

Council President Adam Yoder brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 7:00 PM. at Trade & Transit Center II, 144 West Third St, Williamsport, PA.

**Council members present:**

Adam Yoder, President  
Bonnie Katz, Vice President absent  
Liz Miele, Councilwoman,  
Randy Allison, Councilman,  
Vince Pulizzi, Councilman,  
Jon Mackey, Councilman,  
Eric Beiter Councilman

**Absent:**

Bonnie Katz

**Also, Present:**

Derek Slaughter, Mayor,  
Mr. Joe Gerardi  
Mr. Joe Pawlak  
August Memmi  
Sam Aungst, Fire Chief,  
Justin Snyder, Police Chief  
Solicitor Norman Lubin  
Janice Frank, City Clerk  
Adam Winder, RVT  
Scott Livermore, S&P  
Sean, S&P

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 03/17/22 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Pulizzi and a second from Mr. Allison All were in favor. The vote was 5 to 0. Mrs. Katz was absent. Ms. Miele was absent for this vote**

**Limited Courtesy of the Floor**

There were none.

**Proclamation – Honoring Miss Pennsylvania Sydney Robertson**

Mayor Slaughter This evening we are fortunate enough to have Miss Pennsylvania with us. Her term here is coming to an end. We felt it appropriate to obviously honor her here tonight. And give her the recognition that she so well deserves. I just want to read the proclamation into the record and will open it up to counsel for additional comment.

**Whereas** Miss Sydney Robertson Williamsport Pennsylvania was crowned Miss Pennsylvania USA on July 21 2010 one. and ending on April 24, 2022.

**Whereas**, Miss Sydney Robertson the daughter of Alan and Diane Robertson was born and raised in Williamsport Pennsylvania. And has well been in pageants and beginning in 2012 and being crowned Miss Teen Pennsylvania in 2014. Sydney was awarded Ms. congeniality and Miss photogenic.

**Whereas**, Miss Sydney Robertson resides in the City of Williamsport, Pennsylvania and employed as a licensed aesthetician at Healthy Touch Day Spa and Salon.

**Whereas** Miss Sydney Robertson has and continues to generously devote her talent, time and name to many charitable organizations including but not limited to, toys for tots, USO, lapse of economy and Williamsport welcomes the world.

**AND whereas**, Miss Sydney Robertson enjoys hiking, baking, traveling and spending time with her family. Sidney looks forward to becoming a motivational speaker to inspire and enlighten others.

**Now therefore be it resolved** that I, Mayor of Williamsport acknowledge and say thank you to Miss Robertson for the honor she has brought to the Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

This proclamation is that to my hand and seal this 31st day of March, 2022.  
Congratulations.

Ms. Robertson Thank you so much.

Mayor said thank you for Everything you have done on behalf of the City of Williamsport. I am sure we will continue to follow on your future endeavors. Best wishes.

Mr. Yoder stated Miss Robertson if you are wanting to make comments you are welcome to do so.

Ms. Robertson: I will just make a few comments. It has been a privilege and an honor to not only represent Pennsylvania but Williamsport. This past November I went to Miss USA and although I did not place it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I am forever grateful for that and opportunities like this to stand in front of you all with this recognition. So, thank you so much.

Mr. Yoder I will open up the floor to members of the Council -- thank you for everything you do.

You're an upstanding outstanding member of our community. You are an exemplary representative Williamsport Pennsylvania. We are very proud and thankful that you are here with us. Thank you very much. A job well done.

Mr. Allison: Sidney is a wonderful representative of our city. The kind of people that we produce and represent here. A great face of Williamsport. I also want to reference her entire family I have known the Robertson's for years now. It is a wonderful family that has produced this wonderful young woman. It is to all of their credit.

That she has been successful as she has been. I just wanted to say thank you to all of them for what they bring to the table for our city and community.

Mr. Pulizzi: I am just going to keep it short and sweet and say thank you. And, congratulations. I could not have said it any better than any of them. Once again, congratulations.

Thank you for representing Williamsport so well.

