

**Thursday June 25, 2020
Williamsport, PA**

Council President Randy Allison brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday June 25, 2020 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Chris Cooley did livestream the meeting.

Council members present:

*Randy Allison, President
Elizabeth Miele, Vice President
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman
Adam Yoder, Councilman
Vince Pulizzi, Councilman
Jon Mackey, Councilman, absent
David Banks, Councilman*

Absent:

Also, Present:

*Derek Slaughter, Mayor
Mr. Joe Gerardi
Mr. Joe Pawlak
Gary Knarr
Mark Killian, Fire Chief, absent
Damon Hagan, Police Chief
Austin White, Sol..
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Adam Winder, S&P
Stephanie Young
Nick Grimes, absent
Jon Sanders, absent*

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for the 06/11/20 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Pulizzi** and a second from **Mr. Yoder**. **All were in favor. The vote was 5 to 0. Mr. Mackey was absent, Ms. Miele was absent.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

There have been no requests.

Mr. Allison made an announcement that there is an executive session following tonight's meeting in the matter of legal.

Resolution # 9040

Resolution to Approve a COVID-19 Business Assistance Loan Program

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Mr. Yoder made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.

Ms. Young stated the City has loan funds available from a DCED program and these funds originated from a grant fund of \$50,000 in 1996 and the purpose of the loans was getting loans out to businesses for repayment to loan to new businesses, the City acted as a pass through, so the loan repayments have come back to us. Now the City has approximated \$700,000. There were several loans due in the early 2000's but it has remained dominant. So we developed a program to help business with COVID =19 . The terms are for businesses that have 100 employees or less and could be as little as \$5,000 at 0% interest , and then increasing through year 10. This is for existing businesses standing, and she explained the loan for COVID -19, and businesses that support home health needs. The hourly rate per employee would not exceed \$64,000 year, or \$26.40. The City will have an open application process that will expire on August 7, 2020. Applications will be reviewed by a committee, composed of the Mayor, Finance, Community Development and a member of City Council The application that score the highest , will be in the first round of funding. The Redevelopment Authority will have the final say. The City can not make loans to commercial entities so we are using the Redevelopment Authority. There will be posting on the web site and we are working with the Chamber to get the word out. The end date will be December 2021. Because the loan funds originated from DCED, they have to be reviewed by loan. This was reviewed by ERC. They added that businesses operating in the City and have to remain in the City for two years. The Redevelopment Authority increase the loan amount.

Mr. Banks stated this was reviewed by ERC and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. We had discussion and concern about the majority of business was located in the City. The fee was also brought up and maybe put that fee in the back end of the loan.

Mr. Yoder stated we talked about the amount of the loan and asked if there is a way to place in the back end of the loan to get more relief for businesses. He felt the \$500 would go a long way to help businesses. There was discussion about the timeline to get back if we decided to change it...Ms. Young stated that we have a fast turn around time. She explained why the Redevelopment Authority changed the loan amount to a higher amount. We don't want this money to get stockpiled, we want to use this money.

Mr. Yoder stated so we can still screen the application process with a lower amount too, it is a valuable and legitimate debate.

Mrs. Katz asked if it took a long while for money to come back to us.

Ms. Young answered there were some defaults, and she thinks it was a 20 year cycle.

There was also a discussion about the difference between full time and part time hours and seasonal part timers.

Mr. Yoder stated we discussed the idea of an impact study and there were some interesting recommendations, including an educational component to this. He asked if this money could be used for educational purposes.

Ms. Young answered it was to deal with losses and impacts from COVID and we don't know where we are going to be from 6 months from now.

Mayor Slaughter stated the DCED wanted to use this for COVID recovery.

Mr. Yoder stated if we are going to ask DCED, let's also add about educational training. He told Mayor that he would forward the information over to him that is supporting the data. He also stated his concerns about some of the smaller businesses that don't have P&L statements.

