

1st ORDER - CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by President Quinn at the West Pittston Borough Building 555 Exeter Ave. West Pittston, PA.

2nd ORDER – ROLL CALL

Council: Mr. Bohn, Mr. Butera, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Judge, Mr. Stevenson, President Quinn, Mayor Barry D. Hosier, Atty. Bufalino, Absent: Mr. Hood

3rd ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Public participation was called for. None was received.

4th ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council met for an Executive Session on August 9, 2021 to discuss legal matters.

5th ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES of August 3, 2021

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Stevenson, 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. Bohn, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, accepted the reports as prepared and place them on file.

7th ORDER – CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Ms. Kijek reported the following correspondences have been placed on file in the borough office.

A. WWSA – monthly report

B. Luzerne County – Used Tire Recycle Event

C. Little Eric’s Foundation – Gold Bows on Light Poles Request

D. Dion Fernandez Letter

E. Glatfelter Insurance – Public Practice- Risk Control Assessment Letter

8th ORDER – SOLICITOR

Attorney Bufalino reported the Public Right of Way (Encroachment) Ordinance is prepared and ready to advertise.

9th ORDER – MAYOR

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to appoint Mayor Barry D. Hosier to serve on the Wyoming Area Police Regionalization Commission, as the Representative of West Pittston Borough.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, appointment of Council President Ellen Quinn to serve as the Alternate Representative on the Wyoming Area Police Regionalization Commission.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, West Pittston Borough will seek solicitation for proposals for an attorney to serve in the capacity as Solicitor of the Wyoming Area Police Regionalization Commission, and to authorize the designation representatives of West Pittston Borough to imitate, prepare, disseminate and publish the request proposal.

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify payrolls of August 13, 2021 in the amount of \$24,640.26 and August 27, 2021 in the amount of \$21,196.69 totaling \$45,836.95.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$170,669.30.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, approved General Fund bills totaling \$7,312.42.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, approve Sewer Maintenance bills totaling \$864.00.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, approve Parks & Recreation bills totaling \$112.00.

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION (continued)

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve proposal of \$88,937.00 for Workers Comp Insurance from Joyce Insurance.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to advertise Public Right of Way Ordinance and yearly renewal.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve 2022 Non Uniform Fulltime Pension Plan MMO in the amount of \$25,507.00.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve 2022 Police Pension Plan MMO in the amount of \$75,923.00.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, to TABLE the Resolution for the 2021 LSA Grant.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Barry Isett invoiceS 0157459 & 0157480 for services in the amount of \$3,060.00.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Gloria Kijek attending the PSAB Board of Directors meeting on Friday, October 8, 2021 10a.m. in Erie, PA (leave on October 7)

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the Sports Hall of Fame Proclamation & Ad in the amount of \$217.00.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify Dave Balant estimate for Jenkins Cemetery sidewalk repair, invoice #1828 in the amount of \$2,100.00.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to advertise the Public Hearing for Liquor License transfer request from SK Beer Stop, LLC 401 Wyoming Avenue, West Pittston, PA 18643.

11th ORDER – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Butera accepts the Public Safety monthly report and is put on file at the borough office.

11th ORDER – PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the Resolution for the temporarily closing of Susquehanna Avenue on September 11, 2021 for Cherry Blossom Festival.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the M. Mayo Stripes estimate of \$5,810.00 for painting of Crosswalks and Stop Bars in the Borough.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the Municipal Traffic Signal Agreement, for the Green Light Go funding, Mr. Jordan and Mr. Stevenson opposed to this motion because the agreement should also have the police number in it for an emergency 24/7 contact. Motion tabled by Mr. Bohn. New Motion as follows: On motion of Mr. Jordan, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to amend the Go Light Green Municipal Traffic Signal Agreement to include the police number for an emergency 24/7 contact.,

12th ORDER – PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Bohn accepts the Public Works monthly report and is put on file at the borough office.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to end the picking up of glass in recyclables being December 1, 2021 due to the high cost to Borough of collecting and processing glass.

