

**Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council Meeting of May 6, 2026**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1<sup>st</sup> ORDER- CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Kearns at the West Pittston Borough Building, 555 Exeter Avenue West Pittston, Pennsylvania.

**2<sup>nd</sup> ORDER- ROLL CALL**

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Kendra-lee O'Brien: Jared Jordan, Ariane Pupali, Ian Stevenson, Ellen Quinn, Toni Valenti, President Kearns, and Mayor Angelo Alfano. Attorney Burke was also in attendance. Mike Bugelholl was absent.

**3<sup>RD</sup> ORDER- EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

An executive session was held on May 6, 2026, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Borough building to discuss legal matters concerning the police department.

**4<sup>TH</sup> ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

No agenda-related public participation was given.

**5<sup>TH</sup> ORDER- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from Minutes from April 1, 2026, as prepared, and to place them on file in the Borough Office, as corrected.

**By: Valenti 2<sup>nd</sup>: Quinn Motion Carried by All**

**6<sup>TH</sup> 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: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

**7<sup>TH</sup> ORDER- CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Street closure request for Cherry Blossom festival (and Parade May 2) May 2- May 3
- Notice of termination of Professional services from Barry Isett & Associates
- Street closure request for Memorial Day parade
- Congressman Bresnahan FY27 Appropriations request
- Request from DPW Supervisor Williams about tree removal
- Request from Code Officer for survey work
- Invite to Council to participate in Memorial Day parade
- Letter of request for donation to Memorial Day parade

Letter of interest from WWSA concerning sale of sewer system

**8<sup>TH</sup> ORDER- SOLICITOR-** Attorney Burke

Attorney Burke prepared the following to Council's consideration:

Resolution 014-2026 Cherry Blossom Parade and Festival

Resolution 015-2026 Memorial Day Parade

Ordinance 628-2026 amending Amusement Device Ordinance

Ordinance 639-2026 amending Opioid Settlement Ordinance

Special Meeting Advertisements for April 28, 2026 and April 30, 2026

Advertisement Ordinance for stop sign at Luzerne Avenue

Advertisement for timed parking on Luzerne Avenue

**9<sup>th</sup> ORDER-MAYOR-** Mayor Angelo Alfano

Chief Turner gave his report on WARP activity. There were 106 calls in West Pittston. The Cherry Blossom parade went smoothly. The case with the damaged sign is in county court, there was \$24,000 in damages and there is now an active state investigation. The Memorial Day parade is planned and there may be a need for additional security because of an ongoing concern. President Kearns thanked the Chief for the additional coverage in the parks lately. The Chief said that holding people accountable for any misdeeds helps prevent future issues.

**10<sup>th</sup> ORDER-ADMINISTRATION**

Motion to approve the Payroll for April 3, 2026, in the amount of \$16,783.18; and April 17, 2026, in the amount of \$12,757.89; totaling \$29,851.07

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stevenson Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to approve the General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$101,970.32; General Fund Bills totaling \$0.00

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to adopt the Ordinance 628-2026 amending Amusement Device Ordinance

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pupali Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to adopt the Ordinance 639-2026 amending Opioid Settlement Ordinance

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stevenson Motion Carried by all**

Motion made to ratify Opioid Trust: Six Remnant Defendants Settlement participation

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to approve West Pittston Borough Police Pension Plan- Actuarial Invoice \$5,250.00

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pupali Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to ratify extension letter for Library LSA grant

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to ratify WVSA Lien Filing Services \$873.00

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to ratify Resolution 014-2026 Cherry Blossom Parade and Festival

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stevenson Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to approve Resolution 015-2026 Memorial Day Parade

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion fails**

Motion made to authorize Reilly Associates to create and advertise the Decorative Lighting Maintenance RFP

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valetti Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to authorize a letter to WARP requesting to close the Borough parks at 9pm each night

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

### 11<sup>TH</sup> ORDER-INFRASTRUCTURE

Motion made to approve Resolution 26-016 signatories for Stormwater and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project as John Kearns and Ian Stevenson

**By: Stevenson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to approve Pay Ap #5 for James t' O'Hara Inc in the amount of \$873,704.60 for Sewer Separation Project

**By: Stevenson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to approve Change Order #2 for James T. O'Hara in the amount of \$307,023.95 for additional storm/sewer separation work on Warren Street

**By: Stevenson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to ratify Luz Co ARPA Sewer Separation reimbursement for mailing \$557.82 to the Borough

**By: Stevenson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to ratify FEMA Project Scoping Preliminary Engineering reimbursement for mailing \$262.15 to the Borough