Ms. Miele stated she suggests that we include a list of resources in the City that applicants might utilize in the Community that would have people put together a business plan.

Ms. Young stated the original plan had a loan of \$100,000 and we were requiring a lot more, we are not tied to this information, we were using other programs as a model.

Ms. Miele stated since we are using the DCED money, we have to follow the proper guidelines. She doesn't recommend that we revise the loan terms, but we are not necessarily tied and we can return to DCED.

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Ms. Young stated DCED has not reviewed the underwriting, just the terms of the loan. If a business calls in, maybe we can give them so technical guidelines.
Ms. Miele stated we are looking to meet a need and not looking to give away all the money, so it is wise for us to retain some requirements and then see what we need to modify.
Mr. Yoder stated maybe it would be good if Council could have a quarterly report because people want to see how we are doing.
Ms. Miele asked about the resolution saying about business operating in the City?
Ms. Young stated you have to be operating in the City and create jobs, and any jobs created should be in the City. As soon as this is approved by Council, we can get it out and it would be just over a month and it can be reviewed by Council, we can have a quick turn around.
Mr. Pulizzi spoke about the businesses having to have an appraisal and stated how expensive appraisal are, what kind of leniency.
Mr. Pawlak stated we are asking for this, but we might not require this.
Mrs. Katz stated we are not going to be able to require every aspect of this because of the uniqueness of each situation. She spoke about the educational value to businesses with web sites and credit cards services.
Mr. Allison agrees with the concept and stated this is going to be a definite need and we will have to revise as we go along with this. He asked about Redevelopment Authority and City's recommendations.
Ms. Young stated she is not sure about the answer and she asked the solicitor about which body will have the final say.

The solicitor was not able to get on.

Ms. Young read the changes to the resolution **Whereas the City has determined that the loans funds are needed at this time to assist the businesses operating in the City of Williamsport that have been affected by the COVID pandemic.** And the 7th whereas should say the jobs must be located in the City of Williamsport and remain for two years.

Ms. Miele stated there is a pool of money there

Mr. White stated the language and intent is for the City of Williamsport to benefit and having the language in there is fine and the individuals reviewing the applications should ask questions.

Ms. Miele made the motion to amend the resolution. Mr. Yoder seconded it.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the amendment.

The amendment to the resolution with carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Mackey was absent.

There was discussion about what the Redevelopment Authority changed on the resolution. Mr. White stated Council could keep it the way it is or look at it again after two weeks and make changes in two weeks.

Ms. Miele made a motion to amend the resolution in the third clause to amend to \$50,000. Mr. Banks seconded it.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the motion to amend the resolution.

The amendment of the resolution with carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Mackey was absent.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution with carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Mackey was absent

Resolution # 9041

Resolution for a Consulting Agreement between the Williamsport Bureau of Police & the PA Chiefs of Police

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Mr. Yoder made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Miele.

Chief Hagan stated this is for a standard consulting agreement for consulting on testing and accreditation. This is for \$1500/day plus expenses for a maximum of 8 candidates a day for tests for our candidates. We won't be charged for a second day if we have 9 candidates. This was reviewed by Finance Committee. This is a professional organization that helps us ensure we have a non biased test and they come here and follow a credit criteria.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. We did speak about that this is the most professional way to eliminate any problems.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution with carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Mackey was absent

Resolution #9042

Resolution for an Agreement for Tactical Team Placement between the Lycoming County/Williamsport Police Special Response Team & the South Williamsport Police Dept.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

Chief Hagan stated these are four organizations in our county that works with our special response team and it stands for Special Weapon Tactics. It is in every way as capable as other teams in larger areas. They are extraordinary and the capabilities are high risk search warrants, hostage situations, deployment of weapons and various high risk situations. This team has a total of 46 call outs, and 36 were in the City of Williamsport. Of those 46, 34 were high risk circumstances, like going into a drug house. They are eight times faster than the State Police. They are generally ready in an hour or two, usually an hour. We looked

