

Minutes of the West Pittston Borough Council Meeting of September 4, 2024**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****1st ORDER- CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:29 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, Ian Stevenson, Toni Valenti, President Ellen Quinn, and Mayor Angelo Alfano. Attorney Bufalino was also in attendance. Absent: Jared Jordan with an excused absence

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 August 7, 2024, as prepared, and to place them on file in the Borough Office.

By: Bohn 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried

Motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on August 30, 2024, 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 Report and place it on file in the Borough Office.

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion to accept the mayor's monthly report totaling \$1,580.04 and place it on file in the Borough Office.

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion to accept the Code Office's monthly report totaling \$977.00 and place it on file in the Borough Office.

By: Valenti 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

7TH ORDER- CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary O'Brien reported the following correspondence:

Email from Richard Burk concerning sanitary issues with a dumpster at 813 Luzerne avenue

Letter from Eric Speicher, Vice President of Little Eric's Foundation requesting permission to place gold bows on Luzerne and Wyoming Avenue and banners on light poles

Resolution request from United Neighborhood Community Development Corporation on behalf of Old School on Luzerne Associates, LP to apply to the DCED for a LSA county fund for exterior masonry repairs

Street Closure request for Delaware Avenue from Wyoming Avenue to Fifth Street and Fourth Street from Montgomery to Philadelphia from 6-9PM on Thursday, October 31, 2024 (insurance submitted)

8TH ORDER- SOLICITOR- Attorney Bufalino

Nothing to report.

9th ORDER-REILLY ASSOCIATES- Reilly Associates

No one was in attendance. Reilly representative attended the last work session and gave a detailed report and updates on current projects, including the ongoing paving project on Damon, Salem, and the borough parking lot.

10th ORDER- MAYOR- Mayor Angelo Alfano

Nothing to report.

11th ORDER-ADMINISTRATION

Motion made to approve payroll for August 9, 2024, in the amount of \$12,774.37, and for August 23, 2024, in the amount of \$9,766.28, totaling \$22,540.65

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the General Fund prepaid bills in the amount \$33,483.58

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

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

By: Butera 2nd: Bohn Motion Carried by All

Motion made to accept the estimate from Gashi and Sons Tree Services for tree maintenance and removal totaling \$9,025.00

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Brozena consulting Services PA H2O Invoice #2024016-02 in the amount of \$918.75 and ARPA Invoice #2024015-02 in the amount of \$2,318.75

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve the Agreement between West Pittston and Reilly Associates for Combined Sewer Separation Project Engineering funded by Luzerne County ARPA and PA-ARPA H20 funds

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

Motion made to approve Change Order #2 from M&J Excavation Inc for Damon St, Salem St, West Pittston Borough Parking Lot Project Option 2: install, fill, and connect tank, removal old tank, sidewalk replacement, seed/or concrete above- \$18,588.30, bringing the project total to \$203,006.80

By: Butera 2nd: Stevenson Motion Carried by All

12TH ORDER-CODE ENFORCEMENT & ZONING- Barry Isett

Motion to accept the Barry Isett Permit and Case Report August 1-30, 2024

By: Bugelholl 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion to approve Barry Isett Invoice #WV-191231 for July 2024, totaling \$6,268.75

By: Bugelholl 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

13th ORDER- PUBLIC SAFETY

Wyoming Area Regional Police 2024 August report, presented by Officer Cianfichi

By: Stevenson 2nd: Butera Motion Carried by All

Councilmember Bugelholl mentioned that there are a lot of ATVs, quads, dirt bikes etc through town and if the department was able to address that. Officer Cianfichi said it is difficult because they go to places the patrol cars cannot follow.

West Pittston Fire Department 2024 July report

By: Stevenson 2nd: Butera Motion Carried by All

14th ORDER-PUBLIC WORKS

Motion made to approve the Handicap Parking Application as submitted by 523 Delaware Avenue, approved by WARP and WDPDW

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by all

Motion to accept the Monthly Report August 2024 and Ongoing projects as submitted by Neil Williams.

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by all

Motion to accept the WVSA 2024 Stormwater Report for 2nd Quarter

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

Motion to approve the Bradco Supply Company order No 254613 totaling \$4,349.53 for maintenance and repairs to the leaf vac

By: Butera 2nd: Valenti Motion Carried by All

15th ORDER- PARKS & RECREATION- nothing to report

16th ORDER- SHADE TREE COMMISSION- nothing to report

17th ORDER- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- none was given**18th ORDER- ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2024 e-Recycling Event to be held on Thursday, October 24th 3-6pm at Luzerne County Fields 1571 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort. More information to follow

DPW will begin leaf vacuuming on September 30, 2024

On September 8, from 12-3 PM, West Pittston Parks & Recreation will be hosting a Picnic in the Park for residents of the Hitchner, the Old School on Luzerne, and the Garden Village apartments. President Quinn said that this event is sponsored by Parks & Recreation and West Pittston Borough Council with donations from Big Top Rental, Blue Ribbon Dairy, Ian Stevenson, Ellen Quinn, Howell-Lussi and Dion Fernandez, and Trinity Episcopal Church. If anyone is interested in donating to this or future events, please contact the Parks & Recreation Board or West Pittston Borough offices.

19th ORDER- ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM by Bohn

Submitted,



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