

Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council
Special Meeting (Budget Adoption) of December 18, 2023

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, PA.

2ND ORDER- ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Kendra-lee O'Brien. Council: William Bohn, Jim Butera, John Hood, Jared Jordan, Ian Stevenson, President Ellen Quinn, and Mayor Angelo Alfano. Absent: Ray Judge

3rd ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None was given.

4th ORDER- SOLICITOR

Attorney Bufalino prepared the Ordinance fixing the tax millage for the fiscal year 2024

Attorney Bufalino prepared Resolution 23-018 re-adopting of LST, EIT, Realty Transfer Tax and Per Capita Tax for 2024

5th ORDER-ADMINISTRATION

Motion to adopt the 2024 Operating Budget of \$4,520,204.00

By: Butera 2nd: Hood Motion Carried by All

Motion to approve the ordinance fixing the Tax Mileage for the fiscal year 2024, totaling 4.2950

By: Butera 2nd: Hood Motion Carried by All

Motion to approve Resolution 23-018 re-adopting of LST, EIT, Realty Transfer Tax and Per Capita Tax for 2024, these are Act 511 taxes which are state taxes and cannot be increased.

By: Butera 2nd: Hood Motion Carried by All

Motion to approve the 2024 Council Meetings and Work Sessions, on the first Wednesday of each month and the third or fourth Wednesday of each month for work sessions.

By: Butera 2nd: Hood Motion Carried by All

Motion to adopt the 2024 Salary Resolution consistent with the 2024 Budget, beginning on 1/1/2024

By: Butera 2nd: Hood Motion Carried by All

6th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident asked about passing the schedule and why it is passed at the 2023 meeting instead of at the first 2024 meeting, especially with new councilmembers coming on. Attorney Bufalino explained that if there is an issue it can be changed at a later date but that it has to be advertised so that the January meeting can take place.

President Quinn thanked Lynn for her work on Shade Tree Commission.

Councilmember Bohn thanked John Hood and Ray Judge for their contributions to the Borough. John Hood is the senior member of Council, having served for 25 years. Sentiment was shared by Council.

Attorney Bufalino asked that the minutes reflect how much he and the community appreciates John Hood who has served on council for many years. In 2021 Attorney Bufalino took over from his father and it has been an honor to serve with Council. Attorney Bufalino Sr expressed how much he appreciated and respected Mr. Hood.

20th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM by Hood, 2nd by Bohn

Submitted,

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