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at some of the issues and we wanted to ensure we have updated agreements, South Wmsport has one, detectives have 1, Sherriff one and Tiaghton has 2. We have 12 people and five are from other agencies and we took a look at their base salaries, he will have all the numbers later. The ultimate reason for doing this, is we have different funding sources for different teams. For specialized training, we have different funding sources, sometimes their agencies will pay or assist in funding the specialized training. If we get any opportunity to send someone to school, if they can't do it, we could use the training budget from the police to send them to a specialized training and felt it should be an option, never the first option, but should be an option. H

e spoke about the several different training options. To send three outside officers, it would cost \$5,300, and he did talk to someone and places have allowed reimbursement of some of the training. If we did use our training budget money, there would be a good chance we could be reimbursed for it. This team is 30 years old and they maintain high physical standards.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did forward this with a positive recommendation with a vote of 2 to 1. These contracts are all the same and we treated it as one with different names. She asked Chief Hagan for an annual average of what we has spent the last five years.

Chief Hagan answered we are still trying to put the numbers together.

Ms. Miele stated the recommendation from Finance was to include the language that we should create a separate line item for the amount that is spent on from outside agencies. We discussed about the name being Lycoming County and most of these teams are managed by County or the State Police. She suggested to the Chief that we make all of these agreements one year agreements. It is hard for her to see the City's responsibilities fro Countywide team. The budget next year will be difficult and for us to cover them this year, when it will be difficult for us to cover our own team.

Mrs. Katz asked when this was founded in 1990, was this strictly City?

Chief Hagan stated the reason why we incur the costs is because it is ours. They started out of a bread truck with uniforms. The CERT team was all on us in the beginning, For many years, we had only had two and now we are up to five. He spoke about what the federal government purchased for them. This is a shared effort, federal, state, and local. He mentioned that there is a donation account. It is a partnership, these people are putting in and the people are risking their lives. He said his advice is to make this option available.

Mrs. Katz asked if we benefit from the DA's office in regards to their task force.

Chief Hagan answered we do and he gave some examples and stated how many times they have contributed to our officers. There are seven officers from our police force and they are members of the bargaining unit.

Mrs. Katz asked if this is the first time we are asking for money?

Chief Hagan stated he looked at some of that and we looked at cases such as an officer that was sent to Penn College, and we only paid for our officer. This is to codify the working relationship.

Mr. Yoder spoke about the talk about regionalization and over the next year, we should work with the County. He knows that the City does benefit from this and we should push forward with this over the next year.

Mr. Pulizzi asked about the cost of CERT members who are not from Williamsport Police Dept, would this be from tax payers?

Chief Hagan answered if the money was not available in any of the other cases mentioned, we would have this as an option. It might be possible to get reimbursed.

Mr. Pulizzi stated if the City were to go through any of these trainings, would we be reimbursed?

Chief Hagan stated after last year, they went to PEMA and they were reimbursed. But if we don't pay for their officers then they would have to submit their own reimbursements.

Ms. Miele stated to clarify in one particular training that would be the reimbursement.

Chief Hagan answered with each task we would have to apply for reimbursement.

Ms. Miele asked again about these contracts, being more comfortable if we had a one year agreement attached to it. She stated we should be looking for County entries and if we take it on with a one year agreement, it gives us a chance to evaluate the agreement.

Mr. Yoder stated he is all for this program and he is good with a one year agreement. He asked Mr. White for clarification to add the one year on?

Mr. White stated the agreement has that on the contract. If council wants to terminate this agreement they can at any time. You can add that Council shall review this agreement, but as far as the term of the agreement, it is in.

Chief Hagan stated we could change the wording to say annual agreement.

Mr. Banks asked for clarifications and asked if the reimbursements were available to the other officers.

Chief Hagan answered yes, but he doesn't know how soon they can get reimbursed. He would have to do more research to see if they would have to ask very quickly.

