

Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council Meeting of April 2, 2025**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****1st ORDER- CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Quinn 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: Bill Bohn, Mike Bugelholl, Jim Butera, Ian Stevenson, Toni Valenti, President Ellen Quinn and Mayor Angelo Alfano. Jared Jordan was absent. Attorney Bufalino was also in attendance.

3RD ORDER- EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There was an executive session held on March 19, 2025, to discuss legal concerns with Wyoming Area Regional Police from 6:00pm to 6:20pm.

4TH ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY- none was given**5TH ORDER- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from Minutes from March 5, 2025, as prepared, and to place them on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried

6TH ORDER- REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports; the Mayor's Report totaling \$218.68; and Code Office's report totaling \$1,721.50, as submitted and place them on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

7TH ORDER- CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary O'Brien reported a letter requesting street closures for Cherry Blossom Festival, parade, and run; a letter requesting street closures for Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2025; and a request for Council to participate in Cherry Blossom Festival parade

By: Valenti 2nd: Butera Motion Carried by All

8TH ORDER- SOLICITOR- Attorney Bufalino

Attorney Bufalino stated that he prepared the following for Council's consideration: a resolution for street closures for Memorial Day parade on May 26, 2025; and resolutions for street closures for Cherry Blossom Festival, parade, and run individually.

9th ORDER-MAYOR- Mayor Angelo Alfano

Nothing to report

Chief Turner was in attendance. He reported that there were 570 total calls in the last month and 118 in West Pittston. There were 20 criminal arrests, including for cooking oil theft and a firearm incident in West Wyoming. WARP also will begin by the end of the month. WARP will also be in attendance and involved in the Cherry Blossom Festival. Attorney Bufalino added that the Chief is aware of and is involved with an incident of an individual camping on the lower end of Susquehanna Avenue. Chief Turner also announced that they will be having a motivational speaker on Monday and Tuesday at Wyoming Area Schools as part of their drug awareness program. If any Council members are interested in attending, he will send over the information for them.

10th ORDER-ADMINISTRATION

Motion made to approve Payroll for March 7, 2025, in the amount of \$13,691.93; and March 21, 2025, in the amount of \$9,504.22 totaling \$23,196.15

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$101,518.93 and the General Fund Bills totaling \$0.00

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the Engineering Summary as of March 19, 2025, from Reilly Associates

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Reilly Associates Invoice # 24070.00-3 for LSA municipal roof repair services \$1,180.10

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Brozena Consulting Services, LLC Invoice #2024015-05 totaling \$6,737.50 for professional services regarding the ARPA/ PA H2O Sewer Separation Project to be paid out of ARPA funds

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the AFG West Pittston Borough NUF Pension Plan Admin Fee 1st Quarter 2025 \$467.84 and Police Pension Plan admin fee 1st quarter 2025 \$441.13

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Resolutions for street closures for Cherry Blossom Festival, parade, and run, pending the correct insurance

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Advertisement for the West Pittston Municipal Roof Improvements project

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Resolution for street closures for Memorial Day parade on May 26, 2025

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Damon Street paving project in the amount of \$25,000, to be done by M&J Construction, funded in part by the LSA grant in the amount of \$10,000 and the remainder from the reserve fund of the Borough.

**By: Butera Roll Call Vote: Bohn Y Bugelholl Y Butera N Jordan A Stevenson Y
Valenti Y Quinn Y Motion Carries**

11TH ORDER-CODE ENFORCEMENT & ZONING- Barry Isett

Motion made to approve the Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #WV- 197764 totaling \$6,353.75

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept Barry Isett & Associates Zoning & Floodplain Activity Report for March 2025

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

12th ORDER- PUBLIC SAFETY

Motion made to accept the West Pittston Hose Company #1 monthly report, as submitted and place it on file.

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the Wyoming Area Regional Police monthly report, as submitted and place it on file.

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

13th ORDER-PUBLIC WORKS

Motion made to accept the DPW monthly report for March 2025

By: Bugelholl 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the PSAB Invoice for \$100 for Public Works Managements training course for Neil Williams

By: Bugelholl 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

14th ORDER- PARKS & RECREATION

Motion made to approve the playground equipment installation at Founder's Park by the COG not to exceed \$12,000

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to appoint Leonard Sanguedulce, Esq 159 South Main Street, Pittston as Solicitor for the Parks & Recreation Board

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the resignation of Estelle Campenni from Parks & Recreation Board

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

15th ORDER- SHADE TREE COMMISSION

16th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident of Pacific Avenue said that there is a speeding issue on Pacific Avenue between Wyoming avenue and Susquehanna. It is a school area and the road is very narrow. Resident also said that garbage trucks back up the entire length of the street when they are picking up garbage to avoid going on Wyoming Avenue. Councilmember Bugelholl suggested temporary speedbumps that can be taken down during plow season. He installs these in front of the school and that may be an option there. Attorney Bufalino said that Council will need to coordinate with Chief Turner, Reilly, and the school to make sure that any plan is viable for all parties. Chief Turner also suggested making part of that road a one-way street to limit traffic. Council will need to contact Reilly Engineers to conduct a traffic study of that area first.

Resident is worried about the water discoloration from the last couple days and if there are issues under West Pittston that need to be taken care of. Mayor Alfano explained why things like this happen. There is usually a break somewhere in the line and then the water company has to flush the lines to see where the break is to be able to fix it.

Resident brought up an issue with Fourth Street if Pacific Avenue was changed.

Resident said that there still is a pothole near Salem Street from the plow over the winter. Also, there is furniture on the lawn and a boat at a house on Salem, she also mentioned that the two burned properties have not been improved and is there a way for the Council to speed up the process on either of them.

17th ORDER- ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Quinn announced that the Luzerne County Hazard Mitigation Plan Draft Plan Review Meetings will be held: in- person on April 28 at 11am or virtually on May 1 at 5pm

President Quinn announced that there will be a Rental Ordinance meeting, open to all residents and property owners, set for April 29th, 2025, at 4pm at the Borough Building

18th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 7:13 by Valenti

Submitted,



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