepared, and to place them on file in the Borough Office, as corrected.

By: Valenti 2nd: Jordan Motion Carried by All

6TH ORDER- REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports, the Mayor's Report; and the Code Office's report, as submitted and placed on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bugelholll 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

7TH ORDER- CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary O'Brien submitted the following correspondence for Council's review:

Letter from Wyoming Area School District requesting support for Community Project
Funding for school addition

Letter from CRS Specialist informing of stop funding for CRS program
PSAB Conference voting delegate Form

Letter of resignation as tax collector from George Miller

Letter of interest for tax collector from current Deputy, Paul Argenio

8TH ORDER- SOLICITOR- Attorney Burke

Attorney Burke prepared the following to Council's consideration:

Amusement Device Ordinance Amendment
Opioid Commission Ordinance Amendment
Resolution for Opioid Commission
Community Room Use Policy
Social Media Use Policy
Computer Use Policy
First to Fall street closure resolution

9th ORDER-MAYOR- Mayor Angelo Alfano

Mayor Alfano presented Mr. George Miller and his family with a plaque commemorating Mr. Miller's years of service to the Borough as the tax collector for 26 years as well as an integral part of the community, in sports, business, and the neighborhood. Mr. Miller accepted the plaque and spoke, thanking his family, Council, Mr. Bonita, and Mrs. O'Brien for their support through the years and spoke on how much he appreciated all the taxpayers of the Borough. Tony Collaio of the Times Leader was on hand to take a photo of the family and Council.

Chief Turner gave his report on WARP activity. There were 406 calls in the last month. Councilmember Stevenson asked if patrols could increase in the parks since the weather is getting nicer. Chief also said that there is a hearing coming up for the person who damaged the electronic signs, and he is in the middle of a case of harassment against offices and himself.

10th ORDER-ADMINISTRATION

Motion to approve the Payroll for March 6, 2026, in the amount of \$16,966.20; and March 20, 2026, in the amount of \$12,959.60; totaling \$29,925.80

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$362,205.70 and the General Fund Bills totaling \$0.00

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Resolution 26-010 for Opioid Commission members, removing Tom Campenni and appointing Carmen Ambrosino to the Commission

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Final Payment request for Datom Products, Inc. \$4,264.55 Abatement for Armory Project

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by all

Motion made to approve Pay App#4 for James T. O'Hara for Sewer Separation Project \$195,558.08

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Verdantas invoice 147636 for Levee Scoping \$53,973.96

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to authorize Reilly Associates to Advertise for bid for Exeter Avenue x Warren Sinkhole

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Krasavage Construction quote for \$4,200.00 for 539*(530 was said in meeting, the correct address is 539) Luzerne Avenue to come from sewer maintenance fund

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Krasavage Construction quote for \$6,500 for 600 Luzerne Avenue, \$1510.00 to come from the sewer maintenance fund, and \$4,900.00* (\$4900.00 was said in meeting, the correct amount is \$4990) to come from unreserved fund

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to authorize the Decorative Lighting Maintenance RFP

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion fails

Motion made to authorize Reilly Associates to create and advertise the Decorative Lighting Maintenance RFP

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve WPB NUF Pension Plan Admin Fee Q1 \$403.84

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve WPB Police Pension Plan Admin Fee Q1 \$331.13

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Letter of Support for WASD grant submission

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the update to the Computer Use Policy

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the update to the Social Media Use policy

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the updated to the Community Room Use policy (through Resolution 012-2026)

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Gashi quote to remove two trees on Wyoming Avenue \$1,100 from unreserved fund

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Change Order #1 for James T. O'Hara increasing contract amount \$25,600.00 for sewer separation project

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Polling Place Agreement for 2026 with Luzerne County

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by all

Motion made to approve the Prociak & Associates 2025 Audit Agreement

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by all

Motion made to approve the Kuharchik Construction 2026 Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement proposal

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by all

Motion made to approve Reilly Associates Invoice 7 for sewer separation project \$87,656.20 to be paid from ARPA funds

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to Authorize borough engineer to perform traffic study at the Susquehanna x Luzerne Avenue intersection

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Resolution 2026-009 Street closure request for First to Fall event (insurance approved)

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept retirement resignation of George Miller as West Pittston Borough tax collector effective March 31, 2026

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

There was information that Council was made aware of that this appointment will need to be done through a resolution and not just a motion. Council is hesitant to wait until May to make that appointment because it is tax season. Manager Bonita asked if the resolution was available. President Kearns said that yes, Attorney Burke prepared it today.