Mr. Banks stated this should be County run, something above the City Level, for us to put this money out and not know if we are going to get reimbursed for it....

Chief Hagan stated it is an eight county force and he talked about placing a vehicle for the task force in our budget and asking for help from the County. We have had participation in this task force for 30 years and we have always run it in the County.

Mr. Banks stated we are in the middle of two huge happenings, COVID 19 and the Police situation happening in the world. We need to be sure we are being very cautious.

Mayor Slaughter stated he has spoken to the Police Chief about training for officers in this present climate.

Ms. Miele stated she agrees that we find ourselves in a difficult situation on many counts, but she felt strongly that this should go to County wide.

Chief Hagan continued to talk about trainings that are funded by the Federal government. This year has been an exception to the normal course. The week in New Mexico was paid up front by the government.

Ms. Miele stated so it sounds like we already do quite a bit of leg work, but it is such a huge function in the area.

Chief Hagan stated the CERT team does executive protections, hostage situations, sniper operations, and many dangerous situations.

Mr. Allison asked for any other comments.

Ms. Miele stated in her 10 years on Council, for time savings, she is requesting that the Finance Dept creates a line item for these officers to help us recognize this.

Mr. Yoder asked that this should be brought back to Council next year.

Chief Hagan agreed and stated he will bring it back at budget time.

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Mr. Allison asked for a vote on this resolution

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 2.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted no, Ms. Miele voted no. Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Mackey was absent.

Resolution #9043

Resolution for an Agreement for Tactical Team Placement between the Lycoming County/Williamsport Police Special Response Team & the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Dept.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Mr. Yoder made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 2.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted no, Ms. Miele voted no. Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Mackey was absent.

Resolution # 9044

Resolution for An Agreement for Tactical Team Placement between the Lycoming County/Williamsport Police Special Response Team & the Lycoming County District Attorney's Office

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 2.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted no, Ms. Miele voted no. Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Mackey was absent.

Resolution #9045

Resolution for an Agreement for Tactical Team Placement between the Lycoming County/Williamsport Police Special Response Team & the Lycoming County Sheriff's Office

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

The resolution was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 2.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted no, Ms. Miele voted no. Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Mackey was absent.

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Management Contract Agreement between the City of Williamsport and Endless Mountain Transportation Authority

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Katz.

Mr. Winder stated this resolution is to execute a management agreement as well as a management contract and in 2012, they were approached by Penn Dot to allow RVT to manage this transit to help them. WE will receive \$22,750 each quarter and for support staff in the amount of \$434,734.49 on a quarterly basis as well. We did shared ride service for Best Transit. This was reviewed by Finance on Tuesday pending some minor changes and we did make sure the agreement has a one year term.

The other question was exactly how the finances will be paid out. EMTA requested the money would come through the City, So the RVT employees will be paid a stipend and there will be no pension contributions and EMTA will paid on quarterly basis and there will be a time study on a quarterly basis and the employees will be signing a document that if any changes.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendations and this is no longer a five year agreement. This helps RVT in its goal to regionalize, this is a good example of how to do this. We do provide benefit to the other counties and we in recognize the benefits.

Mrs. Katz wanted to know how many people are receiving checks from EMTA and you said 5, so 5 people are going to split \$250,000

Mr. Winder answered no, 91,000. He said we are getting \$533,000 per year from EMTA.

Mrs. Katz stated she understood that half of this is for RVT expenses and the other half is supposed to be for payroll, is that right?

Mr. Winder replied the \$91,000 is for five employees that work at RVT and are part of the management team for EMTA. One employee works in the call center in Mansfield side of EMTA on a regular basis with regular hours, it covers 30% of another employee's salary here, because that is how much time he spends doing regulation check of different things of that nature.

