

1st ORDER - CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by President Quinn at the West Pittston Borough Building 555 Exeter Ave. West Pittston, PA.

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to appoint Mr. Jordan, in absence of the Borough Secretary, as the temporary secretary for this meeting.

2nd ORDER – ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken by Mr. Jordan. Council: Mr. Bohn, Mr. Butera, Mr. Hood, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Judge, Mr. Stevenson, President Quinn, Mayor Alfano

3rd ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held on August 24, 2022 at 8 p.m. to discuss legal issues and Public Works personnel.

4th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Public Participation was called for. None was given.

5th ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2022

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, accepted and approved the minutes as prepared and place them on file.

6th ORDER – REPORTS OF OFFICERS

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, accepted the reports as prepared and place them on file.

7th ORDER – CORRESPONDENCE

President Quinn reported the following correspondences have been placed on file in the borough office.

A. WWSA - monthly report

B. WWSA – Rain Barrel Workshop

C. Eric & Megan Rogers, Matthew & Amanda Carmody and Tom Obrzut, Jr. – request to close a portion of Delaware Avenue on Oct. 31, 6-9 p.m. President Quinn added that the residents that

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have made this request have been notified that they need to fill out a Public Right of Way application. President Quinn added that a request also came in from Dion Fernandez for a street closure for a portion of Delaware Avenue on October 29, 2022.

D. Mayor Alfano – WARP utilizing the WP Police Station until barracks on Wyoming Ave. are ready.

8th ORDER – SOLICITOR

Attorney Bufalino reported the Resolution to close Delaware St. from Wyoming Ave. to Fourth St. on Oct. 31, 2022 6-9 p.m. has been prepared.

9th ORDER – MAYOR

Mayor Alfano reported that the WARP will be taking over the police coverage beginning January 2, 2023. The new Police Chief for the WARP requests office space at the West Pittston Borough building until the barracks are ready.

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify payrolls of September 9, 2022 in the amount of \$24,946.51 and September 23, 2022 in the amount of \$20,165.01 totaling \$45,111.52.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$72,416.74.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve General Fund bills totaling \$8,330.65.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Sewer Maintenance Fund bills totaling \$1,220.00.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the Luzerne County ARPA Grant application for a storm water and sewer project.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the LSA Grant Resolution for the Municipal Building Renovations project.

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION (continued)

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the Multimodal Grant application for Curbs and Sidewalks.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Armory Sale Agreement.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the NEPA Land Bank Invoice #2022-6 in the amount of \$348.97 for the tax share pursuant to agreement.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Barry Isett Invoice #0170602 in the amount of \$63.75 for flood plain services.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the Joyce Insurance Workers Compensation proposal.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the AFG Invoice 3rd Quarter 2022 NUF Pension Plan in the amount of \$364.84 for administration fee.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the AFG Invoice 3rd Quarter 2022 NUF Police Pension Plan \$361.13 for admin fee.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the 2022 State Aid Allocation for Volunteer Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$23,603.56.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the 2022 State Aid Allocation for General Municipal Pension System State Aid in the amount of \$62,165.42.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to appoint as the Shade Tree Commission solicitor Kaylin J. Oliver, Esq.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to amend the 2022 West Pittston Annual Budget to reflect the Police

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION (continued)

Arbitration Agreement pertaining to back pay amounts of police officers. The following are the budget amendments. Chief of Police Michael Turner from \$58,905.60 to \$62,192.00, Civil Service Police Officer Joseph DeMark from \$46,280.00 to \$57,603.50 and Civil Service Police Officer Robert Shupp from \$41,704.00 to \$51,833.60, total back pay wages amount of \$37,581.20, Public Safety Payroll total from \$357,889.60 to \$420,210.30 and Budget Total from \$3,514,822.00 to \$3,580,018.70.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize the amendment of the Fireworks Ordinance to prohibit fireworks in West Pittston Borough except on the dates of July 4th, 5th and 6th.

11th ORDER – CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the code enforcement/zoning monthly report and put on file in the Borough office.

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to Barry Isett & Associates for Invoices #0170600 in the amount of \$3,931.25 for code enforcement/zoning services.

12th ORDER – PUBLIC SAFETY

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the Public Safety monthly report and put on file at the borough office.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to amend the Salary Resolution Amending Police Salaries and Wages with the following changes: Chief of Police Michael Turner from \$58,905.60 to \$62,192.00, Civil Service Police Officer Joseph DeMark from \$46,280.00 to \$57,603.50 and Civil Service Police Officer Robert Shupp from \$41,704.00 to \$51,833.60, total back pay wages amount of \$37,581.20, Public Safety Payroll total from \$357,889.60 to \$420,210.30 and Budget Total from \$3,514,822.00 to \$3,580,018.70.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the M. Mayo Striping Invoice #1794 in the amount of \$6,965.00 for the street line painting.

12th ORDER – PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Jordan, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the LSA Grant Resolution for Renovations to the WARP Building project.

13th ORDER – PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the Public Works monthly report and put on file at the borough office.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to reimbursement Tony Scalzo for covid tests purchased in the amount of \$50.86.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the resignation of DPW worker Michael Dziedzic.

14th ORDER – PARKS & RECREATION

Parks and Recreation was called for. None was given.

15th ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW

Lynn Burbank announced the next West Pittston Tomorrow meeting.

16th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Resident – complained about property at 310 Montgomery Avenue. This property has had code issues and violations and recently has sold to new owner yet there have been no improvements.

Resident – asked if there is a dispatcher for police calls and will there be a dispatcher in the new WARP department. Mayor responded that all calls go now and will continue to go thru 911.

Resident asked about monitoring camera's at WARP. Attorney Bufalino instructed the resident to attend the WARP meeting since these decisions will be discussed and decided there.

Resident – complained about the traffic at Exeter and Wyoming Avenue. Also said there are stop signs in town that people are not stopping at. Resident had suggestion for rerouting traffic.

President Quinn said Penn Dot is addressing the traffic around bridges.

16th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (continued)

Resident – asked about new Police Chief coming to a future meeting and WARP moving into the West Pittston building. President Quinn said we are inviting him and Mayor confirmed the WARP requesting to move into the WP building until barracks are ready.

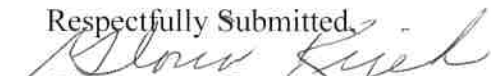
Resident – talked about a property that is in bad shape and it needs to be addressed. Can code enforcement go look at it? President Quinn said Code is aware of this property and he is on it.

Residents – Several residents complained about groups of kids on bikes and walking around town that have been causing trouble. President Quinn said we are fully aware of it and please call 911 when you see any trouble with these groups.

17th ORDER – ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Butera, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gloria Kijek, Borough Secretary