

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

The Meeting was called to order by President Quinn.

**2<sup>nd</sup> ORDER – ROLL CALL**

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

Members absent: Mr. Hood

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

President Quinn announced that Executive Sessions were held on April 5, 2019 and April 23, 2019 to discuss personnel and a special meeting was held April 26, 2019 to hire two temporary fulltime employees for the Public Works Department.

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

Public participation was called for. None was received.

**5<sup>th</sup> ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2019 AND APRIL 26, 2019 MEETINGS**

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

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

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

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

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

A. WVSA monthly report

B. Resignation of Anthony DeMark from his position as a part-time 32 hour police officer.

C. Pittston Memorial Library Re: Request to close road for 5K Run/Walk for Literacy on Sept. 7, 2019 beginning at 9a.m.

**7<sup>th</sup> ORDER – CORRESPONDENCE (continued)**

D. FEMA letter Re: National Flood Insurance Program good standing assessment

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

**8<sup>th</sup> ORDER – SOLICITOR**

Atty. Bufalino reported the ordinance amending Chapter 164-44 and 164-51 of the West Pittston Code pertaining to restricted parking on the North side of Elm St. from the curb line of Exeter Ave. for a distance of 108 feet east, has been advertised and is ready for Councils consideration to vote on tonight.

**9<sup>th</sup> ORDER – MAYOR**

Mayor Blaskiewicz reported that he meet with Aaron Kaufer and the Boat & Fish Commission. They discussed the use of building and the boat launch. He told them to reach out to Jim Brozena in regards to the boat launch. Also there will be a meet and greet with Boat & Fish Commission and Council. Mr. Kaufer also said he would give me an assessment of this meeting we had with the Boat & Fish Commission and I will pass on to Council.

**10<sup>th</sup> ORDER – ADMINISTRATION**

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify payrolls of April 12, 2019 in the amount of \$ 24,031.53 and April 26, 2019 in the amount of \$ 21,206.50 totaling \$ 42,238.03

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, approved General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$ 55,766.12

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, approved General Fund bills totaling \$ 14,166.86

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, approved Sewer Maintenance Fund bills totaling \$ 11,066.92

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the interfund transfer on April 18, 2019 from Sewer Account #9861026228 to Sewer Account #9012002792 in the amount of \$200,000.00

**10<sup>th</sup> ORDER – ADMINISTRATION (continued)**

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to RESCIND the motion to ratify payrolls of April 12, 2019 in the amount of \$ 24,031.53 and April 26, 2019 in the amount of \$ 21,206.50 totaling \$ 42,238.03

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Alfano, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to REMOTION ratified payrolls of April 12, 2019 in the amount of \$ 24,031.53 and April 26, 2019 in the amount of \$ 21,206.50 changing the total to \$ 45,238.03

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

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 164-44 and 164-51 of the West Pittston Code to restrict parking on the North side of Elm St. from the curb line of Exeter Ave. for a distance of 108 feet east.

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

Mr. Alfano reported that the Public Works monthly report is in the borough office and available for inspection.

On motion of Mr. Alfano, seconded by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Stell Enterprise, Inc. invoice #18-110089 job#2018-232 in the amount of \$20,048.00 as recommended by the Borough Engineer for the installation and tie-in of three new storm drainage inlets on Franklin St.

On motion of Mr. Alfano, seconded by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the sixth and final pay application # 6 from RLE Enterprise in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Erie Avenue and Fourth Street Sewer and Storm Improvements Project as recommended by the Borough Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Alfano, seconded by Mr. Bohn, , and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve revised scope of work on LSA Grant Public Works Building Renovations in the amount of \$50,000 and submit to CFA.

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

President Quinn reported Anthracite Run/Walk will be June 1, 2019. Sign in is at 8 a.m. and applications are available online or at the borough office.

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

Mr. Hosier reported that the river monitoring system that West Pittston got a grant for a few months ago is starting to be installed today on the Jenkins Bridge. This will monitor the river level thru the EMA with a visual on the upstream side on computer and an electronical report on the downstream side. Duryea will be sharing the cost of running the monitoring system with West Pittston. Mayor Blaskiewicz suggested having WBRE do a news story on the river monitoring system.

Mr. Judge suggested putting the DEP MS4 guidelines for discharging swimming pools on the West Pittston Code Red system. Chief Turner responded yes he could do that.