Mrs. Katz stated here is where there is a problem, we asked at least two months ago, if not longer to give us a breakdown, you are working for RVT and Street & Parks and now you are working for EMTA, now we have to know who is doing what with whom and how these salaries are combined and if you are not working with the City at this point and mostly with RVT, we should not be paying your salary from the City, it should come out of RVT.

Mr. Winder answered that is the purpose of the time study, Penn Dot is requesting the same thing and that's why we are doing the itme study right now.

Mrs. Katz stated but we haven't gotten that information yet. We have been waiting for how long and at this point, we are also concerned of who, and this is for you Mayor, who is doing what with whom at this point ...we have asked for the breakdown of salaries, we shouldn't be responsible for the city Budget and we are talking, Adam, Chris Cooley, and JoEllen has been spending a lot of time there. We haven't been given that breakdown yet.

Mayor Slaughter answered Chris and Adam are still doing work for City, Chris with IT and Adam with Streets and Parks as he said and we are doing a time study, Due to the Covid 19, we were not able to interview. We are going to have to reactivaete and repost that due to one reason or another. Some candidates could not fill the residency requirements. So we are looking for Finance Director, and he is also

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working with Joe Pawlak and will work with City Council to insert a line item with a salary of a Finance Director, and he plans to start interview process on July 1 as well as RVT permanently to fulfill that. So the time study will allow us to determine what percentage or what part time....To answer your questions, Mr. Winder is doing Streets & Parks as well as filling in with RVT. Mr. Cooley is doing RVT work and also for the City. We do need to and we will permanently fill these roles and we will start there on July 1 also. Mrs. Katz stated she was happy to see that he was taking the residency ordinance seriously, as far as hiring people for those positions. Hopefully you are going to compare apples to apples. Mayor Slaughter stated yes he is following the residency requirements and he is in agreement with Mrs. Katz as far as residency. He stated that Mr. Winder and Mr. Cooley have done a fine job filling in over the Covid pandemic.

Mrs. Katz stated yes, but it is still too much work for one person.

Mr. Yoder stated he is glad we will start to search for a number of positions. He assumes that he will mimic the process that was used for Ms. Young's position. He asked for a timeline on putting someone in place for RVT?

Mayor Slaughter answered it is difficult to put in a timeline. We will go through the process and applicants will take time. He can't say when.

Mr. Yoder stated to follow up, he wanted to know the information as to how these managements fees will have an impact on our budget, not only with RVT, but for the City.

Mr. Winder stated the CFO for an example spends 14 hours a day here and is actually here after hours and her shift at RVT. The five employees that are in the management agreement their salaried employees through the City at 35 hours and putting in closer to 60 hours per week. That was the reason behind the EMTA. EMTA board actually voted on this yesterday and approved with the understanding that adjustments may be made based on the time study, so it seems as if we have ...like an example of the employee that's spending 30% of his time on EMTA, we are getting reimbursement. If he spends 0% of his time, they are ok with giving us an adjustment and showing them the reason why.

Mr. Yoder asked the Mayor who confirmed that we will be receiving DCED money for the study.

Mayor Slaughter stated he was working with a local government services rep and she is keeping him up to speed on what is happening.

Mr. Yoder stated that would address any staffing issues.

Ms. Miele stated she agrees with Mr. Yoder and it seems like someone who has been working 60 and 70 hours per week, there seems at one point, they lose efficiency, perhaps, it would probably be wiser to look at the horrible staffing needs of RVT and how to redistribute staff hours. Not only is it unfair to our employees, but it is also not getting the best value for our partner...so while it may not be something we are in a position to do, anything about it right now, it is definitely something that we

Mayor Slaughter stated we have been doing this since the time study.

Mr. Allison asked who was doing the time study?

Mr. Winder stated Nicole Farr is doing the Finance department and maintenance is doing theirs and submitting them to him for checks and balances.

Mr. Allison stated so it is internal then...and a self regulated study.

Mayor Slaughter stated the skill level with these five people, they know what they are doing and have been doing it for years. They have gained a significant amount of knowledge.

