

Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council Meeting of September 3, 2025**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, 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, Ellen Quinn, and Mayor Angelo Alfano. Jared Jordan was absent. Attorney Bufalino was also in attendance.

3RD ORDER- EXECUTIVE SESSIONS-N/A**4TH ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY- N/A****5TH ORDER- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from Minutes from August 6, 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; Mayor's Report totaling \$573.22; Code Office's report totaling \$1,901.00, 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 of from WPHC for permission to use light fixtures from Armory for fire station

Letter concerning issues with parking at Morris Park from Bonnie Gruver

Letter concerning issues with parking on Atlantic Street from Sharon Granata

Little Eric's Foundation request to install gold bows along Wyoming Avenue and

Luzerne Avenue

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 August 8, 2025, in the amount of \$16,196.37; and August 22, 2025, in the amount of \$13,065.12; totaling \$29,261.49

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$219,384.88; General Fund Bills totaling \$0.00

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the Resignation of Attorney Tom Campenni from the Opioid Commission

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to repeal the motion to approve the Damon Street paving project in the amount of \$25,000, to be done by M&J Construction, funded in part by the LSA grant in the amount of \$10,000 and the remainder from the reserve fund of the Borough.

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by all

Motion made to accept the quote from Pennsy for Damon Street paving project (remedy gutters) in the amount of \$14,885.00

By: Butera 2nd: Bugelhol Motion Carried by All

Motion made to table the 55 Parke Street Handicap Parking Application for Joann Griglock (pending DPW; pending WARP)

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Draintech proposal for 600 Luzerne Avenue sewer scoping project at the rate of \$375 for the first hour and \$275 for any hour after that to be paid from the sewer account

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to adopt the Luzerne County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to request Reilly Associates to conduct a traffic study for parking sign at 202 Delaware Ave/Classic sportscards

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve NUF Pension Plan MMO 2026

By: Butera 2nd: Bugelhol Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Police Pension Plan MMO 2026

By: Butera 2nd: Bugelhol Motion Carried by All

11TH ORDER-CODE ENFORCEMENT & ZONING

Motion made to approve the Barry Isett & Associates Invoice # WV-202648 totaling \$7,458.75

By: Bugelholl 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

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

By: Bugelholl 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

BIU monthly report for July 2025

By: Bugelholl 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

12th ORDER- PUBLIC SAFETY

West Pittston Hose Company #1 monthly report

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: there were in total 674 calls in the region and 120 of those calls were in West Pittston. He is working on the handicap application that came through this month and will get that to the office as soon as possible. He also wanted to commend our DPW on their help with the Wyoming Valley Run this past weekend which was a success. Chief also wanted to add that he has noticed that there are residents parking near the business in question earlier, and they have a parking lot in which to park so he is in support of doing something for that business. Attorney Bufalino added that the police will weigh in on that topic as part of the traffic study that Council just approved. President Quinn added that Reilly Associates will be putting in speed tubes for Atlantic Avenue.

Motion made to approve the request from the West Pittston Hose Company for permission to use the light fixtures from Armory for the fire station.

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Chesla Electric installation for camera equipment in Morris Park in the amount of \$350.00

By: Stevenson 2nd: Valenti 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: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

14th ORDER- PARKS & RECREATION

Motion made to ratify the David R. Balent Construction Co concrete project for Founders Park on Baltimore Avenue in the amount of \$7,900.00

By: Butera 2nd:Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to ratify the Founders Park sign from Widmer Signs for the name of the park in the amount of \$6,545.00

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Founders Park sign from Widmer Signs for the names of the Founders of the West Pittston Little League in 1951 in the amount of \$4,175.00

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Roll Call voted Motion Carries

**Bugelholl: Y Bohn: N Valenti:Y Stevenson:Y Butera:Y Jordan:A
Quinn:Y**

A motion made to approve the park rules sign from Bassler Equipment for Founders Park on Baltimore Avenue in the amount of \$100.00

By: Butera 2nd: Bugelholl No Vote

Motion made to rescind the previous motion.

By: Stevenson 2nd: Butera Motion Carried by All

Motion to approve the park rules sign from Bassler Equipment for Founders Park on Baltimore Avenue in the amount of \$277.06

By: Butera 2nd: Bugelholl Motion Carried by All

15th ORDER- SHADE TREE COMMISSION- nothing to report**16th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Resident is requesting that the Borough do something to remove and bar the political signs from the greenspace coming off the Ft Jenkins Bridge, they are an eyesore, and they are up five months of the year. President Quinn said that is not part of the responsibility of the DPW but that they will review the matter at the next work session. Resident said that the sooner the better, if they remove them all now it will prevent more from the future. Attorney Bufalino suggested calling each campaign and asking them to remove them, most should be congenial to that request.

Resident supports the previous resident's statement. He said that if it is PennDot property that he believes that there is already a restriction on the signs being there at all.

Resident (Michelle Demich) said that she did not say that Draintech could not come on her property, but that her lawyer suggested to not sign the hold harmless agreement. Attorney Bufalino said that have her attorney call him directly.

Resident brought up the property on Jenkins Street (610-612), what can be done, there is garbage in her yard, debris and her driveway is no usable, her backyard isn't safe for her kids to use. She has complained but nothing has been addressed or changed. She needs help and has talked to everyone but no one is reacting or doing anything.

Resident asked about the traffic signal coming off the Ft Jenkins Bridge. President Quinn said that the date that they have been given is December at this point. Mayor Alfano suggested calling the PennDOT office for more information or to share concerns about that intersection.

Resident asked who trims the trees around power lines on Wyoming and Exeter Avenue. Mayor Alfano said that it is PPL's responsibility and he believes that he saw them working on it today. They usually hire someone to do the trimming. If there is an issue specifically, to call them with those concerns.

17th ORDER- ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Quinn announced that the Borough will be holding a Rental Ordinance and Vacant Property Ordinance open meeting set for Sept 23rd at 4pm.

Resident asked for more details on this meeting and what exactly will be discussed. President Quinn said that all the meetings have been

18th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 7:03pm by Stevenson

Submitted,



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