

Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council

Reorganization Meeting of January 2, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SWEARING IN CEREMONIES

Councilmembers Antoinette Valenti, Michael S. Bugelholl, and Ian Stevenson were sworn in by Judge Joseph Carmody at 6:27 PM at the West Pittston Borough Building.

1st ORDER- CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Mayor Angelo Alfano 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, Michael Bugelholl, Jim Butera, Jared Jordan, Ian Stevenson, Ellen Quinn, Toni Valenti and Mayor Angelo Alfano. Attorney Bufalino was not able to attend the meeting.

3rd ORDER- PROOF OF PUBLICATION

4th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None was given.

5th ORDER- CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Mayor Alfano called for nominations from Councilmembers.

Councilmember Stevenson nominated Ellen Quinn for President. This was seconded by Bohn and motion was carried by all.

Councilmember Stevenson nominated Jim Butera for Vice President. This was seconded by Bohn and motion was carried by all.

Councilmember Stevenson nominated Bill Bohn for Council Pro Temp. This was seconded by Butera and motion was carried by all.

Mayor Alfano closed the floor for nominations and elections. President Quinn took the president's seat.

President Quinn asked for a roll call vote for all positions.

Ellen Quinn for Council President:

Bohn: Aye Bugelholl: Aye Butera: Aye Jordan: Aye Quinn: Aye
Stevenson: Aye Valenti: Aye

Jim Butera for Council Vice President:

Bohn: Aye Bugelholl: Aye Butera: Aye Jordan: Aye Quinn: Aye
Stevenson: Aye Valenti: Aye

Bill Bohn for President Pro Temp:

Bohn: Aye Bugelholl: Aye Butera: Aye Jordan: Aye Quinn: Aye
Stevenson: Aye Valenti: Aye

6th ORDER- APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Appointments will be made at the February meeting. At this time, President Quinn will be adding Councilmember Valenti to the Public Safety Committee and Councilmember Bugelholl to the Public Works Committee.

7th ORDER- ADMINISTRATION

Motion to adopt Robert's Rules of Order, governing the conduct of Council Meetings for Parliamentary procedures for 2024 and 202

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to reappoint Attorney Mark Bufalino as Borough Solicitor

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to reappoint Reilly Associates as Borough Engineer

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to reappoint Savino Bonita as Borough Manager

By: Butera 2nd: Quinn President Quinn asked for a roll call vote

Bohn: Y Bugelholl: Y Butera: Y Jordan: Y Quinn: Y
Stevenson: Y Valenti: Y

Motion to reappoint Kendra-lee O'Brien as Borough Administrative Secretary

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to reappoint Savino Bonita as the Borough Treasurer

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to reappoint Kendra-lee O'Brien as the Council Secretary

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to table the appointment of a chairperson to the Vacancy Board Chairperson

By: Butera 2nd: Quinn Motion Carried by All

Motion to table the two appointments to the UCC Board of Appeals

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to appoint Charles Bell of York Avenue to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals for a 3-year term, ending January 2027

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to appoint Gregory Shiner of 43 Delaware Avenue to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals for a 3-year term, ending January 2027

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

8th ORDER- ZONING HEARING BOARD

Motion to reappoint Attorney Joseph Burke as the Zoning Hearing Board solicitor

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to appoint David Chaump to the Zoning Hearing Board, replacing Mike Bugelholl who has resigned after becoming a councilmember

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to appoint Thomas Kearns to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate for a 3-year term ending January 2027

By: Butera 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

9th ORDER- PLANNING COMMISSION

Motion to table the two vacancies on the planning commission

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

10th ORDER- PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Motion to table the vacancy of the solicitor for the Parks & Recreation Board

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to table the vacancy in the Parks & Recreation Board

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

11th ORDER- SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Motion to table the two vacancies in the Shade Tree Commission

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to reappoint Keighlyn J. Oliver, Esq as the Shade Tree Commission solicitor

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

12th ORDER- PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Motion to appoint Neil Williams as the Public Works Acting Supervisor, to hold that position until a Public Works Supervisor, which is an at-will position, is hired.

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to reappoint Neil Williams as the Public Works Foreman, which is an at-will position.

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion to reappoint Scott Ellsworth as a Public Works Full-Time employee, which is a two-year appointment and a Union position.

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion to reappoint John Symons as a Public Works Full-Time employee, which is a two-year appointment and a Union position.

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion to reappoint Dustin Eyerman as a Public Works Full-Time employee, which is a two-year appointment and a Union position.

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

13th ORDER- PUBLIC SAFETY

Motion to recognize John Hood from West Pittston Hose Company #1 as the West Pittston Borough Fire Chief (clarification was made by Councilmember Jordan as to the title of the role)

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to reappoint Barry D. Hosier as the Emergency Management Director.

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

16th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident asked a question about how the nominations work and how to get on a board. Resident asked why those that are nominated are not at the meeting. She also stated that it is very difficult to hear Council and if there is a way to speak more clearly/loudly so it is easier for the residents to understand what is going on.

17th ORDER- ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Quinn said that Council will hold their regular meeting next.

18th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM by Stevenson, 2nd by Quinn
Submitted,

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

