

Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council Meeting of August 5, 2026**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE¹****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 Bugelholl, Jared Jordan, Ian Stevenson, Ellen Quinn, Toni Valenti, President Kearns, and Mayor Angelo Alfano. Attorney Burke was also in attendance. Ariane Pupali was absent.

3RD ORDER- EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

An executive session was held on July 16th at 4:30pm to discuss personnel and employment in the administrative department.

4TH ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No public participation was given.

5TH ORDER- APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from July 1, 2026, as prepared, and to place them on file in the Borough Office.

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion to approve the minutes from July 20, 2026, as prepared, and to place them on file in the Borough Office.

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson 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: Bugelholl 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

7TH ORDER- CORRESPONDENCE

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

Support Request for Wyoming Valley Run

Thank you letter from Ecumenical Enterprise concerning Garden Village

8TH ORDER- SOLICITOR- Attorney Burke

Attorney Burke prepared the following to Council's consideration:

Advertisement for Ordinance 627 amendment regarding Sewer Maintenance
Submission for Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding Zoning District
Regulations to the Luzerne County Planning Commission.

9th ORDER-MAYOR- Mayor Angelo Alfano

Chief Turner was running late for the meeting but was on his way at this point in the meeting.

10th ORDER-ADMINISTRATION

Motion to approve the Payroll for July 10, 2026, in the amount of \$17,679.03 and July 24, 2026, in the amount of \$18,679.03; totaling \$35,703.74

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$94,371.66 General Fund Bills totaling \$0.00

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Sewer Maintenance Fund bill for WVSA 3rd Quarter Billing in the amount of \$11,064.04

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify a Letter of support for the Wyoming Valley Run

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by all

Motion made to advertise for Ordinance 627 amendment regarding Sewer Maintenance

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Submission to Luzerne County Planning Commission for Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding Zoning District Regulations by Attorney Burke

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to advertise for full-time Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

11TH ORDER-INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion made to approve Verdantas Invoice #15142A for Professional Services from April 24, 2026- May 22, 2026 Levee Scoping Phase 2 in the amount of \$49,455.10

By:Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Reilly Associates invoice #24082.00-9 for professional services from February 1, 2025 to June 20, 2026 for Sewer Separation Project in the amount of \$27,826.00

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to Advertise for LSA C00086093 bathroom renovation project.

By: Stevenson 2nd: Quinn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Resolution 26-022 for Multimodal CFA grant application

By: Stevenson 2nd: Quinn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify Exeter x Warren Street sewer project Commercial Surety Application and Indemnity Agreement

By: Stevenson 2nd: Quinn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify Exeter x Warren Street Sewer Project Highway Restoration and Maintenance Bond

By: Stevenson 2nd: Quinn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify Exeter x Warren Street Sewer Project Resolution 26-021 for Bond

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to request Reilly Engineering to submit for LSA County grant application for Levee final design

By: Stevenson 2nd: Quinn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to request Reilly Engineering to submit for LSA State grant application for Levee final design

By: Stevenson 2nd: Quinn Motion Carried by All

12TH ORDER-CODE ENFORCEMENT & ZONING

Motion made to accept the BIU monthly report for June 2026- 1 inspection

By: Quinn 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve BIU Q2 Act 13 Training Account (21 permits) \$94.50

By: Quinn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Barry Isett & Associates Invoice 0213885 for Jun in the amount of \$8,045.70

By: Quinn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the Barry Isett & Associates Zoning/Floodplain activity report July 2026

By: Quinn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Application to lease 6 Luzerne Avenue (insurance submitted and letter of approval from Floodplain Manager)

By: Quinn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to appoint NEIC as Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer, effective immediately.

By: Quinn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to appoint NEIC as UCC Inspector, effective immediately.

By: Quinn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to advertise for Certified Floodplain Manager on Borough website.

By: Quinn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

12th ORDER- PUBLIC SAFETY

Motion made to accept West Pittston Hose Company monthly report for June 2026 (53 calls)

By: Jordan 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept Greater Pittston Regional Ambulance monthly report for 2026 up to June

By: Jordan 2nd: Quinn Motion Carried by All

Chief Ankenbrand is introduced by Councilmember Jordan. He is the Chief of the Greater Pittston Regional Ambulance and gave Council and the public an overview and introduction to the ambulance, as well as letting them know that they can reach out with any questions or concerns.

Chief Turner also gave his report. He added that Chief Ankenbrand assisted on a recent call and was a vital part of that call, they were very prepared. There were 97 calls in West Pittston this month, including traffic stops. WARP held the first ever teen FBI academy from Philadelphia for a two day training. Councilmember Bugelholl mentioned that ebikes are becoming a serious issue in town. Chief Turner recommended to Attorney Burke to reach out to Attorney Hassey to work on an ebike ordinance, it would be easier on the officers to be able to enforce if all the ordinances match. Councilmember Stevenson asked for clarification on how pursuing works, outside of motor vehicles. Chief explained that there is no pursuing because of the liability. Councilmember also followed up with dirtbikes being an issue in town as well.

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: Bugelholl 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

14th ORDER- PARKS & RECREATION**15th ORDER- SHADE TREE COMMISSION****16th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident asked about a September meeting about the levee. Councilmember Quinn responded that the meeting will be in October because of scheduling conflicts but it will be publicly announced. President Kearns said that all the experts involved in the project will all be there.

Resident asked to make sure that there will be an opportunity for clarifications on what information, Councilmember Quinn said that they will be able to answer those questions at the meeting.

17th ORDER- ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manager O'Brien announced that American Water will be working on Luzerne Avenue and Linden Street over the next two weeks, some parts will be shut down for part of the work. The second part of that project will be at the intersection of Wyoming Avenue and Tunkhannock Avenue.

18th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 7:10pm

Submitted,



Kendra-lee O'Brien, Borough Manager