**15<sup>th</sup> ORDER - NEW BUSINESS**

On motion of Mr. Judge, seconded by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to award the purchase of the Gazebo for the Baltimore Ave. Park project to George Ely Associates from Carlisle, PA. in the amount of \$37,829.00, contingent on Costars confirmation and Commonwealth Financial Authority's approval.

President Quinn reported that Panzetti Construction will be donating the concrete pad for the Gazebo.

On motion of Mr. Butera, seconded by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment application #1 to New Enterprise Stone & Lime, Inc. in the amount of \$257,973.89, as recommended by the Borough Engineer, for reference contract 10021.22 for the 2018 Street Improvements Project.

On motion of Mr. Butera, seconded by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment application #1 to American Asphalt Paving Co. in the amount of \$132,347.13, as recommended by the Borough Engineer, for reference contract 100021.21-3 for the Wyoming Avenue Improvements Project.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the following proposals for qualifications for professional services and have them reviewed by members of Council, for the Sewer and Roadway Improvements Project on Luzerne Ave., Quad 3 37 N. Washington Ave. Wilkes Barre PA, Labella 1000 Dunham Drive Dunmore PA and Reilly Associates 49 S. Main St. Pittston PA.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the following proposals for qualifications for professional services and have them reviewed by members of Council for the West Pittston Signal Replacement Project, Borton Lawson, 613 Baltimore Drive, Wilkes Barre PA. and Benesch, 1 S. Church Street, Hazelton PA.

**15<sup>th</sup> ORDER - NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

Mr. Alfano read into the record a letter from Michael LaNunziata owner of Crest Quality Cleaners, Inc. 602 Luzerne Ave. requesting one parking sign at 602 Luzerne Avenue for the hours Monday thru Friday 8am to 5:30pm and Saturday 8am to 4pm.

Attorney Bufalino commented Mr. LaNunziata should let Council know exactly what he is looking for such as hours of operation and the exact location of the sign from where to where. Mr. Bonita said he spoke to Mr. LaNunziata and he was basically looking for a drop off and pick up during business hours sign.

On motion of Mr. Alfano, seconded by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize a traffic study for a parking sign requested from Crest Cleaner, 602 Luzerne Ave.

**16<sup>th</sup> ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW**

Lynn Burbank, 212 Wyoming Avenue thanked everyone for attending the Sabatini Pizza Party Fundraiser and reported that there are ten open garden plots still available at the Community Garden and the next West Pittston Tomorrow meeting will be Monday May 13.

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

Carol Charney, Walnut Street – Asked for an update on what is being done with Walnut Street water run-off. Tom Reilly responded that it was looked at and investigated several times and he looked at the pipes and there is nothing wrong with the pipes but he will look at it again. Mr. Reilly also commented that there may be places that water is seeping into the ground on your property. Ms. Charney said there was never a problem with water there until they did work on the road.

Dominick Mirra, 423 Liberty Street – He lives 7 ½ feet next door to a condemned property where the chimney and some trees are falling down it is a hazard to his property. Mr. Bonita commented that the North East Land Bank acquired this property. Mr. Reilly reported this property is scheduled for demolition this summer. Someone from the Land Bank will go to property to address any dangerous issues that may have to be taken care of immediately.

Amy Bezek, 202 Green St. Edwardsville– Ms. Bezek introduced herself as a Board Member of the Street Art Society. Her organization has obtained a \$50,000 grant to beautify the West Side including West Pittston. They will be starting in Edwardsville with beautification projects and next year they are applying for a 1,000,000.00 grant to continue the beautification in all towns on west side from West Pittston to Plymouth to Dallas.

**17<sup>th</sup> ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (continued)**

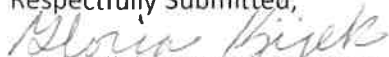
Art Hill, 612 Luzerne Ave. – He spoke in defensive of the parking restrictions needed on Luzerne Ave. near Crest Cleaners. He suggested including the other business Revelations because there are handicap customers in and out of Revelations. Attorney Bufalino responded the traffic study will look at all of this. Mr. Hill also reported that the storm drain at Susquehanna Ave. and Park Ave. needs to be cleaned out, it fills up and overflows during a heavy rain he has reported it to the WVSA.

Mr. Green, 224 North St. – Asked about the invoice for work to be done on Franklin St. because that street was just paved. Mr. Savino responded that the invoice was for inlets that have already been installed.

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

On motion of Mr. Hosier, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gloria Kijek, Borough Secretary