

Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council Meeting of August 7, 2024**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 Bugeholl, Jared Jordan, Ian Stevenson, Toni Valenti, President Ellen Quinn, and Mayor Angelo Alfano. Attorney Bufalino was also in attendance. Absent: Jim Butera

3RD ORDER- EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

An executive session was held on July 24, 2024, at 6:00-6:30PM to discuss personnel in the Department of Public Works.

4TH ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None was given.

5TH ORDER- APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from July 3, 2024, as prepared, and to place them on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried

6TH ORDER- REPORTS OF OFFICERS+

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and place it on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion to accept the mayor's monthly report totaling \$207.68 and place it on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion to accept the Code Office's monthly report totaling \$1,230.50 and place it on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

7TH ORDER- CORRESPONDENCE-

Secretary O'Brien reported the following correspondence:

Letter from Bob Yenalevitch of Classic Cards, requesting 1 hour parking

Letter from Angie Roback from The Crooked Branch gift shop proposing a monthly small business art walk

Email from Timothy Nulton requesting information about paving Race Street

Invitation from Luzerne County Boroughs & Townships Association September 12, 2024 meeting in Duryea

By: Valenti

2nd: Stevenson

Motion Carried by All

8TH ORDER- SOLICITOR- Attorney Bufalino

9th ORDER-REILLY ASSOCIATES- Reilly Associates

10th ORDER- MAYOR- Mayor Angelo Alfano

Mayor Alfano announced that WARP is operating out of the new building and should be fully moved in by the end of the week.

11th ORDER-ADMINISTRATION

Motion made to approve payroll for July 12, 2024, in the amount of \$12,782.44, and July 26, 2024, in the amount of \$10,200.99, totaling \$22,983.43

By: Stevenson

2nd: Bohn

Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund prepaid bills \$42,194.46

By: Stevenson

2nd: Bohn

Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund bills in the amount of \$12,647.10

By: Stevenson

2nd: Bohn

Motion Carried by All

Motion made to table the request from Bob Yenalevitch of Classic Cards, for 1 hour parking because it requires a traffic study

By: Stevenson

2nd: Bohn

Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the authorization and agreement with General Code for recodification, totaling \$20,053, to be paid out of the unreserved fund.

By: Stevenson

2nd: Bohn

Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the amended 2024 Handicap ordinance and application form

By: Dtevenson

2nd: Bohn

Motion Carried by All

Motion made to hire Reilly Associates for engineering services for Combined Sewer Separation Project funded by ARPA and PA-ARPA H2O Funds

By: Stevenson

2nd: Bohn

Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the agreement between West Pittston Borough and Brozena Consulting

By: Stevenson

2nd: Bohn

Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Brozena Consulting Services, LLC Invoice #2024015-01 in the amount \$1,881.25

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Brozena Consulting Services, LLC Invoice #2024016-01 in the amount of \$2,450.00

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to approve the Change order #1 from M&J Excavation Inc for the Damon St, Salem St, West Pittston Borough parking lot Project to include install new frames and manhole covers (6) and install DWS pad for a total of \$5,200.00

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

*Councilperson Valenti asked for clarification on a driveway concern of a resident and President Quinn said that that needs to go through Reilly Associates and for the resident to call their office.

Motion made to Advertise Ordinance to create a commission on Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

12TH ORDER-CODE ENFORCEMENT & ZONING (Barry Isett)

Motion to accept the Barry Isett Permit and Case Report June 1- June 30, 2024

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to approve Barry Isett Invoice #WV-190299 for June 2024, totaling \$6,247.50

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to approve BIU Inspections List for April 1, 2024- June 30, 2024

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

13th ORDER- PUBLIC SAFETY

Wyoming Area Regional Police 2024 July report

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

West Pittston Fire Department 2024 June report

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve a \$60,000.00 donation to West Pittston Hose Company from ARPA municipal funds.

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

14th ORDER-PUBLIC WORKS

Motion to accept the Monthly Report July 2024 submitted by Neil Williams.

By: Bugelholl 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by all

Authorize Reilly Associates to quote cost of paving Race Street between Wyoming Avenue and Luzerne Avenue

By: Bugelholl 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

15th ORDER- PARKS & RECREATION- nothing to report

16th ORDER- SHADE TREE COMMISSION- nothing to report

17th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident said that because of the Fire on Jenkins Street and the storms, the inlet on Jenkins x Salem is blocked as well as the one on Foundry x Luzerne

Resident mentioned that with four empty properties on their street, it is affecting the neighborhood and causing issues with noise and safety. Resident also asked why the Jenkins Street property has not come down and it is a safety issue.

Code Officer Stalega said that it is still privately owned and is in process with the insurance company. It is a slow process, but it is planned to come down. The Salem Street property has been cited; the owner pays the citation. Councilperson Stevenson let residents know that if there is ever a safety concern to please call the police asap.

Resident welcomes Councilperson Bugelholl back and is glad to see him back at meetings. Resident also said that while no one is coming in, they hear a lot of people online complaining about Salem Street. They know DPW is understaffed, so they are trying to help on their street. They are helping the community and while some people give them a tough time, they are just helping. They also mentioned to Councilperson Valenti that they heard that she was endorsing Pribula for a future council seat. Councilperson Valenti said that if there is ever an opening on council, anyone is welcome to run for the seat.

Resident said that there is also a blocked inlet on the corner of Franklin x Montgomery. They also asked if there has been any follow up on 323 Franklin Street.

Code Office Stalega said that it looks like the property has been served

18th ORDER- ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Night Out with WARP and Pittston City Police Department on August 11, 2024 from 3pm to 8pm

19th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM by Valenti/Stevenson

Submitted,



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

