

Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council Meeting of February 4, 2026

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1st ORDER- CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 6:34 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: Jared Jordan, Ariane Pupali, Ian Stevenson, Ellen Quinn, Toni Valenti, Ellen Quinn, President Kearns, and Mayor Angelo Alfano. Mike Bugelholl was absent. Attorney Burke was also in attendance.

3RD ORDER- EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

An executive session was held on February 4, 2026 at the West Pittston Borough building from 5:45 to 6:30pm about legal issues.

4TH ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No public participation was given.

5TH ORDER- APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from Minutes from February 4, 2026, as prepared, and to place them on file in the Borough Office.

By: Jordan 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried

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: Jordan 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

7TH ORDER- CORRESPONDENCE

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

Letter of request from Wyoming Area School District for a letter of support for Class of 2026 Parade.

Motion made to accept the correspondence and place it on file in the Borough offices.

By: Jordan 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

8TH ORDER- SOLICITOR- Attorney Burke

Attorney Burke prepared an amendment to Resolution adding an alternate as appointed by Council President

9th ORDER-MAYOR- Mayor Angelo Alfano

Mayor Alfano thanked our street department and Council for giving the resources and for the work on the snow removal.

10th ORDER-ADMINISTRATION

Payroll for January 9, 2026, in the amount of \$16,443.84; and January 23, 2026, in the amount of \$16,471.90; totaling \$32,915.74

By: Pupali 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$158,238.85; General Fund Bills totaling \$0.00

By: Pupali 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Sewer maintenance fund bills for 1st quarter billing for sewer maintenance, totaling \$11,066.55

By: Pupali 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve one-time deep cleaning of 555 Exeter Avenue from Jan-Pro in the amount of \$3,100.00

By: Pupali 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by all

Motion made to request Solicitor Burke to prepare an updated Skills Machine Ordinance

By: Pupali 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Dempsey Service Agreement for 2 years

By: Pupali 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the WVSA Municipal Savings account policy update

By: Pupali 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve agreement with Nexline for new phone system for the municipal building

By: Pupali 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve a letter of support for West Pittston Tomorrow’s request to install historical signs at three locations, pending PennDot permits and coordination with ongoing projects

By: Pupali 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the Liquid Fuels attestation engagement for 2024

By: Pupali 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve AFG Authorization for distribution for the West Pittston Borough Nonuniformed Plan in the amount \$5,600.00

By: Pupali 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the payment application #3 James T. O'Hara for \$310,750.31 for sewer separation project

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the 2026 Council Committee appointments

By: Valenti 2nd: Pupali Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Amendment to Resolution 4-2021 adding an alternate as appointed by Council President

By: Valenti 2nd: Pupali Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve a Wyoming Area School District letter of support for Class of 2026 Parade (insurance has come in)

By: Valenti 2nd: Quinn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Change Order #3 for the West Pittston Armory Project, Contract #2: for time extension only due to extreme weather

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve pay app #2 A.R. Popples' work to date at the West Pittston Armory for \$29,778.00

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve an amendment to sub-recipient agreement between Luzerne County and West Pittston Borough extending compliance date to December 31, 2026 for the Disaster Recovery Fund

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Pay App #3 for Dunmore Roofing & Supply Company in the amount of \$2,683.15

By: Valenti 2nd: Pupali Motion Carried by all

Motion made to ratify Emergency Declaration issued by the mayor

By: Valenti 2nd: Pupali Motion Carried by all

Motion made to approve Emergency snow removal proposal from James T. O'Hara, Inc for dump truck(s) with operator at \$150.00/hr and loader(s) with operator at \$225.00/hr

By: Valenti 2nd: Pupali Motion Carried by all

Motion made to approve Luzerne County Boroughs and Association 2026 membership dues for \$35.00

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by all

11TH ORDER-CODE ENFORCEMENT & ZONING

Motion made to accept the Barry Isett & Associates Zoning and Floodplain Activity Report for December 2026

By: Jordan 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Barry Isset Invoice WV-207700 for December 2025 totaling \$7,012.50

By: Jordan 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the BIU Inspections list for December 2025

By: Jordan 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

12th ORDER- PUBLIC SAFETY

West Pittston Hose Company #1 monthly report for December 2025

By: Stevenson 2nd: Pupali Motion Carried by All

Wyoming Area Regional Police monthly report

By: Stevenson 2nd: Pupali Motion Carried by All

Chief Turner gave his report on WARP activity. He also reported that WARP submitted for a Green Light grant through Bresnahan for new equipment. They also did a grant for \$110,000 through Pugh's office for signage and plaques for the crime lab. He also got a quote for the sign replacement for the one that was damaged. Councilmember Pupali asked for more information on the sign accident. Chief said that he had to refile because of a tech issue. He also announced that there will be a DUI Seminar on February 28th for Wyoming Area and Pittston Area students. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the WARP building on February 12th at 6:30pm. There is a County town hall meeting at Exeter Borough building on the same day from 5-6pm.

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: Quinn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the removal of tree from intersection of Wyoming and Delaware Avenue by DPW

By: Quinn 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve submission of tree removal permit of trees on the tree lawn on Wyoming Ave/Delaware/Third

By: Quinn 2nd: Pupali Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Purchase of Packer for DPW for \$221,647.54, funded through a \$213,866.00 LSA grant, and \$7,781.54 from the general fund (update pricing from previous motion in November 2025 for \$203,061)

By: Quinn 2nd: Pupali Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve membership renewal for West Side Council of Government for \$5,700

By: Quinn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

14th ORDER- PARKS & RECREATION

Motion made to ratify the Leadership Wilkes-Barre dog park design and update

By: Pupali 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the resignation of John Kearns from Parks & Recreation board from term ending 12/31/2027

Motion: Pupali 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

15th ORDER- SHADE TREE COMMISSION- nothing to report

16th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michelle Demich of Luzerne Avenue brought before Council a continuation of a sewer issue that she is having in her home and was looking for a solution. She said that DRAINTech was there. Council asked follow up questions and said that we were not able to dig up the area during the cold weather but when the weather breaks, the Borough will coordinate with Reilly Engineers to make next moves on that issue. Borough Manager Bonita was on hand to answer further questions from both the resident and Council.

17th ORDER- ANNOUNCEMENTS

18th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 7:14pm

Submitted, 

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