

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. Hood, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Judge, Mr. Stevenson, President Quinn, Atty. Bufalino, Mayor Barry D. Hosier,

3rd ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Public participation was called for. None was received.

4th ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Quinn announced an Executive Session was held on September 22, 2021 to discuss personnel.

5th ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, accepted and approved the minutes of October 5, 2021 as prepared and place them on file.

6th ORDER – REPORTS OF OFFICERS

On motion of Mr. Hood, 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. WVSA – monthly report

B. Lackawanna College – Upcoming Police Academy Training Program Act 120

C. DEP to Mr. & Mrs. Carroll – approval of a yard waste composting facility

D. President Quinn to Luzerne County Planning Commission regarding Luzerne County Hazard Mitigation Plan

7th ORDER – CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

E. Attorney Stevens – interest in purchasing portion of Netter Street

8th ORDER – SOLICITOR

Attorney Bufalino reported The Vehicle Fuel Bid has been advertised and no bids have been received. The Solid Waste Ordinance Amendment has been prepared and ready to advertise and the Street Closing Tree Lighting Resolution has been prepared.

9th ORDER – MAYOR

Mayor Hosier had nothing to report at this time.

President Quinn announced Motion J will be removed from agenda at this time and correction of spelling on Motion T.

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify payrolls of October 8, 2021 in the amount of \$25,298.77 and October 22, 2021 in the amount of \$22,495.90 totaling \$47,794.67.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$98,456.57.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve General Fund bills totaling \$3,257.61.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Resolution to participate through City of Pittston and it's Redevelopment Authority for Application to DCED for CDBG-CV CARES Act Funding round second and third allocations to be used for housing rehabilitation for seniors/disabled/ adults.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to Barry Isett invoice #0158855 in the amount of \$3,676.25 for professional services.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to Barry Isett invoice #0158845 in the amount of \$297.50 for professional services.

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION (continued)

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to adopt the Right of Way Ordinance and Annual Renewal and Fee Schedule.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to re advertise the Vehicle Fuel Bids due to no bids received with previous advertisement.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to direct Attorney Bufalino to prepare Janitorial Services for Borough building Bids.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify sending FEMA, BRIC HMGP letters of intent for nonfederal flood damage projects.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify Inter Funds Transfer of \$75,000.00 from Sewer Account #9861026228 to Sewer Account #9019436876 on September 23, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify Inter Funds Transfer of \$125,000.00 from Sewer Account #9861026228 to Sewer Account #9012002792 on September 23, 2021.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to Brozena Consulting Invoice #19 in the amount of \$12,000.00 for professional services paid for from the Luzerne County project funds.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to Brozena Consulting Invoice #20 in the amount of \$1,684.10 for professional services paid for from the Luzerne County project funds.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to table the BIU Fee Schedule until February 2022 when the contract for BIU comes up for renewal.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve renewal of Brozena Consulting Contract Renewal (CDBG-DR) Program and change the project completion date to December 31, 2022.

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION (continued)

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Penn DOT Multimodal Grant Resolution in the amount of \$445,000.00 and the financial commitment letter for the matching funds for the Exeter Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to MMR Services Invoice #01 in the amount of \$2,000.00 for tree pruning to be paid from the DPW budget.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Pema 2021 Hazard Mitigation to include nonfederal flood damage levee.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the BRIC Grant Resolution for nonfederal flood damage.

11th ORDER – PUBLIC SAFETY

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the Public Safety monthly report and is put on file at the borough office.

12th ORDER – PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the Public Works monthly report and is put on file at the borough office.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by roll call of all members present: Mr. Bohn-yes, Mr. Butera-no, Mr. Hood-yes, Mr. Jordan-yes, Mr. Judge-yes, Mr. Stevenson-yes, President Quinn-yes, 1-no, 6-yes, to approve opening of the DPW building beginning January 5, 2022, on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to collect drop off cardboard.

On motion of Mr. Judge, second by Mr. Hood, and by roll call of all members present: Mr. Bohn-yes, Mr. Butera-no, Mr. Hood-yes, Mr. Jordan-yes, Mr. Judge-yes, Mr. Stevenson-yes, President Quinn-yes, 1-no, 6-yes, to approve collection of curbside recyclables for every Wednesday only beginning January 5, 2022.

12th ORDER – PUBLIC WORKS (continued)

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve DPW workers checking for residency upon request for cardboard drop offs at DPW building.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to M & J Excavation Invoice Application #1, in the amount of \$170, 002.21 from the Liquid Fuels account.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to M & J Excavation Invoice Application #1, in the amount of \$90,859.50 from the Liquid Fuels account.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to advertise the Solid Waste Ordinance Amendment.

Mr. Judge made an announcement stating that Council will contact the residents in regards to these changes being made with recycling by putting it on Code Red, the website and a mailing.

13th ORDER – PARKS & REC

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to Reilly Associates Invoice #7, in the amount of \$225.00. for Bainbridge Campbell Park construction services.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Resolution for street closings on December 5, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Christmas Tree Lighting.

14th ORDER – OLD BUSINESS

Old Business was called for. None was given.

15th ORDER - NEW BUSINESS

New Business was called for. None was given.

16th ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW

President Quinn announced that Parks & Rec with West Pittston Tomorrow do the tree lighting and Fire Chief John Hood will bring Santa and McCarthy Tires will have a train there.

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17th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kristian Costello, 612 Clear Spring Court - , she said she sent a letter inquiring about Clear Spring Court roads asking for it to be put on agenda. President Quinn responded that it will be put on the Work Session agenda and discussed then.

18th ORDER – ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Hood, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Kijek, Borough Secretary