**HARB**

Darline Kellers, 915 W. Fourth St is appointed to four year term commencing 4/1/22 & ending 4/1/26

Fred Kellers, 915 W. Fourth St is appointed to a five-year term commencing 4/1/22 & ending 4/1/27

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and seconded to approve the appointee.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.**

Mr. Yoder In front of us we have two proposed new members of the HARB board, Darline Kellers and Fred Kellers of

915 W. Fourth St.

Ms. Miele Finance did review Mrs. and Mr. Keller's applications. It was actually a lovely discussion. They are new residents of the city. They moved here from Colorado I believe. Where they lived in a 1920s Craftsman home. They purchased the property on West 40 Street. They settled into the district quite nicely. It sounds as though they are interested in the trajectory of the district. Interested in trying to kind of, maintain obviously our historic integrity. I think with more of an eye toward increasing the value of the district. Promoting it as a tourist destination. Things we've discussed for a long time as city council people and administration. Obviously, and the course of our discussion neither of them revealed any should we say, educational expertise and historic preservation. We do have certain requirements to meet on the HARB board. They have an excellent working knowledge of historic preservation and architecture. I think they will be assets to the board. That was my impression. I will defer to the other members of the financing if they have any other recollection of the discussion.

Mr. Yoder: I think this completes the HARB board.

Ms. Miele: Yes, it will complete our current one.

I suppose at some point -- we have a handful of individuals have talked about stepping away in the near future. So, that does not mean we should not continue to look for individuals that are interested.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

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

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

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

Mr. Yoder : I would like to make one follow-up. I thought about this a bit in the course of the finance meeting and since then. As a rule I am not certain I would feel comfortable appointing a couple to a board. But, HARB is a large board within the city, 11 members. I think given that even two people on the board of that size do not even have a remotely controlling interest I do feel more comfortable in that context. I still struggle with some of the smaller boards and commissions. I would never do this on Ways Garden So, I think this is something that we should not take lightly.

Ms. Miele : I would second that. I would agree. We were pretty sizable board. The other thing that makes me more comfortable doing that is this is a great HARB board and We are looking for some very specific skill sets. Unfortunately it they happen to be a married couple.

Mr. Yoder said point well taken and thank you.

#### **Appointments**

##### **Ways Garden Commission**

Jennifer Dudek, Market St is appointed to a lifetime term to Ways Garden Commission

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second to approve the appointee.

**Mr. Beiter made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.**

Mayor Slaughter Before you for your consideration is appointment to the commission, Jennifer Dudek who resides in the city. We had discussion at finance I believe. Around Jennifer Dudek. Both as an employee of the city. And discussion around policy to make sure there was no conflict of interest. That she would not be put in any type of position that would be uncomfortable. Also, we discussed lifetime appointments. Currently Ways Garden. Every appointment is a lifetime appointment. That is how the commission is set up. There was some discussion around with solicitors. To either review that or look at term limits. I do not have a strong feeling one way or the other. To be quite honest. We did have discussion around it. Before you tonight is a Jennifer Dudek and she serves on Brenda Park commission as well. She is a master gardener. She brings a phenomenal skill set and love. She also has a forestry degree. She is really passionate about our parks and recreation and open spaces. Again, I think she is a good fit for the waste garden commission .Given that it is a very nice green space. Within the city. So, her name is before you for consideration. Her interview was during finance.

Ms. Miele I do not think there's anyone that would have any argument on that. She has a forestry degree so she is a master gardener and very hard worker. Both during her employment with the city and outside of her hours with the city. All of those things are desirable on any commission of the city. The two questions I guess be raised with it, seeing if she is an employee of the city, I think frankly mostly my concern would be the comfort and well-being of our employees. If they choose to serve on our boards and commissions. It would be a very awkward place to put somebody in, -- to be making a decision against the role of the administration being employed by the administration. I think it would be helpful for any employees you might hope to serve on a board of commission in the future to create some sort of clear guidelines of policy that lets them know that they are not under threat of being targeted at all. Obviously, that is not in any way a commentary on the administration because I do not think you would do that that is just simply leaking no could happen. Aside from that, Jennifer Dudek asserted the fact and I am well aware she will say exactly what is on her mind regardless of her employment. [laughing] Nonetheless, in case other employees are interested in serving as well. We had a nice discussion with her. She believes we need to continue to follow through with improving the park. Basically once you have a static park space the park effectively loses a lot for the citizens. Improvement and constantly thinking about that is key. And the sidewalk out front. As I think we have all recently discussed. That needs to be taken care of at some point for sure. So, we bring her to you and I would recommend her appointment. I guess to address the lifetime term issue. It is obviously not incredibly depressing. It offers people an easy way to bow out of the commission. And also, the city an easy way to excuse someone from service. If for some reason they are no longer serving the -- city. It has served us well elsewhere. It is probably a wise thing to put in place here at some point.

