

1st ORDER - CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by President Quinn, immediately following the Cable TV Franchise Public Meeting, 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

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

3rd ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held on September 23, 2020 to discuss personal matters.

4th ORDER - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Public Participation was called for. None was given.

5th ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

6th ORDER – REPORTS OF OFFICERS

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Judge, 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
- B. Auditor General Eugene Pasquale-2020 Pension State Allocation Notification
- C. Auditor General Eugene Pasquale-2020 Pension Volunteer Fire Relief Allocation Notification
- D. Dora Zaleski-FEMA Community Coordinator and Outreach Webinar Meeting
- E. Wyoming Borough-Trunk or Treat Event
- F. Anthony DeMark-Resignation from Police Department effective September 30, 2020
- G. Alan Brezinski-Resignation from Code Officer, Zoning Officer and Flood Management Coordinator effective October 15, 2020

CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Judge, 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. Vehicle Fuel Bid Specifications have been sent to advertise October 7 and 11, 2020.
- B. Luzerne County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution is ready for Council's consideration.
- C. Cable TV Franchise Public Meeting

9th ORDER – MAYOR

Mayor Blaskiewicz was absent from this meeting.

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify payroll of September 11, 2020 in the amount of \$26,663.96 and September 25, 2020 in the amount of \$23,433.22 totaling \$50,097.18.

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$165,364.31.

On motion of Mr. Judge second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify General Fund bills totaling \$10,689.20.

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Resolution of the Luzerne County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify an Inter Fund Transfer on 9/2/2020 in the amount of \$200,000.00. from Sewer Fund Account #9861026228 to Sewer Maintenance Fund Account #9012002792.

11th ORDER – PUBLIC SAFETY

On motion of Mr. Judge, 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.

12th ORDER – PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Judge, 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 approve the Luzerne Avenue Sewer and Roadway Improvements (10021.27) CDBG Water/Sewer Improvements Application for Payment #1 from Eastern Branch Demolition, LLC in the amount of \$65,410.83, on recommendation of Reilly Associates, Borough Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Contract #2 Public Works Building Improvements Pay Application #1 in the amount of \$49,725.00 to Hadley Construction, Inc. on recommendation of Reilly Associates, Borough Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Pay Application #2 (Final) Public Works Building Improvements-Roof to Hadley Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$14,275.00 on recommendation of Reilly Associates, Borough Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve DPW Building Renovations (10021.29) Payment Application #1 (Final) to Spott Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$12,587.34 on recommendation of Reilly Associates, Borough Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Invoice #1 (Final) (10021.28) Emergency Repair-Race Street Sinkhole and Manhole for American Asphalt Paving Co., in the amount of \$8,098.71 on recommendation of Reilly Associates, Borough Engineer.

13th ORDER – PARKS & REC

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve invoice #1 Project 10021.30 Bainbridge Campbell Park Final Schematic Design to Reilly Associates in the amount of \$4,500.00.

14th ORDER – OLD BUSINESS

Barry Hosier reminded Council that the Resolution for the Intermunicipal Agreement with Forty Fort for Composing Services needs to be advertised.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

Ray Judge asked about the resident that put in a complaint about folks leaving their garbage and recycle cans out on curb past 24 hours and that he wrote up something addressing this for the newspaper. President Quinn responded that it is being taken care of by Code Enforcement.

15th ORDER - NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Resolution of the Cable Franchise Agreement between West Pittston Borough and Comcast of Colorado/Pennsylvania/West Virginia, LLC.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the resignation of Alan Brezinski from his positions of Code Enforcement Officer, Zoning Officer and Flood Plain Management effected October 15, 2020.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to award, on the recommendation of Reilly Associates, the bid for the West Pittston Borough Luzerne Avenue Storm and Sewer Improvement Project to RLE in the amount of \$117,119.50.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Reilly Associates professional and engineering service plans for the Bainbridge/Campbell Park.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve request of payment for Application ID DR/ADMIN invoice #18 to the Luzerne County Community Development Disaster Buyout Program in the amount of \$1,850.00 to Brozena Consulting Services, LLC.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Butera, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to advertise immediately for Alan Brezinski's position of Code Enforcement Officer, Zoning Officer and Floodplain Manager.

16th ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW

Lynn Burbank announced that the mini Hometown Hero banners are selling well.

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