

**1<sup>st</sup> ORDER – CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order by President Quinn.

**2<sup>nd</sup> ORDER – ROLL CALL :** Mayor Blaskiewicz, Mr. Judge, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Hosier, Mr. Alfano, Atty. Bufalino, President Quinn.

**3<sup>rd</sup> ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Quinn announced that Executive Sessions were held on March 5, 2019, March 14, 2019 and March 19, 2019 to discuss personnel issues.

**4<sup>th</sup> ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Bob Shy, 614 Montgomery Ave. – Inquired about agenda item 11C, the Green Light Go program. President Quinn explained the project will be for the installation of traffic lights on Wyoming Ave. and Montgomery Ave. and at Wyoming Ave. and Luzerne Ave. for the safety of children crossing and it has nothing to do with the traffic flow over the bridge.

**5<sup>th</sup> ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2019**

On motion of Mr. Alfano, seconded by Mr. Hosier and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, accepted and approved the minutes as prepared.

**6<sup>th</sup> ORDER – REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

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

**7<sup>th</sup> ORDER – CORRESPONDENCE**

Secretary Ms. Kijek read the following correspondences:

- A. WVSA monthly report.
- B. West Pittston Tomorrow Re: Planting Cherry Blossom Trees
- C. Resignation of Cassandra Bell from the Shade Tree Commission.

On motion of Mr. Alfano, seconded by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, correspondence was accepted as read and placed on file.

**8<sup>th</sup> ORDER – SOLICITOR**

The following items are ready tonight for Councils consideration.

- A. The Amended and Updated Flood Plain Ordinance.
- B. Ordinance to adopt the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Wilkes Barre Area Career and Technical Center for them to receive the boroughs police vehicles for its automotive repair curriculum.
- C. Resolution to temporarily close Wyoming Ave. on May 27, 2019 for the Memorial Day Parade.
- D. Resolution to apply for the DCNR Grant for the Bainbridge Campbell Park Rehabilitation.

**9<sup>th</sup> ORDER – MAYOR**

Mayor Blaskiewicz reported Wilkes- Barre Area Career and Technical Center had Coccia Ford put a fair market value on the police vehicles that West Pittston Borough donated to them and the school also absorbed the cost of the towing of these vehicles to the school.

**10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION**

On motion of Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, ratified payrolls of March 1, 2019 in the amount of \$ 24,416.39 and March 15, 2019 in the amount of \$ 24,277 27 and March 29, 2019 in the amount of \$22,024.57 totaling \$ 70,718 23.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, approved the General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$ 82,039.42.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, approved General Fund bills totaling \$ 10,189.13.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify receipted invoices from AFG Pension for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 Administrative Service Fee for the nonuniform and police pension plans.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to adopt the amended and updated Floodplain Ordinance as prepared.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to award Borton and Lawson from Wilkes-Barre, PA., the feasibility study project for a Non-Federal Flood Damage Reduction Project as part of the Luzerne County CDBG-DR program in the amount of \$189,880.00.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify Amendment #4 of the agreement between Luzerne County and West Pittston Borough, increasing CDBG-DR planning funds by \$25,000 to complete the feasibility study for a Non-Federal Flood Damage Reduction Project.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Ashburn Advisors LLC invoice as prepared for administrative services in the amount of \$7,500.00 for the CFA Multimodal Grant.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize to advertise for the West Pittston CDBG-DR contract #1 (Spring 2019) Environmental Abatement Project for flood buyout properties.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize to advertise for the West Pittston CDBG-DR contract #2 (Spring 2019) Structure Demolition Project for flood buyout properties.

#### **11<sup>th</sup> ORDER – PUBLIC SAFETY**

On motion of Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to adopt the intergovernmental Cooperation Ordinance which will allow Wilkes-Barre Career and Technical Center to receive the boroughs police vehicles for its automotive repair curriculum.

Attorney Bufalino asked for the correction of the word "Corporation" to "Cooperation" before the second by Mr. Bohn.

On motion of Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise and prepare an ordinance prohibiting parking on a portion of Elm Street from the intersection of Exeter Avenue in accordance with the traffic study.

On motion of Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize the advertising for the selection of an Engineering Consultant for the Green-Light-Go Program Grant from Penn Dot.

On motion of Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the transfer of title and ownership of the borough police vehicles to the Wilkes-Barre Career and Technical Center.

#### **12<sup>th</sup> ORDER – PUBLIC WORKS**

##### **A. Monthly Report**

On motion of Mr. Alfano, seconded by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Rutkoski Fencing, Inc. invoice for the DPW fence from the LSA grant in the amount of \$15,230.00 as recommended by the borough engineer.

On motion of Mr. Alfano, seconded by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Change Order #3, Contract 3.1 of the State CDBG-DR Street Improvements Project for Stell Enterprise as recommended by the Borough Engineer to add paving at Susquehanna Avenue between Exeter Avenue and Luzerne Avenue.

On motion of Mr. Alfano, seconded by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Stell Enterprises, Inc. contractor pay application #3 as prepared in the amount of \$59,670.88 as recommended by the Borough Engineer for the State CDBG-DR Improvements Contract 3.1.

