

Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council Meeting of June 4, 2025**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 Bugelholl, Jim Butera, Ian Stevenson, Toni Valenti, and Mayor Angelo Alfano. Jared Jordan was absent. Attorney Bufalino was also in attendance. Mayor Alfano and Ian Stevenson were late but are counted as present.

3RD ORDER- EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There was an executive session held on June 4, 2025, from 6:00- 6:20pm to discuss CBA with Department of Public Works.

4TH ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY- none given**5TH ORDER- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from Minutes from May 7, 2025, as prepared, and to place them on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Butera Motion Carried

6TH ORDER- REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports; the Mayor's Report totaling \$180.98; and Code Office's report totaling \$8,684.50, as submitted and place them on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

7TH ORDER- CORRESPONDENCE

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

- A. email from Jon Lark at 21 Washington Street requesting speeding solutions
- B. email from Jennifer Healey following up on sewer drainage issue on Ann Street
- C. Letter of interest from Bonnie Gruver to serve on Parks & Recreation Board

By: Bohn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

8TH ORDER- SOLICITOR- Attorney Bufalino

Nothing to report

9th ORDER-MAYOR- Mayor Angelo Alfano

Nothing to report.

10th ORDER-ADMINISTRATION

Motion made to approve Payroll for May 2, 2025, in the amount of \$16,198.98; May 16, 2025, in the amount of \$12,329.79; and May 30, 2025, in the amount of \$12,512.77 totaling \$41,040.53

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$471,599.62; General Fund Bills totaling \$0.00

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept monthly report from Borough Engineer, Reilly Associates

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify Verdantas invoice 129455 for Flood Mitigation Scoping from Feb 22-March 28 in the amount of \$119,303.90

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify Verdantas invoice 131173 for Flood Mitigation Scoping from March 29-April 25 in the amount of \$154,386.35

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify Brozena Consulting Services LLC invoice 2024015-06 for Sewer Separation Project for March 1- April 30 to be paid out of ARPA funds totaling \$7,612.50

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the West Pittston Library tax abatement for 2024

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Sidewalk and Paving Improvements project Pennsy Application for Payment #2 \$64,674.00

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Risk Strategies Joyce Insurance Group Insurance Renewal for June 8, 2025-2026

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the contract with Dunmore Roofing for \$221,000.00 for reroofing of municipal building

By: Butera 2nd:Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Notice to Proceed for Dunmore Roofing beginning August 18, 2025

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

11TH ORDER-CODE ENFORCEMENT & ZONING

Motion made to approve the Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #WV- 199626 totaling \$6,587.50

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept Barry Isett & Associates Zoning & Floodplain Activity Report for May 2025

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

12th ORDER- PUBLIC SAFETY

Motion made to accept the West Pittston Hose Company #1 monthly report, as submitted and place it on file.

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the Wyoming Area Regional Police monthly report, as submitted and place it on file.

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion to table John Hood application for part time fire truck driver at the rate of \$15.00/hr by Bohn

Chief Turner was in attendance. There were 502 calls for WARP this month and 135 in West Pittston. He announced that they received a \$319k grant and purchased body cams, dash cams, and new tasers, as well as 7 new police vehicles, an emergency response vehicle and response van as well as two speed timing and radar signals and message boards.

13th ORDER-PUBLIC WORKS

Motion made to accept the DPW monthly report for May 2025

By: Butera 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the purchase of tar buggy from Asphalt Care in Belsalem, PA \$12,500.00

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify LSA grant of \$213,866 for recycling packer through Representative Haddock's office, additional costs will come from reserved fund

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

14th ORDER- PARKS & RECREATION

Motion made to appoint Bonnie Gruver of 530 Exeter Avenue, West Pittston to serve on Parks & Recreation Board until 12/31/2029

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

15th ORDER- SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Motion made to approve maintenance and trimming of specimen tree in Bainbridge Campbell Park by Shade Tree Commission

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

16th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident from Franklin Street said that there are piles by the railroad tracks that look unsafe. President Quinn said that the Borough will follow up with the property owners to find out how to take care of them. Resident also said that the timing on the lights in the park is inconsistent, or they are not on at all. President Quinn said that the project is not finished yet.

Resident asked Chief Turner about the homeless encampment and loitering on a property. The Chief said that he was unaware of an issue but will get the residents' information and follow up on the information.

Resident asked when the lights will be installed at the Exeter/Wyoming intersection. President Quinn said that it is a PennDot project but that they should be installed by the middle of summer.

17th ORDER- ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Quinn announced that the next Rental Ordinance Meeting will be on June 18 at 4pm at the Borough building. She also wanted to thank Senator Flynn and Representative Haddock for support in grant applications

18th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 6:55pm by Valenti

Submitted,



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