

1st ORDER - CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was conducted virtual and called to order by President Quinn at 6:30 p.m.

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 there was an Executive Session held on February 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. regarding legal issues, Pioneer & Eastern Branch updates.

4th ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Judy Aita, 300 York Street – asked about all the Barry Isett Invoices on the agenda. President Quinn said the Borough hired Barry Isett Associates to do the Code Enforcement/Zoning and a few of the bills were emailed to her instead of Borough Treasurer for payment. It has been corrected and invoices will now go to the Borough Treasurer.

5th ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, accepted and approved the minutes of February 1, 2022 Council Meeting with the following correction, under Public Works. last motion. the last words, Motion Carried should be Motion Failed.

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. Friendly Sons of St. Patrick – ad in Annual Banquet Program

8th ORDER – SOLICITOR

Attorney Bufalino had nothing to report at this time.

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 February 11, 2022 in the amount of \$24,662.38 and February 25, 2022 in the amount of \$21,729.37 totaling \$46,391.75.

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 \$76,866.42.

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 \$1,194.34.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Invoice #100 in the amount of \$3,800. to the COG for the Annual Dues and Membership Equipment Fee.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to TABLE the \$1,200. Invoice #100 to the COG for the Composting Association due to further discuss needed.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Wyoming Valley Pallet Invoice #M12559 in the amount of \$970. for mulch.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #0163516 in the amount of \$3,846.25 for code/zoning services.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #0163513 in the amount of \$998.75 for flood plain services.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #0160493 in the amount of \$850.00 for flood plain services.

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 Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #0160449 in the amount of \$4,143.75 for code/zoning services.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #0161430 in the amount of \$85.00 for flood plain services.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #0161418 in the amount of \$3,570.00 for code/zoning services.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #0162273 in the amount of \$5,057.50 for code/zoning services.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve Barry Isett & Associates Invoice #0162276 in the amount of \$361.25 for flood plain services.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve transfer of funds in the amount of \$3,900.00 to the Wyoming Area Regional Police (WARP) Commission account.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to come to an agreement with Thomas Barber, 136 Elm Street regarding his request for a \$50 monthly payment arrangement on his West Pittston Sewer bill balance of \$530.99.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to TABLE the appointment of David Chaump to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate, due to the controversy about making appointments at a Virtual Meeting.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Commonwealth of PA LSA Statewide Grant Resolution in the amount of \$368,544.00 for the West Pittston Borough 2022 Municipal Building Renovations Project.

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 HMGP Grant application for a proposed levy project in the amount of \$50,000.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to TABLE the Low Income Households Water Assistance Program Vendor Agreement while Council reviews it further.

11th ORDER – CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING

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

12th 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 put on file at the borough office.

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 #2019-4354-000-0000012 in the amount of \$891.00 for the Traffic Signal Replacement Green Light Go Grant project.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the revised LSA Grant Scope of Work for Fire Apparatus.

13th 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 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 Change Order #2 from M&J Excavation for the CDBG Damon and Jenkins Street project with an increase of \$5,346.00, as recommended by Reilly Associates, Borough Engineer.

13th 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 disapprove the request from Donald Eifert regarding his interest in purchasing a portion of Netter Street.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the revised Scope of Work for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Exeter Avenue project.

14th ORDER – PARKS & RECREATION

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to TABLE the appointment of Barbara Gellespi to the Parks and Recreation Committee, due to the controversy about making appointments at a Virtual Meeting.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Hood, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept from Chilewski Enterprises the Bainbridge Campbell Park new extension date of May 1, 2022.

15th ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW

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

16TH ORDER - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Judy Aita, 300 York St. – asked about the concerns brought up at a previous meeting regarding a December Fireworks displays. President Quinn replied the Fireworks permit issued for those displays has been deemed legal.

Judy Aita, 300 York St. - asked why the West Pittston Council voted to dissolve the West Pittston Police Department without a public meeting and expressed her concerns with Police Regionalization. President Quinn offered for Judy Aita to meet with the West Pittston Public Safety Committee to discuss further any question she may have regarding the Police Regionalization.

17th ORDER – ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Jim Butera, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Gloria Kijek, Borough Secretary