On motion of Mr. Alfano, seconded by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve American Asphalt Paving Co. change order #1 for the State CDBG-DR Improvements Contract #3 as recommended by the Borough Engineer to incorporate Penn Dot issued HOP and driveway permits minor revisions.

On motion of Mr. Alfano, seconded by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize the advertising for the selection of an Engineering Consultant for the Luzerne County OCD Grant Improvements for Luzerne Avenue.

**13<sup>th</sup> ORDER – PARKS & REC**

On motion of Mr. Bohn, seconded by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to table agenda item 13A, the Amish Country Gazebo Costar Proposal for the Founder's Park on Baltimore Avenue.

On motion of Mr. Bohn, seconded by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to adopt a resolution as prepared for the DCNR-DCED Small Communities Grant for the Bainbridge Campbell Montgomery Ave. Park.

**14<sup>th</sup> ORDER - OLD BUSINESS**

Old Business was called for. None was given.

### **15<sup>th</sup> ORDER – NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Alfano reported that WVSA is currently street sweeping the town but they did not provide the borough with a schedule of which streets they are doing next so asking residents to please cooperate with them. He also reminded residents that yard waste pick up will start April 8. Mayor Blaskiewicz reported that the WVSA will also be coming back to do street sweeping before the start of the Cherry Blossom Festival. Mr. Bonita commented that the WVSA street sweeping is strictly to comply with the MS4 requirements and has nothing to do with the street department.

President Quinn asked if we have heard from the Cherry Blossom Festival Committee in regards to closing of streets for the parade. Mr. Bonita talked to Parade Marshall a week ago and he was supposed to drop off a letter and proof of insurance and we haven't received it yet.

Mayor Blaskiewicz inquired about the training for Patrolman Joseph DeMark. Mr. Bonita responded that the paperwork is in Mr. Butera's mailbox for the committee's consideration. Council agreed DeMark can get registered for class before deadline and then it can be ratified at May's Council meeting.

Mr. Judge reported that PennDot expects the Route 92 Bridge work to be completed by end of July.

### **16<sup>th</sup> ORDER – WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW**

West Pittston Tomorrow business was called for. None was given at this time.

### **17<sup>th</sup> ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Carol Charney, Walnut St. - Asked if something is going to be done with the Walnut Street storm water situation? Tom Reilly, Borough Engineer responded he has looked at it with the DPW and the contractor and it is being addressed. The options will be discussed with Council.

Frank Colella, 312 Ford St. - thanked Council for getting rid of the old police vehicles and commented that the PAWC did work on his street after it was paved and chopped it all up and left it that way. Mr. Reilly said the utility companies are supposed to coordinate with the boroughs paving when they are doing work on a road and then the utility company is supposed to make repairs when complete.

Marc and Candence Chilek, Pacific Ave. – addressed Council on the following: thanked Council for paving Pacific Ave., but expressed concerns about parking on this street. Cars park on both sides and block or park very near to driveways which obstructs the view for the vehicles pulling out and turning into their driveways. They are also concerned about emergency vehicles getting through on this street. Attorney Bufalino said that Chief Turner shared photos of the situation with Council and it is being addressed.

Complained about hockey balls coming from the school across the street onto their property some have hit their windows Council said they would need to contact Wyoming Area School District to report that. PAWC shut off their water temporarily without notifying them Council said they would have to contact PAWC to complain about that. PAWC also did some work on Fourth St. and they haven't been back to make repairs to the road. Mr. Reilly said the borough needs to start enforcing the Pave Cut Ordinance so utility companies repair the roads after working on them. Packer St. is one detour route due to the RT. 92 bridge repair and it has a lot of potholes and is in need of repair. Council said that Packer St. is an Exeter Borough road so they would need to speak with Exeter Borough. And lastly, inquired about what the borough ordinance states for the start time for construction work in West Pittston. Council said they can begin work at 7a.m.

Lynn Burbank, West Pittston Tomorrow - reported the Community Garden will be starting up again and the prices will be lower this year. There also will be a pizza fundraiser at Sabatini's on April 25 at 6p.m. the cost is \$20 and proceeds will go to West Pittston Tomorrow projects.

Tom Reilly, Borough Engineer – reported on the following: 1) explained streetscape project on Wyoming Ave. and Exeter Ave. and how it will improve storm water runoff, lighting and crosswalks. There will be pedestrian crossing signals installed which will increase pedestrian safety. This is important since West Pittston is such a walkable town, 2) discussed the completing of the Baltimore Ave. Park project which will be constructing a gazebo with lighting and a small play area.

Bob Shy, 614 Montgomery Ave. – commented that the above streetscape project will reduce lanes at bridge with less chance to merge and this will affect traffic flow.

Mr. Reilly said the project has nothing to do with functions of traffic but to improve the safety of pedestrians because it is a very dangerous situation.

**18<sup>th</sup> ORDER - ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Alfano, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Blora Kijek  
Borough Secretary*