

Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council Meeting of March 6, 2024

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, PA.

2ND ORDER- ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Kendra-lee O'Brien. Council: Mike Bugelholl, Jim Butera, Jared Jordan, Ian Stevenson, Toni Valenti, President Ellen Quinn, and Mayor Angelo Alfano, as well as Attorney Bufalino. Absent: Bill Bohn

3RD ORDER- EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

An executive session was held on February 21, 2024, from 5:30PM to 7:00PM discussing WARP pensions issues and DPW personnel issues at the West Pittston Borough Building

4TH ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None was given.

5TH ORDER- APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve and accept the minutes from February 7, 2024, as prepared, and to place them on file in the Borough Office.

By: Valenti 2nd: Jordan Motion Carried

6TH ORDER- REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Motion to accept and approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted and place it on file in the Borough office.

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion to accept and approve the Mayor's Monthly Report, totaling \$1,280.82, as submitted and place it on file in the Borough office.

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion to accept and approve the Code Officer's Monthly Report, totaling \$1,878.00, as submitted and place it on file in the Borough office.

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

7TH ORDER- CORRESPONDENCE- Secretary O'Brien reported no correspondence.

8TH ORDER- SOLICITOR- Attorney Bufalino had no report this month

9th ORDER-REILLY ASSOCIATES- No report, no one in attendance

10th ORDER- MAYOR

Police Report given by Chief Turner. There were 351 calls in West Pittston in the month of February. The WARP will be doing a DUI/seatbelt patrol in the near future. April 5th is still the scheduled ribbon cutting for the new building at the State Police barracks. Chief Turner also addressed the multiple accidents at the Exeter/Wyoming intersection. The intersection falls under PennDot, not the Borough, and they are aware of the issue there.

Motion made to accept the monthly public safety report and keep it on file.

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

11th ORDER-ADMINISTRATION

Motion made to approve payroll for February 9, 2024, in the amount of \$14,692.73, and February 23, 2024, in the amount of \$12,070.14, totaling \$26,762.87

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund prepaid bills \$61,620.01

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund bills \$1,790.76

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Ordinance for Annual Assessment for Future Replacement and/or repair of sewer and disposal system

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the ordinance for time limit parking on Warren Street for Library purposes.

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to authorize the Luzerne County Bureau of Elections Polling Place Agreement.

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Wyoming Area School District 2024 Graduation parade request letter of support

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion to authorize final payment #8 for the West Pittston Borough Traffic Study Signal Project in the amount of \$32,559.20

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to acknowledge AFG WPB Non-uniformed Employees pension plan-retirement benefit payment for Anthony Scalzo

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to acknowledge DeMark Pension Plan-Disability Retirement

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

12TH ORDER-CODE ENFORCEMENT & ZONING (Barry Isett)

Motion to accept the monthly permit and case report for January 2024, submitted by Barry Isett, to be kept on file in the Borough Office.

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion to approve Barry Isset & Associates (January) Invoice # WV-185781 in the amount of \$6,800.00

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

13th ORDER- PUBLIC SAFETY- see Mayor's report

Motion made to approve handicap parking at 114 Philadelphia Avenue based on the recommendations of WARP and DPW

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

14th ORDER-PUBLIC WORKS

Motion to accept the February 2024 report submitted by Neil Williams.

By: Stevenson 2nd: Jordan Motion Carried by all

Motion to ratify DGS Statewide Contract for Sodium Chloride for the August 2024-July 2025 Season

By: Stevenson 2nd: Butera Motion Carried by All

Motion to approve the Base Mapping for ARPA H2O-PA and Luzerne County ARPA Sewer Project by Reilly Associates, not to exceed \$30,000

By: Stevenson 2nd: Butera Motion Carried by All

15th ORDER- PARKS & RECREATION-nothing to report

16th ORDER- SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Motion to accept the February 2024 monthly report and minutes as submitted by the Shade Tree Commission and keep it on file in the office.

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

17th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident commented on bridge concern. They asked Council to talk to engineers and PennDot to explain how important it is and how necessary.

Resident submitted a letter and is suggesting a light nuisance ordinance and taking light trespassing into consideration. They are asking Council, Zoning office and solicitor to review the request.

Resident cited concerns with a property on Salem Street that has had numerous issues. They believe that someone is living in a condemned property with no water or electricity, garbage is piling up and this is affecting property values and the people who live in the neighborhood.

19th ORDER- ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council received and opened bids for lawn service according to advertised proposal:

DeAngelo Landscaping LLC for \$15,540

Council received and opened bids for UCC services according to advertised proposal:

Regional Municipal Services

Barry Isset

Council acknowledges receipt of the above bids and will announce and advertise the meeting in which the bids will be awarded.

20th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM by Jordan, 2nd by Stevenson

Submitted,

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