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Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council Meeting of October 1, 2025

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1st ORDER- CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Vice President Butera 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, Jared Jordan, and Mayor Angelo Alfano. Ellen Quinn was absent. Attorney Bufalino was also in attendance.

3RD ORDER- EXECUTIVE SESSIONS-N/A

4TH ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Resident asked about the Landbank after noticing two items on the agenda that referred to it. He said that it had been a few years since he had heard anything about it and wanted to mention that he thought it was a good idea. Secretary O'Brien and Attorney Bufalino responded to the resident with information about the Landbank's website and properties. If anyone is interested in more of that information, please attend one of the Northeast Landbank meetings or check out their website.

5TH ORDER- APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from Minutes from September 3, 2025, as prepared, and to place them on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried

6TH ORDER- REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports; Mayor's Report totaling \$268.34; Code Office's report totaling \$7,077.32, as submitted and placed 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:
Letter from Stephen Marr and Candice Chilek of 104 Pacific Avenue concerning traffic issues on Pacific Avenue.

Halloweentown street closure request for Delaware Avenue from Wyoming to Fifth; Fourth Street from Montgomery to Philadelphia; Montgomery Avenue from Wyoming Ave to Fifth Ave; Luzerne Avenue from Wyoming Ave to Spring St on October 31, 2025 from 6-9pm.

Polling place coordination from Luzerne County Bureau of Elections for elections on November 4, 2025.

West Pittston Historical Society street closure request for Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 4-9pm: Clyde Street and Susquehanna Avenue from Elm Street to Clyde.

Letter from the office of Governor Shapiro concerning the PA state budget.

Information from PA American Water concerning programs for residents.

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 September 5, 2025, in the amount of \$15,836.46; and September 19, 2025, in the amount of \$12,368.17; totaling \$28,204.63

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$119,485.50; General Fund Bills totaling \$0.00

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the proposed meeting dates 2026 for review

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve 55 Parke Street Handicap Parking Application for Joann Griglock (DPW approved WARP approved)

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by all

Motion made to ratify Brozena Consulting Services, LLC Invoice 2024020-02 for FEMA Scoping project from June 16, 2025- August 31, 2025, \$4,375.00

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify Brozena Consulting Services, LLC Invoice 2024015-08 for ARPA Sewer Separation from June 1, 2025- August 31, 2025, \$6,387.50

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify Reilly Associates Invoice 24082.00/6 for ARPA Sewer Separation from May 11, 2025 to August 30, 2025 in the amount of \$42,610.80

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Participation in National Opioid Settlement with Secondary Manufacturers

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify the Borough's Participation in National Opioid Settlement with Purdue and Sackler family

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify the Borough's Participation in National Opioid Settlement with Sandoz

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to Authorization to Eva Brindisi Pearlman Esq of Brindisi, Murad & Brindisi Pearlman, LLC of Utica, NY to vote in favor of Purdue Bankruptcy plan

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn

**Roll Call Vote: Bohn Y Bugelholl Y Butera Y Jordan Y Stevenson Y
Valenti Y Quinn A Motion Carried**

Motion made to approve the Northeast Pennsylvania Landbank Authority invoice #2025-7 tax share in the amount of \$388.48

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Northeast Pennsylvania Landbank Authority 2025 member contribution \$1,500.00

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the AFG West Pittston Borough NUF Pension Plan Admin Fee 3rd Quarter 2025 \$342.84

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the AFG West Pittston Borough Police Pension Plan Admin Fee 3rd Quarter 2025 \$316.13

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Resolution #25-011 Street closure request for West Pittston Historical Society

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Resolution #25-012 street closure request for Halloweentown

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

There was clarification on which streets would be closed. Attorney Bufalino also added that there will be an additional street closure for a Trunk or Treat event on 10/25 from 4pm to 6pm; the street closure will be North Street to Wyoming Ave to Third Street. Council will have the opportunity to ratify it at the November meeting. Vice President Butera also got assurance from Chief Turner that there will be coverage for that night, especially since it will include a playoff football game.

Motion made to acknowledge the SR 11 Section 350 Utility Relocation Cost Sharing Request letter & resolution

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to acknowledge the NPDES permit for SR11 Section 350 project from CDR Maguire Engineering

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify the application for a Local Share Account Luzerne County grant for the West Pittston Borough Wide paving project \$664,280.00 from the Department of Community and Economic Development of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

By: Stevenson 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

11TH ORDER-CODE ENFORCEMENT & ZONING

Motion made to approve the Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #WV-203679 totaling \$5,482.50

By: Bugelholl 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

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

By: Bugelholl 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

BIU monthly report for August 2025

By: Bugelholl 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

12th ORDER- PUBLIC SAFETY

West Pittston Hose Company #1 monthly report for August 2025

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Wyoming Area Regional Police monthly report

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Chief Turner presented his report from Wyoming Area Regional Police. They are in the middle of switching over to a new system and there is a little delay in getting some reports. The Chief

expects no issues with Halloween. There may be a playoff game on the same night and they are coordinating too be able to cover, he may have to mandate the entire department to work that night. He said that with some of the streets closed, he is hoping that that will help with the traffic backing up into Pittston. Chief Turner said that our Halloween night puts the Borough on the map and is something good for the area. Councilmember Bohn said that the Department did an outstanding job last year.

Motion made to ratify the LSA application for \$219,319.17 air packs for WPHC

By: Stevenson

2nd: Bohn

Motion Carried by All

13th ORDER-PUBLIC WORKS

Motion made to accept the Department of Public Works monthly report to keep it on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bugelholl

2nd: Valenti

Motion Carried by All

14th ORDER- PARKS & RECREATION- nothing to report

15th ORDER- SHADE TREE COMMISSION- nothing to report

16th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- none given

17th ORDER- ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Department of Public Works has already been collecting leaves with the leaf vacuum and will continue until December 12th. Please take parking and leaves into consideration.

There is also information available from PA American Water for residents concerning assistance programs.

18th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 6:53pm by Stevenson

Submitted,



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