Mr. Allison stated that earlier Mr. Yoder had suggested delaying this, and he asked Mr. Winder if this needs to be passed in a certain amount of time.

Mr. Winder answered yes and they meet tomorrow and their group is made up of 9 County Commissioners and it is difficult to pin them all down and they would be delighted if we could vote on this tonight. It was a challenge to get this negotiated and there were a number of questions.

Mr. Yoder stated he felt this would be a good idea to table this tonight and take two more weeks to get questions answered and more details as to how it will affect all. Also it will allow the Mayor to start the process of filling a couple open positions, especially RVT and he would have more time to clarify the process.

Mr. Pulizzi said he agrees with Mr. Yoder and there are still more questions unanswered in regarding us moving forward with this, he doesn't think it would hurt to hold off to see and understand this a lot better. He wants to err on the side of caution.

Mr. Winder stated he could reach out to Penn Dot tomorrow and let them know that its tabled and make sure they are okay with us holding Best Transits Management team come July 1 without an agreement. If Penn Dot doesn't agree, it goes out for bid process for a new management team.

Mr. Allison stated that we could have a special meeting on Monday or Tuesday and Mrs. Frank stated there would not be enough time to advertise for Monday.

Mr. Yoder made a motion to table this. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pulizzi.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the motion to table this.

The motion to table failed with a 3 to 3 tie vote.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted no, Ms. Miele voted no, and Mr. Allison voted no.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution failed with a 3 to 3 tie voted.

Mr. Yoder voted no, Mr. Pulizzi voted no, Mrs. Katz voted no, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes. The resolution failed.

Mr. White stated the options are to move on or someone can reintroduce it as a new motion if you want to have further discussion for purposes of amending it, or you can just move on. Or place it on the agenda on Tuesday. It can go on the Agenda as a new item, never introduced before.

After more discussion, it was decided that Mr. Winder will talk with Penn Dot tomorrow to see if a Special meeting is needed or if this can wait until next Council Agenda. So we will wait and find out first thing tomorrow morning.

Certificates of Appropriateness – HARB

All Listed Items recommended for approval

Item 2. Matthew Summerson
520-522 West Third Street

- A. Continue replacing damaged or missing rusticated wood siding, with beveled wood siding of similar appearance.

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- B. Prime and paint:
 - Body- Minimalist Gray HGSW2452 (similar to the existing color)
 - Lapland Ice HGSW1507 as an accent (light gray)
 - Dover White HGSW4032 trim (cream white)
- C. Repair or replace missing sills, casings and dentils on all trim areas. Use wood or composite material. Match existing style.
- D. Restore front (south) entry. Include replacing or repairing the existing door and window lite moldings and rebuilding the transom window. Retain original, salvageable pieces.
- E. Front entry door. Remove existing steel door and install a compatible wood door, salvaged. Door style: Wood door with vertical, raised panels, ½ glass window and window sidelights if needed. Transom to be restored with glass and frame. Repair the existing door entry trim and moldings to match existing trim
- G Revised - Demolish existing front porch. Build a new porch with wood or composite tongue & groove deck, wood steps with closed risers, and temporary posts until appropriate Victorian posts, railing and trims are determined. Similar in size to the existing porch. The new shed porch roof will have Slate gray architectural shingles.

Item 4. 800 Park Place LLC
800 W4th Street

- A. Repair rotted wood and roofing issues on east side porch as needed to correct the problem. Work will be in kind to same as original appearance.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to approve the certificates of Appropriateness from HARB

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.

The Certificates of Appropriateness- HARB were approved with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

The certificates with carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor. Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Mackey was absent

Accept for Filing:

Finance Committee Minutes 05/12/20
HARB Minutes 06/06/20

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to accept these minutes for filing.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pulizzi.