**By: Stevenson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Pupali Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to approve Brozena Consulting Services LLC Invoice #10: \$16,450.00 for West Pittston Sewer Separation Project

**By: Stevenson 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to approve Verdantas Invoice for Levee Scoping for February 21- March 27, 2026 \$44,800.00

**By: Stevenson                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti    Motion Carried by All**

**12<sup>TH</sup> ORDER-CODE ENFORCEMENT & ZONING**

Motion made to accept the BIU monthly report for March 2026- no inspections

**By: Pupali    2<sup>nd</sup>: Stevenson            Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to approve Barry Isett & Associates Invoice 0210383 \$7,798.75

**By: Pupali    2<sup>nd</sup>: Stevenson            Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to accept the Barry Isett & Associates Zoning/Floodplain activity report

**By: Pupali    2<sup>nd</sup>: Stevenson            Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to advertise for Borough Code & Zoning Officer

**By: Pupali    2<sup>nd</sup>: Stevenson            Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to Advertise for Flood Plain Manager

**By: Pupali    2<sup>nd</sup>: Stevenson            Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to Advertise for Third Party Code enforcement and inspections

**By: Pupali    2<sup>nd</sup>: Stevenson            Motion Carried by All**

**12<sup>th</sup> ORDER- PUBLIC SAFETY**

Motion made to accept West Pittston Hose Company Monthly Report for March 2026

**By: Jordan    2<sup>nd</sup>: Stevenson            Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to accept Wyoming Area Regional Police monthly report

**By: Jordan    2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti    Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to submit letter of termination of contract with CodeRed ending 6/13

**By: Jordan    2<sup>nd</sup>: Pupali    Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to approve agreement with Savvy Citizen at \$244 monthly payment with \$400 one-time marketing fee for emergency and borough related notification system

**By: Jordan    2<sup>nd</sup>: Pupali    Motion Carried by All**

**13<sup>th</sup> 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    2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti                Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to request quotes for tree removal at 14 Philadelphia Avenue

**By: Quinn    2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti                Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to authorize DPW removal of trees on 1318 Susquehanna Avenue

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to advertise Ordinance for stop sign at Luzerne Avenue

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to advertise for timed parking on Luzerne Avenue

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

Motion made to approve fence repair on Laco Street up to \$150

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

Motion to advertise for DPW Foreman at a year salary of \$47,940

**By: Quinn 2<sup>nd</sup>: Valenti Motion Carried by All**

#### **14th ORDER- PARKS & RECREATION**

Proposal for Morris Park basketball courts improvements Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program grant

**By: Pupali 2<sup>nd</sup>: Stevenson Motion Carried by All**

There will be a Community Clean up at Morris Park on May 9, 2026 from 9 to 2pm, along with a dumpster fundraiser for Parks & Recreation. The cost is \$40 per car load, \$50 per truck load.

**15th ORDER- SHADE TREE COMMISSION-** nothing to report

**16th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-**

Resident Bohn asked about Savvy Citizen information, how sign ups will occur and if the information given when registered for CodeRed will transfer over. President Kearns responded that most of that information should transfer over, but the new program is very easy to use as well.

Resident of 239 Philadelphia asked about an ordinance for chickens. They are causing problems in their neighborhood, smell, and noise. Chief and President Kearns both added comments and information about the Rental Inspection Program. The resident also mentioned property values being affected. They also asked about the bridge and traffic signal. President Kearns said that it will be out to bid this fall and demo will probably be in the spring. They also looked for clarification on how the code enforcement process works so they can be sure that complaints are being followed through with.

Newhart of Philadelphia Avenue asked what the term is for the tax collector, and there was some clarifying information given when the next election is for that office. The next election will be the next municipal election so for 2027, then for four years.

Lynn Burbank asked when the period lighting would be replaced. President Kearns said that we were waiting on police reports and have submitted to the insurance company for them.

Newhart also requested speeding signs in town, once that let drivers know how fast they are traveling. Chief Turner said that he would look into the price, he also recommended the flashing lights on stop signs, we would have to avoid artery roads and the PennDot roads. He also asked that Council reach out to the representatives to help local police departments gain the ability to use radar to help enforce speed.

Schulz, business owner, requested a stop sign on Warren Street and Luzerne Avenue because of the heavy school traffic. President Kearns said that they will ask for a traffic study and move on from there.

**17<sup>th</sup> ORDER- ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**18<sup>th</sup> ORDER- ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned 7:27pm

Submitted,



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