13th ORDER – PARKS & REC

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the resignation of Ed Martin from the Parks and Recreation Committee.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to MRC Inc. Invoice #102880 in the amount of \$31,865.20 for Playground Equipment at Bainbridge Park.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Wyoming Valley Pallet invoice for mulch in the amount of \$1,260.00 for the Bainbridge Campbell Park.

13th ORDER – PARKS & REC (continued)

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Reilly Associate invoice #6 for Bainbridge Campbell Park services in the amount of \$150.00.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify Mr. Gashi tree removal estimate for \$900, for tree removal at Bainbridge Campbell Park.

14th ORDER – OLD BUSINESS

President Quinn explained that the LSA grant scope of work had to be reduced due to the cut in the amount of funds awarded to the borough.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to notify the LSA grant funding that the reduction in the grant application will be to only pave Salem Street.

15th ORDER - NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Mr. Butera, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to advertise the Public Hearing for the Liquor License transfer for SK Beer Stop, LLC for October 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Ray Judge announced the Borough has openings for the DPW, a fulltime union position and a part-time 24 hour position and authorizing to pick up Scalzo DPW stickers.

16th ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW

West Pittston Tomorrow business was called for none was given.

17th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Quinn shared with the public information she received from engineer doing the inspection on Fort Jenkins Bridge. After inspection is complete the Borough will receive a report.

Rose Mary Denisco, 211 Salem – complained about speeding vehicles on Salem Street, Foundry Street is a one way but people are not obeying that and Code Officer needs to give Salem Street some attention, lots of code violations including chickens, garbage and black pool there.

17th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (continued)

Karen Denisco, 907 Wyoming – asked will the residents get a say on any bridge decision.

Borough Engineer, Tom Reilly responded that Penn Dot will have a Public Meeting prior to any decisions made about both bridges.

Dominick Mirra, 423 Liberty – expressed concerns about fire pits and asked Council to consider banning them. He had the following reasons 1. Homes are so close together in West Pittston the smoke and smell is going to affect all the neighbors. 2. Who is benefiting from burning these fire pits they are not safe and not environmentally sound. 3. Weather is changing with dry leaves can be dangerous, people wanting to put windows up for fresh air cannot due to smoke and smell. 4. People do not want them in town they stink from different materials folks are burning and can be very smoky.

President Quinn thanked him and said Council will look into

Mike Riddle, 110 Luzerne Avenue – asked about Crossing Guards are we getting any more. And nobody stops at crosswalks it's not safe.

President Quinn responded the borough will not hire any more crossing guards Wyoming Area School has a constable to cross children at one location check if school will have others.

Kristina Manganiello 239 Philadelphia – expressed concern about bridges and traffic control because of one bridge out. Complained about chickens and black pool and Code needs to go to check 212 ½ Salem and 205 ½ Salem for violations. Absentee landlords are not taking care of their rentals. Borough needs to do something. Can Borough do something to make those property owners keep up with those rentals.

Chris Kuntosky, 718 Susquehanna Avenue – request a temporarily speed bump on LaCoe do to speeders and folks are going the wrong way on the part of Susquehanna that is a one way.

Corrine Agolino, 22 Luzerne Avenue - still waiting on Public Right of Way Ordinance our restaurant is losing money every day because of this.

President Quinn responded that we just voted to advertise it.

Joe Agolino, 22 Luzerne Avenue - he wants to be sure Council is moving forward and advertising the Public Right of Way Ordinance. LCB needs this information and may need to view it.

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17th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (continued)

President Quinn said I'm sure you have all your permits in order.

Corrine Agolino responded that she can't get in touch with the Zoning Officer.

President Quinn responded we have a new Zoning Officer and you can call borough to talk to him.

Dan Narone, 239 Philadelphia – asked if there is a Chicken Ordinance, folks have chickens and the properties are zoned residential not agriculture.

Attorney Bufalino responded that we will look into the Chicken Ordinance.

Dion Fernandez, 509 Wyoming Avenue – asked Council about a letter he sent to Borough and that neither he nor his Attorney has heard any response from Borough.

President Quinn responded we will be contacting you to set up a meeting.

Chief Turner commented on crosswalk painting and said that Penn Dot will be doing the ones on Wyoming Avenue.

18th ORDER – ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Bohn, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Kijek, Borough Secretary

