

Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council Special Meeting of December 18, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1st ORDER- CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 6:31 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 Bugelholli, Jim Butera, Toni Valenti, Ian Stevenson, President Quinn and Mayor Angelo Alfano. Attorney Bufalino was also in attendance. Absent: Jared Jordan

3rd ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Resident asked about the lights on the Moose Lodge. Said that she has talked to Chip but not sure where else to go for help. Just asking for a new, longer cover to help cover and direct the light downwards. The LED lights are just too bright and ruining the inside of their home. President Quinn said that she talked to Chip and Shade Tree about planting a tree there but there isn't enough space to put anything there to block the light. Attorney Bufalino suggested going to a Moose meeting because the Council can't get involved in a civil matter between two taxpayers. The meeting is on December 23rd.

4th ORDER-ADMINISTRATION

There was discussion about the budget including where money that has not been spent goes at the end of the year; the pay increases for the Department of Public Works with a projected new contract; if open positions will be filled and plans for future interviews; has inflation been addressed in the utility budget; questions about who fills each job title administrative clerk, bookkeeper etc.; as well as raising the salary of the Borough Manager to \$57,000 and attending meetings regularly; filling out yearly recycling reports; the salary of the DPW supervisor; raising the Administrative Clerk salary raising the municipal staff salaries from \$144,000 to \$150,000, raising the total expenses to \$9,625,394.00 with the \$6,000 coming from the unreserved fund balance.

Motion made to adopt the 2025 Budget as amended to reflect changes, with a total of \$10,229,394.00

By: Butera 2nd: Bugelholli Motion Carried by All

Motion made to adopt the Ordinance fixing the tax millage for 2025 at 3.895 mils for general purposes, 0.3999 debt services for a total of 4.295 mils, no increase

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to re-adopt Resolution the Local Services tax, earned income tax, realty transfer tax, and per capita tax for the Borough of West Pittston for 2025

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve resolution amending and fixing salaries and wages, as amended on December 18, 2024, for the year beginning 1/1/2025 for the Borough of West Pittston

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve and advertise the Public Meeting Notice for 2025, the first Wednesday of the month for Council meetings at 6:30pm, work sessions on the third or fourth Wednesdays depending on the month at 6:30pm.

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

5th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- none was given

6th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM by Bugelhol

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kendra-lee O'Brien".

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