

1st ORDER - CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by President Quinn via telecommunication due to the Covid 19 Stay at Home Order by PA. Governor Wolfe and meeting had accessibility made available to the public.

2nd ORDER – ROLL CALL

Mayor Blaskiewicz, Mr. Judge, Mr. Bohn, President Quinn, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Hosier, Mr. Butera, Attorney Bufalino, Absent: Mr. Hood

3rd ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION President Quinn announced that an Executive Session was held on March 28 and April 18, 2020 to discuss personnel.

4th ORDER - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Public participation was called for. None was received.

5th ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2020 COUNCIL MEETINGS.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, 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, to accept the reports of officers as prepared and place them on file.

7th ORDER – CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondences were read by Secretary Kijek and have been filed in the borough office.

A. WVSA monthly report

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

8th ORDER – SOLICITOR

Attorney Bufalino reported on the following:

A. Declaration of Emergency Extension Resolution.

9th ORDER – MAYOR

Mayor Blaskiewicz reported on the Bells of PA. participation on May 3 at 7:00 p.m.

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify payroll of March 13, 2020 in the amount of \$25,710.19 and March 27, 2020 in the amount of \$24,001.21 totaling \$49,711.40.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$636,138.85.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve General Fund bills totaling \$2,180.23.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to reject the Fleet Vehicle Maintenance Bids relative to the RFP's for noncompliance specifications.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by roll call of all members present, to award the Lawn Maintenance Service Bid to the lowest bidder which is DeAngelo Landscaping. Roll Call: Mr. Judge yes, Mr. Bohn yes, President Quinn yes, Mr. Stevenson no, Mr. Hosier yes, Mr. Butera yes. 5 yes 1no Motion carried.

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION (continued)

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify an Interfund Transfer on April 6, 2020 from Sewer Account 9861026228 to Account 9019436876 in the amount \$ 30,000.00.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify an Interfund Transfer on April 6, 2020 from Sewer Account 9861026228 to Account 9012002792 in the amount \$150,000.00.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the Certification Request for Payment to the Luzerne County OCD Disaster Recovery Buyout Program in the amount of \$10,882.10 to Brozena Consulting Services, LLC for Invoice #14.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify receipted invoices for AFG Pension Administration for the 1st Quarter 2020 Administration Services Fees for the Nonuniform and Police Pension Plans in the amount of \$467.84 and \$501.13.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to Hadley Construction, Inc. for repairs on the West Pittston Hose Co. #1 building in the amount of \$11,000.00 as recommended by the Borough Engineer.

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 accept the public works monthly report and place on file in borough office.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize payment to Borton Lawson invoice #2019-4354-000 for Borough Traffic Signal Replacement Project Grant in the amount of \$3,978.46.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize payment to Borton Lawson invoice #2019-4354-000 for Borough Traffic Signal Replacement Project Grant in the amount of \$1,091.00.

12th ORDER – PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Butera, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the public works monthly report and place on file in borough office.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to award, by recommendation of Reilly Associates, the CDBG Special Project Luzerne Avenue Sewer and Roadway Improvements in the amount of \$650,056.00 to the lowest bidder, Eastern Branch Demolition LLC, Washington DC.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to Reilly Associates for Project No. 1002127 CDBG Special Luzerne Avenue Sewer and Street Improvements in the amount of \$63,500.00.

13th ORDER – PARKS & REC

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Bohn and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to George Ely Associates for invoice #E-38686 Baltimore Avenue Park Improvements Phase II Play Structure #350-1814 in the amount of \$10,374.00, as recommended by the Borough Engineer.

14th ORDER – OLD BUSINESS

Old Business was called for. None was given.

15th ORDER - NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hosier and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the proof of publication of the April 23, 2020 council meeting by telecommunication.

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hosier and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to re-advertise the Fleet Vehicle Maintenance RFP's.

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Bohn and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to adopt the Covid-19 personnel policy.

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hosier and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize Anthony Scalzo to proceed with the next steps of the Procurement Phase of the Act 902 grant award.

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hosier and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize the removal of two trees and pruning of others in Bainbridge Park.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Bohn and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the 90 day extension of the Declaration of Emergency.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to hire Mr. Justin Luciano for the police department on a successful passing of the background and drug test.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Bohn and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept participation in Bells of PA. on May 3 at 7:00 p.m.

President Quinn announced that West Pittston Borough has been accepted into the Community Rate System for Floods with a rating of 6%, which will give residents a 20% reduction on flood insurance

16th ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW

Lynn Burbank reported that the Cherry Blossom Trees that were planted by West Pittston Tomorrow are starting to bloom.

17th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation was called for. None was given.

18th ORDER – ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Hosier, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Kijek, Borough Secretary