

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Council: Mr. Bohn, Mr. Butera, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Judge, Mr. Stevenson, President Quinn, Mayor Alfano  
Members absent: Mr. Hood

**3<sup>rd</sup> ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Dave Chaump, Ledgeview – asked about an update on the WARP and Councils position on the bridges. Mayor Alfano said that the WARP is in the process of advertising for a Police Chief. President Quinn said that Penn Dot is having an open meeting to discuss with the public the bridges and options tomorrow at Wyoming Area Secondary School 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and that a temporary traffic light will be going up at Wyoming Ave. and Exeter Ave.

Judy Aita, York Ave. – Exeter and Duryea are getting funding for a levee and updates on a levee what is the update on West Pittston getting a levee. President Quinn responded we are participating in grants for funding for a levee and suggested residents contacting Cartwright to get his support.

**4<sup>th</sup> ORDER – APPROVAL OF APRIL 5 AND APRIL 20, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

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

**5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**6<sup>th</sup> ORDER – CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- A. WVSA – Monthly Report
- B. Mary Portelli, West Pittston Historical Society – street closed for July 2, 2022 event
- C. Michael Susek, Luzerne County Bureau of Elections – 2022 Polling Place Agreement
- D. Susan Williams, Penn Dot – May 4, 2022 Public Open House on Bridges

**6<sup>th</sup> ORDER – CORRESPONDENCE (continued)**

E. David Bolton, PSAB Resolution and Policy Committee – Support of the Legalization of the Cannabis Industry

F. Mellanie Marino, WP Resident – asking about supplies for a volunteer group doing a Park Clean Up

**7<sup>th</sup> ORDER – SOLICITOR**

Attorney Bufalino reported on the Resolution to close a street for the WP Historical Society Event.

**8<sup>th</sup> ORDER – MAYOR**

Mayor Alfano reported that a consulting firm will be hired by the WARP to do a Pension Study. West Pittston's share is \$2,000 and advertising for a Police Chief.

**9<sup>th</sup> ORDER – ADMINISTRATION**

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify payrolls of April 8, 2022 in the amount of \$24,645.00 and April 22, 2022 in the amount of \$21,526.14 totaling \$46,171.14.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify General Fund prepaid bills totaling \$58,328.32.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, approved General Fund bills totaling \$2,719.28.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve appointing Ron Hungarter as an expert for Pioneer Construction Litigation.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the Luzerne County Bureau of Elections 2022 Polling Place Agreement.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Cohen Legal Services Proposal and Engagement Letter for Cable Franchise RCN Astound. .

**9<sup>th</sup> ORDER – ADMINISTRATION (continued)**

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to appoint as the PSAB Voting Delegate Ellen Quinn and Jim Butera as the alternate.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the Luzerne County ARPA application for \$10,000,000. for a levee project.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to Barry Isett for invoice #0165429 in the amount of \$340.00 for flood plain services.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to Barry Isett for invoice #0165579 in the amount of \$4,101.25 for code/zoning services.

**10<sup>th</sup> ORDER – CODE ENFORCEMENT/ZONING**

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the code enforcement/zoning monthly report and put on file in the Borough office.

**11<sup>th</sup> ORDER – PUBLIC SAFETY**

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, 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.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the June 9, 2022 Wyoming Area Senior Parade Resolution.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Wyoming Area Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade Resolution.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the July 2, 2022 West Pittston Historical Society Event Resolution.

**11<sup>th</sup> ORDER – PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)**

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to ratify the West Pittston Cherry Blossom Festival Parade Resolution closing streets Philadelphia to Susquehanna and Susquehanna to Montgomery.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment for \$2,000. to the WARP for consultant Thomas J. Anderson to do a Pension Study.

**12<sup>th</sup> 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. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve hiring of Scott Ellsworth as an Union DPW employee at \$16.63 an hour pending results of the mandatory drug test and physical.

**13<sup>th</sup> ORDER – PARKS & REC**

On motion of Mr. Jordan, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Bainbridge Campbell Park Sidewalks Estimate from Chilaweski Enterprise in the amount of \$13,414.00 paid from the Unreserved Funds.

On motion of Mr. Jordan, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to table the Bainbridge Campbell Park Curbs Estimate from Chilaweski Enterprise due to discrepancies in the footage.

**14<sup>th</sup> ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW**

West Pittston Tomorrow business was called for none was given.

**15<sup>th</sup> ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

John Disinferind, 128 Philadelphia – spoke about flooding and levee.

Steve Gilpan, 206 Wyoming Ave. – complained about sewer back up he has had in his home when someone put acrylic acid in drains still having issues.

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**15<sup>th</sup> ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (continued)**

Michelle Demingis, 539 Luzerne Ave. – complained about leaving messages for Code/Zoning Officer and never getting a call back and the curbs are a mess on Luzerne Avenue


Candance Chilek, 104 Pacific – complained about traffic, speeding and bus blocking street on Pacific during school events. Jim Butera said the police can patrol more often during those school events.

Karen O'Dell, 534 Luzerne Avenue – complained about the curbs on Luzerne Avenue are a mess and water run-off is ponding all since the pave work done on this street. President Quinn said we cannot comment right now due to ongoing litigation.

**16<sup>th</sup> ORDER – ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second Mr. Stevenson the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gloria Kijek, Borough Secretary