Councilmember Quinn moved to amend agenda item Z to read as, to appoint tax collector deputy, Paul Argenio, as West Pittston tax collector effective April 1, 2026 until the next municipal election

By: Quinn 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the Resolution (011-2026) to appoint tax collector deputy, Paul Argenio, as West Pittston tax collector effective April 1, 2026 until the next municipal election in 2027

By: Quinn 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

President Kearns clarified the next motion, saying that this would be one day a month that any committee meetings would be held. Would Council like to discuss and settle on a time and day of the week for this now? Councilmember Quinn said that there has not been enough of a discussion to be able to choose a day for this. She suggested tabling this motion until each committee has been able to discuss it.

Motion made to Advertise Council Committee meetings

By: Valenti 2nd: Pupali Roll Call Vote: Motion carried

Bugelholl: Y Jordan: Y Pupali: Y Stevenson: Y Quinn: N Valenti: Y Kearns: Y

Motion made to accept the Community Development Block Grant-DR Buyout Program Amendment #11

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

11TH ORDER-CODE ENFORCEMENT & ZONING

Motion made to advertise Ordinance to adopt updated IPMC

By: Pupali 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the BIU monthly report for February 2026

By: Pupali 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Barry Isett & Associates Invoice 0209449 \$5,525.00

By: Pupali 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to table appointing a new UCC Inspector

By: Pupali 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

12th ORDER- PUBLIC SAFETY

Motion made to accept West Pittston Hose Company Monthly Report for February 2026

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept Wyoming Area Regional Police monthly report

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to submit Eddi Kondraski as Emergency Management Coordinator to Governor's office

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify the motion from last month that the previous employee grievances will be paid from the unreserved fund balance

By: Stevenson 2nd: Pupali Motion Carried by All

13th ORDER-PUBLIC WORKS

Motion made to accept the Department of Public Works monthly report to keep it on file in the Borough Office.

By: Quinn 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify Payment of James T. O'Hara Inc invoice for emergency snow removal in the amount of \$52,200.00, clarified from last month's motion, payment to come from the unreserved fund.

By: Quinn 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve a Paper Shredding event (April 24 and October 9, 2-6pm) \$2000.00 which will be at the Borough Building

By: Quinn 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

14th ORDER- PARKS & RECREATION

Motion made to appoint Veronica Lavelle to the Parks & Recreation Board for term ending December 2028

By: Pupali 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

15th ORDER- SHADE TREE COMMISSION- nothing to report

16th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

Rosati from 137 Philadelphia asked some clarifying questions about the construction going on for the sewer project. Will there be temporary paving, when will the streets all be paved, and are the contractors different for the streets versus the sidewalks. President Kearns said that yes they are different, if it seems like they are working on top of each other it is just because they had an opening in their schedule and were able to start the sidewalks a little earlier. Resident also had questions about how bids for engineering work are put out and if they are open to other firms besides Reilly Associates. Councilmember Quinn clarified some questions on how bids work and the process that they go through. They are public and open to any firm to bid on. She also mentioned Borton Lawson and Verdantas as other engineers that have worked in the Borough in the last six years. Resident clarified that he was not making any accusation about anything being under the table, just that it is good financial sense to check bids and if few come in, to inquire as to why.

Chief Turner congratulated Mr. Miller on his retirement, thanking his family for letting us be part of his life. The Chief worked in West Pittston for 21 years and he was honored and

privileged to have many conversations about how important family is to him and that he wishes that he enjoys his retirement and his family.

17th ORDER- ANNOUNCEMENTS

18th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Bugelholl 7:12pm

Submitted, 

Kendra-lee O'Brien, Borough Secretary and Secretary to Council