

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. Hood, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Judge, Mr. Stevenson, President Quinn, Mayor Angelo Alfano

3rd ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Quinn announced Executive Sessions were held at the West Pittston Borough building 555 Exeter Ave. West Pittston, PA on August 23, 2021 to discuss personnel and August 9, 2021 to discuss legal issues.

4th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Judy Ieta, 300 York – expressed the following concerns regarding the Police Regionalization. Where will all these detectives come from, what is the liability for West Pittston, are police pension funds up to date, is our taxes going to go up? President Quinn responded that we are doing this for the safety and benefit of the residents and we just passed a budget with no tax increase.

5th ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Hood, second by Mr. Butera, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, accepted and approved the minutes of December 7, 2021 Council Meeting and December 22, 2021 Special Meeting as prepared and place them on file.

6th ORDER – REPORTS OF OFFICERS

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, accept the reports as prepared and place 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. William Bell, regarding Police Regionalizatio

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7th ORDER – CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

C. RCN, regarding request for grant of Cable Television Franchise

D. Lynn Burbank, regarding resignation from Parks and Recreation Committee

8th ORDER – SOLICITOR

Attorney Bufalino reported the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement between West Pittston Borough and Exeter Borough, Exeter Township, Wyoming Borough and West Wyoming Borough, establishing the Wyoming Area Regional Police Commission, is ready for Council's consideration.

9th ORDER – MAYOR

Mayor Alfano had nothing to report at this time.

10th ORDER – ADMINISTRATION

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify payrolls of December 3, 2021 in the amount of \$28,858.05, December 17, 2021 in the amount of \$21,796.87 and December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$21,578.68 totaling \$72,233.60.

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 \$148,896.38.

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 \$15,559.07.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Sewer Maintenance prepaid bills totaling \$65.00.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the Resolution Amending/Fixing Salaries and Wages of Certain Officers and Employees for the year beginning January 1, 2022.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the AFG 4th Quarter 2021 NonUniform Pension Plan Administration Fee of \$414.84.

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 ratify the AFG 4th Quarter 2021 Police Pension Plan Administration Fee of \$376.13.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to authorize distribution of actuarial fees for the NonUniformed Pension Plans from December 9, 2019 through December 12, 2021 for \$4,350.00.

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11th ORDER – PUBLIC SAFETY

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, 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.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by roll call of all members present, Mr. Bohn- yes, Mr. Butera-yes, Mr. Hood-no, Mr. Jordan-no, Mr. Judge-yes, Mr. Stevenson-yes, President Quinn-yes, to table the rewarding of the Traffic Signal Improvements Bids for the Green Light Go Grant. 2 no 5 yes, Motion carried.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Borton Lawson Invoice #2019-4354-000-0000010 in the amount of \$555.88 for the Traffic Signal Replacement Green Light Go Grant preparation services.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement between West Pittston Borough and Exeter Borough, Exeter Township, Wyoming Borough and West Wyoming Borough, establishing the Wyoming Area Regional Police Commission.

12th ORDER – PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Mr. Bohn, 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.

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13th ORDER – PARKS & RECREATION

President Quinn called for Park & Recreation business. None was given.

14th ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW

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

15th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Quinn called for Public Participation. None was given.

16th ORDER – ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Hood, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Hood, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to reopen the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

17th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lynn Butler, 1110 Susquehanna Avenue – expressed concerns regarding the fireworks that were set off on December 4 and 31, 2021 at Delaware and Susquehanna from weddings being held across the river at The Banks venue in Pittston. She has acquired 32 signatures on a petition, including the venue signed, against these firework displays. She also commented that the area that they were set off at was cleared and staked out. Mr. Stevenson commented can't we make an ordinance so this doesn't happen again. Attorney Bufalino responded Council cannot get involved in Zoning issues and he needs to get all the facts. She is going to speak to the Zoning Officer. President Quinn said Council did not issue this permit and did not know anything about it.

Bob Shay, 614 Montgomery Avenue – commented he expected more in depth discussion regarding the Police Regionalization and when will the public have a chance to voice their opinion. President Quinn replied we do not have a date set yet.

18th ORDER – ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Hood, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Kijek, Borough Secretary