Mr. Yoder I would agree with that. I think that is something that we could easily look at.

We could look at updating that the administration wants to take that effort and update that section of the code.

That is great. That is really something counsel can do as well. We certainly support that.

Before it gets too long we should probably do that. As we all get busy and have a very busy schedules and lives outside of here, it is very easy to forget these things when they come up. I think may be the sooner the better. Even though it is not necessarily pressing.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the Ways Garden Commission appointment.

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

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes,**

**Mr. Yoder voted yes and Mrs. Katz was absent**

**RVTA AUTHORITY BOARD**

Max Moore, 1133 Market St. is appointed to a 4 year term commencing 04/01/22 & ending 12/31/25

Trisha Marty, 928 Campbell St. is appointed to a one year term commencing 04/01/22 & ending 12/31/23

Richard Staimin, 1700 Ravine Rd is appointed to a 2- year term commencing 04/01/22 & ending 12/31/23

Chuck Crews, 1561 Watson St, is appointed to a 3-year term commencing 04/01/22 & ending 12/31/24

**Mr. Allison made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey.**

Mayor : As you said you have Max Moore, Chuck Crews, Richard Staimin and (Name?) for the transit authority board. We had significant discussion around the technical aspect of this. Board training and working with the solicitors.

Working with the staff of RVT . Sort of how that plays into this. Into the board of representatives. As far as reviewing materials. Things of that nature over the past few months. We also discussed a little bit around adding additional members. If that is the will of the board. And the folks that are represented by the board. We got some updates on how that process would work and what that would look like moving forward. Of course, our goal is July 1 is going to be the target date. As far as the new fiscal year. For the transit. We discussed the cross-section of the community.

That each of these folks bring to the table. I think it is a very good representation of our community.

The different backgrounds and experiences. Both personal and professional that each of them bring and different viewpoints they bring to the board. We still have the 5th position open that we talked about. We are still reviewing candidates. Discussion around the candidates.

Mayor If there are candidates anybody has known of or reached out to please forward those along as that is the goal hopefully within the next two weeks here to get that fit candidate back in front of you.

That way we can schedule that board training as soon as possible. I think these are four different very quality and intelligent folks. That care about Williamsport and the direction of our city. I think they will do a great job.

I will go back to the present and Council.

Mr. Yoder: These were interviewed in transit oversight as the mayor mentioned. We had a pretty good discussion on their interest in serving some of their background. Some of the more technical, components. And realistically just ensuring that they are ready to really dive in. Get up to speed on a lot of the intricacies of transit. As the mayor had mentioned, there is 5<sup>th</sup> opening. I believe he is going through openings now. There were a number of people that reached out to me and other people in transit oversight. Janice city emailed me to get those names and I will certainly get those overdue. I think it would be prudent to certainly interview them. I had been coaching individuals to hold off until we determined what changes were going to happen in the near future. Whether it is getting county involvement and what have you. So, we did not get those names to the administration. Given that we were still working through some components of that. Again, and part of the discussion that we had, in relation to these interviews and also separately following these interviews, the desire and what level of involvement we want. Specifically, the county and how we want them to appoint board members. When you look at ridership a big portion of it is city ridership. And will be for the foreseeable future. As this authority grows and this transit organization grows, that will hopefully dwindle. We need to make sure that those communities are represented accurately. That could very well be better accommodated for by having other municipalities appoint board members. We haven't worked through those intricacies yet but we have had some good discussion. Based on the conversation in transit oversight, very quickly want to -- see their level of interest and maybe get the ball rolling .Additionally, following the discussion about some governance there was some good discussion. On some additions that we think are very prudent to add to the bylaws. The two that stucco specifically was creating an ethics committee as a part of the board. In the past one of the findings from the recent performance review was that employees did not feel there was a place to go to address concerns in a way that would not isolate them. Kind of to the point of conflict of interest as we mentioned with waste guard. And looking at adding some language for hiring guidance for the board. For job classifications and job requirements.