The minutes were accepted for filing with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Mackey was absent

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday July 9, 2020 a 6:30 PM, **TBA**

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, June 29	12:00 PM	Recreation Commission
Friday, July 3	11:00 AM	ERC
	12:00 PM	Housing Needs
Tuesday, July 7	11:30 AM	Public Safety Meeting
	1:00 PM	Finance Meeting
	2:30 PM	Public Works Meeting
Wednesday, July 8	3:30 PM	O& E Pension
Thursday, July 9	6:30 PM	City Council meeting

Mr. Allison asked for comments from members of Council.

Mr. Yoder asked the Mayor about the fireworks being moved to Hughesville. Mayor Slaughter explained that he was waiting on a permit and Backyard Broadcasting decided to move the event so the Eagles nest would not be involved. The fireworks are funded from Backyard Broadcasting, no City dollars.

Mrs. Katz wanted to clarify the rumors as to why the permit wasn't filed. Mr. Winder stted normally, we do get a permit to close that bridge, but we contacted Penn Dot and they did not grant a permits at this time.

Ms. Miele stated there has been such a problem with fireworks going off in the City. We passed an ordinance a few years ago about setting them off and now people are setting them off at all times and it sounds like fireworks every night, I don't know what our resoruces are to stop them, but there are a lot of complaints from people.

Mayor Slaughter stated we is aware as well as Chief Hagan and we can come and remind them, but it is difficult to pin point, who is doing them and where. He asked citizens for help in reporting if they see anyone doing this. We can respond to them if we know where. So please let us know as well as Mr. Gerardi who has gone to properties ...if we know who, he can go and give warning and then fines. Mayor Slaughter also stated how frustrating it is and it seems like its every single night. Also he wanted to let people know a number to cll in and report them. He even had a talk with Mr. White to check on State Law and he is going to research the law.

Ms. Miele stated how disruptive this is for people and for animals and also spoke about the noise ordinance, there has been loud noises from pick up trucks, mufflers and Harlelys also. She asked that the citizens in Williamsport can help the police enforce both speeding and noise violations.

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Mayor Slaughter stated that our engineers are looking particularly at speed and in area where we might need a stop sign or something of that nature.

There was additional discussion on forceable laws that may not be on our books and high speed traffic areas.

Mr. Yoder stated people have been asking here about the levels of government that have been opening and asked about City Hall.

Mayor Slaughter stated the tax office is open from 9 to 2 and Codes has been open. Everything else is by appointment only. He is having JoEllen HR working on a plan logistically right now. The difficulty is we don't have a front office reception area so when City Hall is wide open, it's wide open and so people can walk around anywhere and as you all are aware, comfort levels of folks all over the place at the moment. So for people to be able to walk around anywhere in City Hall is frustrating. It's difficult to figure out a time line and the logistics of it, so we are open for discussion in this area. We have a lot to work out and we need to remind the public that we don't have a reception area and people need to have respect in their places.

Mr. Allison stated we can also have a discussion about Council meetings, the first meeting in July will be remote and think about the next meeting after that. Lycoming County is staying good as far as the Covid and if it stays that way, we can make a plan and see how everybody feels about their comfort level. So we have to think about that particular room that we are in and see what it would look like and how we could accommodate us or not accommodate us.

Mr. Pulizzi wanted to wish everyone a happy and safe 4th of July and please be safe, respectful and abide by the ordinances and law.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any comments from the administration.

Mr. Gerardi want to make everyone aware that we are done collect brush and Adam did a great job in collecting it. It is now the responsibility of resident to bring it up to the mulch and his officers might be knocking on doors to let people know.

Mr. Allison asked if there were any comments from members of the public.

Mr. White read the emails he received.

President Council Allison,

Why when residents of Williamsport need to call the police to report a crime (non-emergency) does it take 10 minutes, numerous recordings, and finally redirected to call a 433 number to talk to a live person?

Jodie Baney

24 East Third Street

Williamsport, PA 17701

Dear Council President,

My name is Brittani Sluzalis from North Central PA ADAPT and I am a disabled resident of Williamsport.

