

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

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

3rd ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

David Chiampi, 1006 Ledgeview – inquired about the correspondence Council received regarding a request for Council to turn over a portion of a Borough road to this person. Mr. Chiampi expressed concern and was strongly against this explaining how it would affect residents in this area.

4th ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Quinn announced an Executive Session was held on November 22, 2021 to discuss legal issues with Ledgeview.

5th ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Jordan, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, accepted and approved the minutes of November 3, 2021 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. WVSA – monthly report

B. Auditor General’s Timothy DeFoor-Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Examination Report from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020.

7th ORDER – CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

C. Attorney Stevens re: Mr. Eifert's request for a portion of Netter Street.

8th ORDER – SOLICITOR

Attorney Bufalino reported The Vehicle Fuel Bid has been readvertised and no bids have been received. The Janitorial Services RFP's have been prepared and are ready to advertise.

9th ORDER – MAYOR

Mayor Hosier was absent from this meeting.

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 November 5, 2021 in the amount of \$24,992.44 and November 19, 2021 in the amount of \$22,162.18 totaling \$47,154.64.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$84,842.61.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve General Fund bills totaling \$1,829.38.

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

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Jordan, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to Gashi & Sons Tree service in the amount of \$3,450.200 for trees removed at Montgomery Park.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to appoint Barry D. Hosier as the West Pittston EMA Director.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify approval of 3 LSA Grant Agreements for \$20,000, \$25,000 and \$75,000.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the GBM proposal for new computer servers in Administration Department in the amount of \$10,988.00.

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Next was the 1st Reading of the prepared 2022 Budget by Borough Manager Savino Bonita. Council discussed and asked questions. President Quinn suggested having the 2nd Reading of the 2022 Budget on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 and all Council agreed.

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 direct Attorney Bufalino to prepare the 2022 Real Estate Tax Ordinance.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to direct Attorney Bufalino to prepare the 2022 Tax Duplicate Resolution.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to direct Attorney Bufalino to prepare the 2022 ACT 511 Tax Resolution.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to direct Attorney Bufalino to prepare the 2022 Salary Resolution.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to advertise the Janitorial Services RFP's prepared by Attorney Bufalino.

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. Bohn, 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.

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, members present, to approve the GBM proposal for new computer servers in Police Department in the amount of \$11,048.00.

12th ORDER – PUBLIC WORKS

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 is put on file at the borough office.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$23,130.00 and Change Order #1 increase of \$3,313.90 for the M&J 2021 Street Improvements Project (Liquid Fuels).

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Jordan, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$18,234.45 and Change Order #1 decrease of \$26,740.50 for the M&J Street Improvements Project (CDBG).

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Pr3esident Quinn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to table Motion D. 12th Order, Eastern Branch Demolition Luzerne Ave. Sewer & Roadway Improvements (CDBG Water/Sewer Improvements) Payment Application #8 \$28,159.02 and Change Order #2 decrease of \$10,619.12.

13th ORDER – PARKS & REC

President Quinn announced the tree lighting will be December 5 at 5:00 p.m.

14th ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW

West Pittston Tomorrow business was called for. None was given.

15th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kristian Costello, 612 Clear Spring Court – asked about the status of the borough taking over Ledgeview’s roads? President Quinn responded that it is a process and hopes to have it on January’s agenda.

John , 128 Philadelphia – asked if there is anything tentative regarding the flood protection in town. President Quinn responded we are working on it have grants submitted and advocate every day for flood protection.

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15th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (continued)

David Chiampi, - asked about bridges. Tom Reilly, Borough Engineer responded we are waiting to hear something official from the state.

16th ORDER – ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Hood, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Kijek, Borough Secretary