

1st ORDER - CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 6:31 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. Hood, Mr. Hosier, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Butera, President Quinn, Attorney Bufalino, Absent: Mayor Barry D. Hosier

3rd ORDER - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Public Participation was called for. None was given.

4th ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2020 AND DECEMBER 22, 2020 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.

5th ORDER – REPORTS OF OFFICERS

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

6th 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. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept correspondences as read and place them on file.

7th ORDER – SOLICITOR

Attorney Bufalino had nothing to report at this time.

8th ORDER – MAYOR

Mayor Barry D. Hosier was absent from this meeting.

9th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify payroll of December 4, 2020 in the amount of \$27,224.63 and December 18, 2020 in the amount of \$23,453.04 totaling \$50,311.73.

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$110,270.45.

On motion of Mr. Bohn second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify General Fund bills totaling \$14,089.78.

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the 4th Quarter 2020 AFG Administration Fee of \$342.84 for Non Uniform Pension and \$376.13 for Police Pension.

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Resolution authorizing Council President and either Vice President or Borough Treasurer to sign the following funds for 2021: General, Sewer Maintenance, Swimming Pool, PLGIT Liquid Fuels, PLGIT EIT, PLGIT Sewer Maintenance, Payroll, Park and Recreation, Shade Tree Commission and Emergency Management.

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Resolution amending and fixing salaries and wages of certain officers and employees of West Pittston Borough for the year beginning January 1, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to Gashi and Sons Tree Service estimate of \$4,200.00 for the removal of 10 trees at the borough parking lot, Lackawanna Avenue and Park from the unreserved funds.

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to request grant funding from the Wyoming Valley Levee Raising Project/Mitigation Program for West Pittston flood mitigation projects. Project 1, purchase of West Pittston Armory/Demolition of Armory/ Construction of a Bio Retention Basin; Project 2, Separation of Combined Sewer Collection System. The grant funding request for Project 1 \$725,200.00; Project 2, \$1,945,000.00.

10th ORDER – PUBLIC SAFETY

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

11th 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. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to RLE Enterprise, Inc. for application payment #1 Luzerne Avenue Storm & Sewer Improvements Small Water & Sewer Improvements in the amount of \$30,874.50, as recommended by Reilly Associates, Borough Engineer.

12th ORDER – PARKS & REC

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Invoice #2 for Reilly Associates Engineering for Bainbridge Campbell Park professional services in the amount of \$750.00.

13th ORDER – OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hosier asked Attorney Bufalino about the policy for borough employees to only use borough vehicles while at work.

Mr. Judge asked about the flashing illegal sign in town that is now flashing political messages.

On motion of Mr. Hosier, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve pay application No. 4 to Eastern Branch Demolition, LLC. in the amount of \$134,881.67 for Luzerne Avenue Sewer and Roadway Improvements CDBG Water/Sewer Improvements, as recommended by Reilly Associates, Borough Engineer, on condition it has not been approved at previous meeting.

14th ORDER - NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Judge suggested getting together to discuss the Fireworks Ordinance.

15th ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW

West Pittston Tomorrow was called. None was given.

16th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Citizen John Currins asked for a brief summary about the Wyoming Valley Levee Raising Project/Mitigation Program for West Pittston Flood Mitigation Projects. President Quinn and Tom Reilly explained about the grant project.

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17th ORDER – ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted, Gloria Kijek, Borough Secretary