

1st ORDER - CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 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. Stevenson, Mr. Butera, President Quinn, Attorney Bufalino, Absent: Mayor Barry D. Hosier, Mr. Hood

3rd ORDER - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Public Participation was called for. None was given.

4th ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD ON MARCH 29, 2021 TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES.

5th ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING.

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. Resignation letter - Thomas J. Giunta effective April 9, 2021
- C. Erin McGinley – Application for Buyout Property on Susquehanna Ave.

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 had nothing to report at this time.

9th ORDER – MAYOR

Mayor Barry D. Hosier 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 March 12, 2021 in the amount of \$23,432.45 and March 26, 2021 in the amount of \$19,949.49 totaling \$43,381.94.

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 \$257,657.69.

On motion of Mr. Judge second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve General Fund bills totaling \$7,822.55.

On motion of Mr. Judge second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Park and Recreation bills totaling \$750.00.

On motion of Mr. Judge second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Sewer Maintenance bills totaling \$356.00.

On motion of Mr. Judge second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Sewer Maintenance prepaid bills totaling \$489.74.

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the AFG Non-Uniform Pension, 1st Quarter 2021 in the amount of \$489.84 and the AFG Police Pension, 1st Quarter, in the amount of \$501.13.

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hosier and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the PA American Water Shut Off Agreement.

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hosier and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to advertise an RFP for Code Enforcement, Zoning and Flood Plain Manager.

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hosier and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve attachment for the uncollectable Tax Report 2020 from George Miller, Tax Collector.

11th ORDER – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Butera reported the public safety monthly report has been received and place on file in borough office.

12th ORDER – PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Hosier reported the public works monthly report has been received and place on file in borough office.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to advertise for a DPW foreman position at \$20 an hour.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approved payment to Mobile Glass for the DPW building windows and doors, invoice #2164 in the amount of \$4,840.00.

13th ORDER – PARKS & REC

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to reject all construction bids received for Bainbridge Campbell Park Small Communities Grant.

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize Reilly Associates, Borough Engineer to rebid the advertisement for construction bids for Bainbridge Campbell Park Small Communities Grant, pending DCNR final plan approval, with the due date of April 21, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous roll call of all members present, to open the Dog Park on April 12 and open the Morris Park April 20.

Mr. Judge-yes, Mr. Bohn-yes, Mr. Hosier-yes, Mr. Butera-yes, Mr. Stevenson-yes, President Quin-yes.

14th ORDER – OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the lowest bid from DeAngelo Landscaping for a three-year contract for Borough Property Lawn Maintenance in the amount of \$11,380.00 each year.

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 authorize the hiring of John Bell as a part time Police Officer by the Borough of West Pittston at the hourly rate of \$17.97, pending the results of background check, drug and alcohol testing and physical exam.

15th ORDER - NEW BUSINESS (continued)

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize the hiring of Nicholas Brasov as a part time Police Officer by the Borough of West Pittston at the hourly rate of \$17.97, pending the results of background check, drug and alcohol testing and physical exam.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize the hiring of Alexandra Nolan as a part time Police Officer by the Borough of West Pittston at the hourly rate of \$17.97, pending graduation, the results of background check, drug and alcohol testing and physical exam.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize advertising for the hiring of School Crossing Guards and part time Police Officers at current and established hourly rates.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to allow Chief Turner to post available positions for School Crossing Guards and part time Police Officers.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize the purchase through Kavatch Sales and Automotive for a 2021 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$47,317.02 which includes financing through Community Leasing Partners with option 4-year payment plan.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize the purchase of Auto Vu 3 Camera LPR Camera System from SW 24 in the amount of \$20,000.00 and an additional yearly payment of \$600.00 per year for the LPR System, payment for Camera System is to be paid out of Unreserved Funds.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize payment to Attorney Mark Bufalino for legal work performed on behalf of the Borough of West Pittston from March 2, 2021 through March 31, 2021, in the amount of \$1,998.00.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hosier, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to temporarily approve request, pending approval by Luzerne County Buyout Program, made by Erin McGinley, Coach of the Wyoming Area High School Women's Field Hockey team; to lease or use, 2 Luzerne County Buyout properties, located at 1300 and 1302 Susquehanna Avenue for the use of practice fields.

16th ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW

Lynn Burbank reported that the Veterans Banners will go up end of May.

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 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Gloria Kijek, Borough Secretary