

1st ORDER - CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. 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

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 August 25, 2020 to discuss personal.

4th ORDER - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Public Participation was called for. None was given.

5th ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2020 COUNCIL MEETINGS.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Bohn, 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. 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
- B. Eric’s Foundation – bows on poles

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. Vehicle Fuel Bid Specification.
- B. Intermunicipal Agreement between West Pittston Borough and The Borough of Forty Fort for Composing Processing Services.

9th ORDER – MAYOR

Mayor Blaskiewicz was absent from this meeting.

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify payroll of August 14, 2020 in the amount of \$26,009.61 and August 28, 2020 in the amount of \$23,290.05 totaling \$49,299.66.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$238,742.85.

On motion of Mr. Butera second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify General Fund bills totaling \$7,215.37.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to direct and authorize the Borough Solicitor to advertise 2020-2021 Vehicle Fuel Bid Specification.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the application of Ivy Berry, 2 Philadelphia Avenue to lease a West Pittston Buyout Property adjacent to Ms. Berry's home, located at corner of Philadelphia Avenue and Susquehanna Avenue, in accordance with the West Pittston Borough Flood Land Reuse Plan and the application must now go to for final approval to FEMA.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept and place on file the 2021 Minimum Obligation (MMO) for the Nonuniform and Police Pension Plans as prepared and submitted in September 2020.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Workers Compensation Insurance Proposal as submitted through and by Joseph J. Joyce Associates in the amount of \$76,391.00 effective 9/30/2020 to 9/30/2021.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Workers Compensation Insurance Proposal for the Volunteer Fire Department as submitted through and by Joseph J. Joyce Associates in the amount of \$13,335.00 effective 9/30/2020 to 9/30/2022.

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION (continued)

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify authorization for Savino Bonita, West Pittston Borough Manager to prepare and submit West Pittston Borough request for Covid-19 expenses to the Luzerne County Covid-19 County Relief Block Grant Program.

11th ORDER – PUBLIC SAFETY

On motion of Mr. Butera, 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. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept M. Mayo Striping estimate of \$7,220. with the condition the line painting near railroad tracks does not encroach on the Railroad Company's property and that M. Mayo Striping obtain approval from the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority before proceeding with painting.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify Final Revised Bill from Borton Lawson for invoice #2019-4354-0000-000009F in the amount of \$300. For Traffic Signal Design.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the DCED Police Regionalization Study with the municipalities of West Pittston, Exeter, Exeter Township, Wyoming, and West Wyoming.

12th ORDER – PUBLIC WORKS

President Quinn announced that Motion 12.F., regarding the Intermunicipal Agreement between West Pittston and Forty Fort for Compose Processing Services has been struck from the Public Works motions of agenda.

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 ratify DPW Building chimney removal work by Hadley Construction with cost not to exceed \$1000 and reimbursement of cost will be coming from unreserved fund.

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment of \$3,600. to Rowe Door Sales for invoice #101038 Public Works Building Improvements on recommendation by Reilly Associates, Borough Engineer with authorization being submitted to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for payment under the LSA DPW Grant.

12th ORDER – PUBLIC WORKS (continued)

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to reject all bids on the recommendation of Reilly Associates, Borough Engineer, for the CFA Small Sewer and Water project due to all bids being over the allocated amount.

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize Reilly Associates, Borough Engineer to readvertise the CFA Small Sewer and Water Project Bid.

13th ORDER – PARKS & REC

President Quinn announced Morris Park is looking good and thanked Lynn Burbank and Ed Martin for painting park and all parks will be open after Covid-19 is behind us.

Lynn Burbank asked about a letter in regards to the dog park still being closed. President Quinn said that it will be posted on the Borough website.

14th ORDER – OLD BUSINESS

Old Business was called for there was none at this time.

15th ORDER - NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize Attorney Mark Bufalino, Borough Solicitor to advertise the Intermunicipal Agreement he prepared between West Pittston Borough and The Borough of Forty Fort for Compose Processing Services .

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to adopt a Resolution prepared by Reilly Engineer for the Multimodal Transportation Grant in the amount of \$1,380,255. from the Commonwealth Financial Authority for Exeter Avenue Streetscape Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to have Savino Bonito, Borough Manager advertise for temporary help as needed for the DPW not to exceed an hourly rate of \$15.

16th ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW

Lynn Burbank announced that West Pittston Tomorrow will be having a Zoom Meeting on September 14 at 7 p.m. and they have four banners for next year already.

17th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Walter Kuharchek, 504 Susquehanna Ave. – he is elderly and is having a hard time on bridges because there is no handicap ramps. Tom Reilly, Borough Engineer responded that the Water Street Bridge is a County Bridge and Fort Jenkins Bridge is a State Bridge. President Quinn also replied that the borough will look into this and the state is working on putting handicap ramps in.

18th ORDER – ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Hosier, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Kijek, Borough Secretary