

Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council Meeting of March 5, 2025**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****1st ORDER- CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:43 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, Jared Jordan, Ian Stevenson, Toni Valenti, and President Ellen Quinn. Mayor Angelo Alfano was absent. Attorney Bufalino was also in attendance.

3RD ORDER- EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There was an executive session held on February 19, 2025, to discuss personnel concerns in the Department of Public Works.

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

Motion to approve the minutes from Minutes from February 12, 2025, as prepared, and to place them on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried

6TH ORDER- REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports; the Mayor's Report totaling \$1,489.20; and Code Office's report totaling \$3,565.50, 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 reported a request for a letter of support for graduation parade on June 5, 2025, and a letter from Cherry Blossom Festival Committee informing of Parade on May 3, 2025, at 11am

By: Jordan 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

8TH ORDER- SOLICITOR- Attorney Bufalino

Nothing to report.

9th ORDER-MAYOR- Mayor Angelo Alfano

Absent.

10th ORDER-ADMINISTRATION

Motion made to approve Payroll for February 7, 2025, in the amount of \$15,262.38; and February 21, 2025, in the amount of \$10,953.19 totaling \$26,215.57

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$55,552.49 and the General Fund Bills totaling \$0.00

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify the Polling Place agreement for Wards 1, 2, and 3

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Reilly Associates Invoice 24103.00/1 for engineering services from 12/13/24 – 1/18/25, for Road and Sidewalk Improvements Project (ARPA) totaling \$2,712.10

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Reilly Associates Invoice 24070.00/2 for engineering services from September 29, 2025 to January 18, 2025, for Municipal Roof Repair Project (LSA) totaling \$6004.53

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Reilly Associates Invoice 10021.36/3 for inspection services from October 27, 2024, to January 18, 2025, for 2024 Paving Project totaling \$4,527.50

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Ordinance #632-2025 addressing traffic and parking on Race Street

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Amendment No. 1 signed on August 7, 2024, between the Borough of West Pittston and Reilly Associates for engineering services for the Combined Sewer Separation Project amended to include tv inspection of Baltimore Avenue sewer lines not to exceed \$6,400.00

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve sending a letter of support for graduation parade on June 5, 2025

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

11TH ORDER-CODE ENFORCEMENT & ZONING- Barry Isett

Motion made to approve the Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #WV- 196890 totaling \$8,032.50

By: Jordan 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

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

By: Jordan 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the BIU inspection report

By: Jordan 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: Bohn 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: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Chief Turner was in attendance. He reported that there were 548 calls this month. He also wanted the public to be aware that there is a known scam in the area attempting to use Corpus Christi to get gift cards, it is under investigation. He has also sent a letter to Reilly associate requesting a meeting with PennDot. Chief Turner also wanted to announce that they also were donated 2 electric bikes from the DAs office and for citizens to be on the lookout for their bike patrol coming this spring.

13th ORDER-PUBLIC WORKS

Motion made to accept the resignation of Dustin Eyerman as of February 10, 2025

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the hiring of Nicholase Ozack of 1119 South Main Street Old Forge to DPW Full Time Laborer at \$20.00/hour to begin immediately.

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the hiring of Frank Bartalotta of 183 Market Street Pittston Township to DPW Full Time Laborer at \$20.00/hour to begin immediately.

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Costars Salt contract participation for August 2025-July 2026 season

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the DPW monthly reports January 2025 and February 2025

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

14th ORDER- PARKS & RECREATION

Motion made to approve the reappointment of Alexandra Russin for a 5-year term ending 12/2029

By: Valenti 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

15th ORDER- SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Motion made to approve the reappointment of Marta Jones for a 5-year term ending 12/2029

By: Valenti 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

16th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident of 539 Luzerne Avenue asking about ongoing sewer issues at her property. Has issues getting in contact with any Council members and she was frustrated that it has been difficult to talk to any of them. She has paid money to have the problem fixed and it will come back. She has talked with Reilly and with Savino and what they have told her has not happened. She said that it is tree roots in the sewer. She said the problem is worse now than before the project. She expressed frustration that she has a business, and this problem made her close during the busy Christmas season. President Quinn said that she talked with Reilly Associates and that the issue couldn't be determined. Resident detailed issue has been there since the project was done. President Quinn said that she will set up a meeting with the resident and Reilly to get the issue sorted out.

Resident of 534 Luzerne Ave has also had issues with a flooding basement and had to install a sump pump. There is a dip that causes flooding in the pavement. She also said that the curbing was not done properly. President Quinn offered to include them in the meeting with Reilly Associates.

Resident of Salem Street said that she heard a crash recently and saw that a plow truck had its plow down and took a chunk out of Jenkins Street. The truck was red with a yellow plow.

Resident asked about Foundry Street property that had burned and its status. President Quinn said that she thought that there was a dumpster there and that the property is being worked on.

Resident said that that dumpster might be at the fire property on Jenkins, not on Foundry.

President Quinn welcomed student guests from Wyoming Area AP history class and then had a short Q&A with students and councilmembers.

17th ORDER- ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Quinn announced that the Luzerne County Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Open House will be held on March 10, from 4-7pm at the Luzerne County Operations Building at 1199 Wyoming Avenue, Wyoming

18th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 7:13 by Valenti

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kendra-lee O'Brien". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "O" in the middle.

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