The Americans with Disabilities Act is only one year younger than me.

I've lived the majority of my life as a Williamsport resident and have NEVER had equal access to Williamsport City Hall, among many other buildings and venues in our city and surrounding areas.

Why do we as disabled people have to go so far to demand the same access of those of you who can walk up those big stairs to get in the same building? All I want, all we want, is an equally accessible life.

Instead, you treat me like a prisoner and make me enter your building through a segregated entrance that is designed for police officers and alleged criminals.

It's been 30 YEARS for you to fix this for residents like me who want to contribute to public policy and our local government.

We've talked about how to do this for the past 3 YEARS!

Enough words - MORE ACTION!

I wish you would care about people like me, and take my input as seriously as you would any other resident.

Sincerely,

Brittani Sluzalis

Williamsport Resident

197 Willow Trace, Williamsport PA 17701

Activist with North Central PA ADAPT

Council President Allison,

In 1990, 30 years ago, the Americans with Disabilities Act became law. Williamsport has been obligated for decades now to ensure that City Hall is accessible to individuals with mobility disabilities and to the blind. A 1973 law obligated Williamsport to ensure access even earlier.

For decades, the City has disregarded its obligation to provide people with disabilities access to a safe, unencumbered route of travel into our City Hall, and throughout the building. As you know, the City Council chamber itself is not accessible.

We have tried to work this out amicably for years. Time is up. We have decided to take the City's violations of the law before the federal court. The lawsuit will be filed within days by our Philadelphia

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attorneys David Ferleger and Thomas H. Earle, experienced civil rights and ADA lawyers. The plaintiffs are the Center for Independent Living of North Central Pennsylvania and the North Central Pennsylvania ADAPT, advocacy organizations which, among other things, work on behalf of individuals with disabilities regarding mobility and access, together with individuals who have personally and repeatedly been denied the access to which they are entitled.

Williamsport has intentionally discriminated against Plaintiffs, and acted with deliberate indifference to their rights. The City has made deliberate choices. The failures here are not the result of negligence or bureaucratic inaction. We are asking the federal court to award money damages to be paid by City, and also to issue orders that the City remedy the violations of the law.

Here's an example of one of the many points the suit will cover. We are all familiar with ramps which facilitate entrance to buildings. For City Hall's main entrance, there is no ramp, although the City has in hand approved architectural designs, and received bids to do the work. City Hall. Construction cost is less than one-half of one percent, that is, 0.476% of the City's current five-year capital budget. The City has deliberately chosen to maintain violations of the federal accessibility laws from top to bottom of City Hall.

The consequences of the City's non-compliance affect thousands of other citizens of Williamsport, as well as visitors to the City, 17% of the civilian non-institutionalized population of Williamsport are disabled. Of the 4,667-total number of people with disabilities in the City, 3,362 of the City's population have ambulatory difficulty.

It is time to open the doors to the seat of our City government.

Please make City Hall a place for all.

Shaylin Sluzalis

North Central PA ADA

Joann Hawk, 47 Aspen Lane, Mill Hall

Hello this is Joanne Hawk. I am a driver for RVT. It has been a couple of weeks since I first asked about our RVT contract and nothing to date has been settled. I am not surprised by this so I am disappointed and disgusted with the Mayor and Council for not taking this matter seriously. Unlike you all, who work safely from home, RVT drivers have been driving since the beginning of this so called problem called pandemic, without any extra compensation of any kind and continue dealing with the public on a daily basis. Why? Let me just say I think you all should be voluntarily ride the buses during the pandemic time to see what we deal with day in and day out. I would like a meeting of all RVT drivers and the Mayor and his Council to be set up. This is our livelihood and yet here we are 7 months later and nothing has changed because I feel you all don't care enough to settle this matter.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mrs. Katz and a second by Mr. Yoder. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM with unanimous ayes.**

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank

City Clerk