

Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council Meeting of October 2, 2024**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****1st ORDER- CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:31 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 Bugeholl, Jim Butera, Toni Valenti, President Ellen Quinn, and Mayor Angelo Alfano. Attorney Bufalino was also in attendance. Absent: Jared Jordan, Ian Stevenson

3RD ORDER- EXECUTIVE SESSIONS-none were held**4TH ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**- none was given**5TH ORDER- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from September 4, 2024, as prepared, and to place them on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Butera Motion Carried

Motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on September 18, 2024, 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 Report and place it on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion to accept the mayor's monthly report totaling \$737.27 and place it on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion to accept the Code Office's monthly report totaling \$2,389.00 and place it on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

7TH ORDER- CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary O'Brien reported the following correspondence:

Turkey Trot request for use of Erie Avenue

Wyoming Recreation invitation to Trunk or Treat event on October 26, 2024, 1-3pm

Letter of request from Monsignor Sempa of Corpus Christi parish to use Borough parking lot for overflow parking for Saturday mass, Sunday Mass, and holiday services

2024 Volunteer Fire Relief Association state aid allocation of \$23,790.29

2024 General Municipal Pension System State Aid allocation of \$41,584.38

8TH ORDER- SOLICITOR- Attorney Bufalino

Nothing to report.

9th ORDER-REILLY ASSOCIATES- Reilly Associates

Paving projects are ongoing. Baltimore Avenue/Founders Park lighting bid will be advertised soon.

10th ORDER- MAYOR- Mayor Angelo Alfano

Nothing to report.

11th ORDER-ADMINISTRATION

Motion made to approve payroll for September 6, 2024, in the amount of \$12,745.66 and September 20, 2024, in the amount of \$10,125.97, totaling \$22,871.63

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund prepaid bills \$63,664.84

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund bills in the amount \$0.00

By: Butera 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Kuharchik Invoice #415379 for Wyoming x Erie signals totaling \$358.00

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Resolution for street closure of Delaware Avenue and Fourth Street on October 31, 2024, from 6-9 PM

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Liquid Fuels Audit for 2023

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Workers Comp Insurance Renewal from Risk Strategies/Joyce Insurance Group

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve West Pittston Borough NUF Pension Plan Admin Fee 3rd Quarter 2024 totaling \$364.84 and West Pittston Police Pension Plan Admin Fee 3rd Quarter 2024 totaling \$316.13

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Health Insurance Renewal Geisinger Health Plan

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Resolution appropriating money from American Rescue Plan SLFRF funds for West Pittston Hose Company in the amount of \$60,000 with required documentation

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

12TH ORDER-CODE ENFORCEMENT & ZONING- Barry Isett

Motion made to approve the Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #WV-192195 for 8/1-21, 2024, totaling \$6,375.00

By: Valenti 2nd: Butera Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the West Pittston Borough Zoning/Floodplain Activity Report for 8/1/2024-8/31/2024

By: Valenti 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

13th ORDER- PUBLIC SAFETY

Wyoming Area Regional Police 2024 September report, presented by Chief Turner. 440 calls for August. Commission and officers have worked on and agreed on a bargaining agreement.

14th ORDER-PUBLIC WORKS

Motion made to accept the DPW Monthly report, as submitted by Neil Williams, and place on file in the Borough Office

By: Butera 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by all

Motion to ratify the Resolution for LSA Luzerne County grant in the amount of \$260,000 from the DCED for a Recycling packer truck purchase

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti [OBJ] Motion Carried by all

Motion to approve the Acting supervisor compensation for DPW Foreman Neil Williams in the amount of \$1,500

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion to appoint Neil Williams, of 157 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, to DPW Supervisor position at the rate of (change from agenda posted of \$47,885) \$54,000.00

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Roll Call vote: Mr. Bohn: No, Mr. Bugelholl: No, Mr. Butera: Yes, Mr. Jordan: absent, Mr. Stevenson: Absent, Mrs. Valenti: No, President Quinn: Yes. **Motion fails**

15th ORDER- PARKS & RECREATION- nothing to report

16th ORDER- SHADE TREE COMMISSION- nothing to report

Motion made to accept Minutes from September 10th, 2024, meeting

By: Bugelholl 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to table the Request from STC for DPW employees to pick up trees in November from Kingston. The request was pulled, STC no longer needs assistance.

By: Bugelholl 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

17th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- none was given

Resident stated that the Jenkins Street property that was in a fire earlier this year is a serious safety hazard. The roof is collapsing, there are mold issues causing a smell into close properties. President Quinn said that Council will follow up with Code Enforcement and the Fire Department.

Resident was looking for an update on any cat TNR programs. President Quinn said that there was information out for residents about some assistance programs.

Resident added that there are issues with stray cats in the Jenkins Street property as well. They also added that the overall quality of West Pittston has gone down, including indoor furniture outside, which is not allowed and used to be strictly enforced.

Resident noticed renters working on cars in their driveway and it seems to be a different car each day like they are running a business. Chief Turner said that he will follow up with Code Enforcement.

Resident asked about the Landlord/Tenant Agreement and where the Borough stood on executing that. Attorney Bufalino said there was a meeting set up at one point, but no residents were there, but he is willing to schedule a new meeting.

Resident asked about the paving project on Damon Street and who is overseeing the project. The quality of work was poor, there were issues with the brick sidewalk and the driveway apron. They had talked to Kurt from Reilly Associates who said that this was not in the original contract. Resident said that he would pay additional money and had cleaned up the edges of his property and wanted it milled to the edge but that it was not done. They said that the work was of poor quality.

Tom Reilly of Reilly Associates said that the project is not completed yet, so there may be parts that are not finished. He will meet with the resident to look over the issues that they raised.

President Quinn thanked residents for bringing concerns to meeting.

18th ORDER- ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community E-recycling event on Thursday October 24 from 3-6pm at the Luzerne County Soccer Fields in Forty Fort. The cost is \$35 per tag and can be purchased at the Borough office.

19th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM 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 loop at the end.

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