

**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. Judge, Mr. Stevenson, President Quinn, Mayor Alfano

Members absent: Mr. Hood, Mr. Jordan

**3<sup>rd</sup> ORDER – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session was held on June 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

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

David Chaump, Ledgeview – inquired about the Stormwater Management Ordinance and the Stormwater Violation Letter asked if they can be put on website before Council votes on them and asked why will it be the DPW issuing these Stormwater violation letters? President Quinn said its only going to be Tony Scalzo and he has been trained on the Stormwater Management and will be the one handling the Stormwater Violations.

**5<sup>th</sup> ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2022**

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.

**6<sup>th</sup> ORDER – REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

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

**7<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. Luzerne County Aging Agency – Announcement of Seniors Farmers Market Program

C. Paula Minichella, 608 Susquehanna Ave. – request to close portion of Warren Street.

**8<sup>th</sup> ORDER – SOLICITOR**

Attorney Bufalino was absent from this meeting.

**9<sup>th</sup> ORDER – MAYOR**

Mayor Alfano had nothing to report at this time.

**10<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 May 6, 2022 in the amount of \$24,978.56 and May 20, 2022 in the amount of \$21,863.40 totaling \$46,841.96.

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 \$47,271.08.

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 \$4,485.35.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to TABLE the Stormwater Management Ordinance Amendment.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to accept the Joyce Insurance Groups', Liability Insurance Proposal effective 6/8/22-2023.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to Barry Isett & Associates for Invoice #0166772 in the amount of \$191.25 for floodplain 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 & Associates for Invoices #0166760 in the amount of \$3,633.75 for code/zoning services.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by roll call of all members present, to change the Council Meeting day from the first Tuesday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month. Roll Call: Mr. Bohn - no, Mr. Butera - yes, Mr. Judge - no, Mr. Stevenson - yes, President Quinn – yes. 2 no, 3 yes. Motion carried.

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

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Judge, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve the Multimodal Transportation Fund Agreement Contract in the amount of \$345,000.00 for the Exeter Avenue Streetscape Project.

On motion of Mr. Butera, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment of \$982.80 to Earl Crawford for unused vacation time.

**11<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.

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

On motion of Mr. Stevenson, second by Mr. Butera, 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. Stevenson, second by Mr. Bohn, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to approve payment to Borton Lawson for invoice #2109-4354-000-0000014 in the amount of \$30.50 for Traffic Signal Replacement Project.

**13<sup>th</sup> 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 put on file at the borough office.

On motion of Mr. Bohn, second by Mr. Stevenson, and by unanimous vote upon roll call of all members present, to TABLE the Stormwater Management Violation Warning Letter. .

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

President Quinn announced the updates and repairs being made to Bainbridge Campbell Park are completed.

West Pittston Tomorrow business was called for none was given.

### **15<sup>th</sup> ORDER- WEST PITTSTON TOMORROW**

West Pittston Tomorrow business was called for none was given.

### **16<sup>th</sup> ORDER – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

David Chaump, Ledgeview - inquired about which sidewalks the Multimodal Transportation Project will be doing on Exeter Avenue. President Quinn explained the project. Also Mr. Chaump commented the County is using \$300,000 in ARP money to do another inspection on the Water St. Bridge.

Scott Snee, 844 Exeter Avenue - complained and showed Council pictures of the sinking and ponding of sidewalks on Exeter Avenue. President Quinn said she will have Borough Engineer take a look at that area of sidewalks.

Andrea Denisco, - asked if there is an ordinance to get the owners of 421 Philadelphia Ave. to keep their property maintained. President Quinn said yes there is a Property Maintenance Ordinance and the Code Enforcement Officers Phil or Jared handle this.

Karen Denisco, 907 Wyoming Avenue - complained about code violations at 212 ½ Salem. Showed Council pictures of garbage bags piled up and a broken window. She said it is a reoccurring problem. Ian Stevenson said he will ask Code Enforcement to look into and have them keep checking on it.

Judy Aita, 300 York - complained about the new policy of not picking up cardboard at curbside residents must drop off at DPW building. She said she has gotten in touch with legal counsel and DEP. She feels its discriminating against the most vulnerable of residents and it doesn't keep the borough in compliance with the recycling mandates.

Rose Mary Denisco, 211 Salem Street. - Complaint about speeders on Jenkins and Exeter Ave. She said there are about 10 children in this neighborhood and she is concerned one of them will be hit by a car. Also suggested making Susquehanna Ave. a one way from bridge to Luzerne Ave. Mayor Alfano said he will discuss this issue of speeders with Police Chief.

Eric , 1 Tunkhannock Avenue - Suggested scanning all ordinances to website and said he has found some mistakes on some ordinances he has discussed with Phil.

John Disinferind, 128 Philadelphia - Police Chief and DPW worker Jeff Nicholson doing a great job. Talked about his Face Book page and opening Water St. Bridge to only vehicles no trucks.

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

Ann Marie Disinfernind, 128 Philadelphia – suggested putting ordinances on social media.

Judy Aita, 300 York – asked if anyone has taken in to consideration to put a red light near tracks and Fort Jenkins Bridge. President Quinn responded it is a state road so Penn Dot would decide.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Kijek, Borough Secretary