

1st ORDER - CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by President Quinn.

2nd ORDER – ROLL CALL

Council : Mayor Blaskiewicz, Mr. Judge, Mr. Bohn, Mr. Hosier, Mr. Butera, Mr. Alfano, Atty. Bufalino, President Quinn

Members absent: Mr. Hood

3rd ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Quinn announced that an Executive Sessions was held on May 22, 2019 to discuss personnel.

4th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

President Quinn called for Public Participation and there was none was given at this time.

5th ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2019 MEETING

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

7th ORDER – CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Ms. Kijek reported the following correspondences have been placed on file in the borough office.

A. WWSA monthly report.

B. Business parking sign request from Ballyhoo, 128 Luzerne Ave.

C. Request for a no parking sign on Elm Street from Don's Machine Shop, 777 Ash Street.

D. Pittston Memorial Library Re: Request to close road for the annual Tom and Diane Tighe 5K Run/Walk for Literacy on Sept. 7, 2019 beginning at 9a.m.

7th ORDER – CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

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

8th ORDER – SOLICITOR

Atty. Bufalino reported the resolution to temporarily close a portion of Susquehanna Avenue between the Fort Jenkins Bridge and the Water Street Bridge for the Tom and Diane Tighe Memorial 5-K Run/Walk for Literacy also the ratification of the resolution requesting a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant for the Campbell/ Bainbridge Park is ready for Council's consideration to vote on tonight.

9th ORDER – MAYOR

Mayor Blaskiewicz had nothing to report at this time

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify payrolls of May 10, 2019 in the amount of \$ 24,983.10 and May 24, 2019 in the amount of \$ 24,366.18 totaling \$ 49,349.28

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, approved General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$ 39,117.64.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, approved General Fund bills totaling \$ 61,067.62.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, approved People's Security Loan Fund bills totaling \$278,021.89.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, approved Parks & Recreation prepaid bills totaling \$ 1,802.02.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept and award the Commercial Insurance Package as prepared and submitted by Joyce Insurance Group from 6/8/2019 to 6/8/2020 in the amount of \$52,955.00.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the Certification Request for Payment to Luzerne County Community Development Disaster Recovery Buyout Program for Brozena Consulting Services, LLC for Invoice #12 in the amount of \$ 3,800.00.

11th ORDER – PUBLIC SAFETY

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to adopt a resolution as prepared to temporarily close a portion of Susquehanna Avenue between Fort Jenkins Bridge and the Water Street Bridge on September 7, 2019 for the Tom and Diane Tigie Memorial 5K Run/Walk for Literacy.

12th ORDER – PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the public works monthly report.

On motion of Mr. Bohn, seconded by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford F-550 municipal work truck in the amount of \$46,515.56 from Barber Ford, Inc. through Costars Contract #025-265 and #025-090, and finance it for 48 months at \$1,182 a month payable through Liquid Fuels.

13th ORDER – PARKS & REC

On motion of Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify a resolution requesting Greenways, Trails and Recreation program grant of \$50,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Campbell Bainbridge Park Rehabilitation Project

14th ORDER – OLD BUSINESS

President Quinn called for Old Business and there was none given at this time.

15th ORDER - NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Butera, seconded by Mr. Hosier, and upon roll call vote of all members present, to authorize a traffic study for a parking sign request from Ballyhoo Ice Cream Parlor, 128 Luzerne Ave. Roll call: Mr. Judge - yes, Mr. Bohn - yes, Mr. Hosier - yes, Mr. Butera - yes, Mr. Alfano - no, President Quinn - yes. 5 yes, 1 no. Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Butera, seconded by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to hire Drew Melbeze as a 32 hour a week West Pittston Police Officer effected immediately.

On motion of Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to appoint Debra Switzer, 104 North Street to the Shade Tree Commission, replacing the term of Mr. Bell.

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15th ORDER - NEW BUSINESS (continued)

On motion of Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the resolution to temporarily close a portion of Montgomery Avenue for the first 27 yards of Wyoming Avenue Eastward along the property line of West Side Auto, on June 9, 2019 from noon to 3p.m. for the Vettes for Vets American Legion fundraiser.

Mr. Bohn shared a point of interest and announced the Fireman's Relief Association purchased a E1 mini pumper and will be financing it with their Firemen's Relief funds.

16th ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW

President Quinn called for West Pittston Tomorrow and there was none given at this time.

17th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ted and Pat Walters, 713 Luzerne Ave. - expressed concern about fireworks being discharged in the borough on Memorial Day and 4th of July even though there is a Fireworks Ordinance stating no public displays of fireworks. They did call 911 last year twice to report it and no one ever responded


Joe Scaratino, 339 North Street. - thanked the West Pittston Hose Company for the good job they did at fire on Delaware Avenue.

Frank Colella, 312 Ford Street - comment that the borough building looks nice but asked if Council considered getting a cleaning service for the inside of borough building.

18th ORDER – ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Hosier, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,


Gloria Kijek, Borough Secretary