Because of some practices that have been identified from years prior. That we want to mitigate and we do not want to happen. There is some work going on through there. Related to the members here, they certainly, bring a diverse perspective. Whether it is business. Some prior experience on the airport authority. Just some experience and insights from the community in different ways. As the mayor mentioned the goal is to make them look like the community and this first slate of appointment certainly goes down that path. Which is good to see. That was the discussion in transit oversight. I will defer to other members of transit oversight.

Mr. Beiter The most important thing I want to say is the list of individuals that have been brought forward are excellent candidates. They've all done something very unique to allow Williamsport to prosper. Also, to showcase our skill set here on this board is a wonderful opportunity for them. My concern is twofold. The immense responsibility of this board is going to have. During the initial startup phase. Also, the size of this authority. Spanning multiple counties. We have zero representation of that. As we look forward to RVTA future we want to disentangle the authority from the city as much as possible. I believe getting the county involved as early as possible. So, we can pull those other community members and. It is paramount to the success of this authority. With that being said we talked about local match as well been in the transit oversight meeting. We are having a bit of a difficult time making sure that match is met. Met by these other municipalities. Giving these others skin in the game with board seats would help. Also bring them to the table more readily. That way we can have a successful transit authority. Again, I believe these four candidates are extremely high-caliber and bring a lot to the table. We need to immediately consider getting the county involved. At least in the beginning. That way we can have a successful operation.

Mr. Pulizzi A great job of expressing exactly these four different candidates. I can only -- reiterate what you guys said. I wonder if it might be in the best interest to table these employments until you're able to the county and get a little bit more feedback from them. To better gauge their interest. Potentially reach out to the other municipalities in the area. Also get feedback from them on their level of interest.

Ms. Miele: Personally, I think we are wise to move forward. RVT has been a branch of the city for a long time. We move into a phase where RVT continues to be a branch of the city as it has represented by citizens. Some of them will expire within the next year. We can get into discussions with the county. If we are looking to truly represent RVT service area we need more than five members. We just saw the numbers out there somewhere. 75 percent of RVT's troops are made within the city. Correct? --75 percent of these workers it should still be citizens. And currently 80 percent of them are. Because we have not appointed one. [laughing] It depends on how you look at it. Yes, RVT encompasses a wide area and the majority of services they provide is still in Williamsport.

If that is the case, we need to dive more into the concept. A little more pass July 1. In the concept of how big the board should be. And how much of that representation should be outside of the city versus inside. To allow for making the best decisions for the citizen to utilize the services. All of that said, I hope we are moving forward quickly. That is what we are hoping to do. Move forward with this. Potentially replace board members and/or augment the board as we explore it further with the county. Ideally, I think this becomes perhaps no longer a city operation. You understand what I am saying. It is also not exclusively a city based board. City based service. Also at some point we hope 75 percent of the service is not provided within the city. That is where we are. I think that is what the board needs.

Mr. Yoder said to Mr. Pulizzi You referenced tabling this? I will give you the opportunity to make that motion. If not we can take a vote.

Mr. Pulizzi: Thank you, I appreciate that. To Councilwoman's point, I do want to move forward on this. Quickly. I do not want to stall this for any undue purposes or reasons. Mayor if we were to table this 10 night, how quickly do you think that we could reach out to the county or other municipalities? At least ask for their feedback?

Mayor: We actually have already reached out. We've started already.

Mr. Winder We have reached out to the county. We had preliminary discussions. I do not want to speak for them. I do not want to speak for others. Through the process of talking to the menace of polities, they do not want to be on board with this until the city cleaned up their own mess. That is basically how was radiated. - They do not want to get involved with the board unless this is all straight and out. There is no secret there would be a payback from the city to the state. There's all kinds of different scenarios that could play out here. And fortunately strongly agree with those individuals. We need to clean up our mess ourselves first and then bring people onto the clean slate. It is a giant mess. That is no secret. Attorney General's investigation. We are starting with five members, city board alone. We made it that way so we can grow. Once this mess has been cleaned up. If you lock us incompletely, if we are able to venture in other counties that now eliminates their board seats. Unless you guys really want to see a 22 person board. Which would be very complicated. The best number would be nine. I think you have a great team here that is ready to clean this mess up. In my honest opinion I would vote the five members intimate and if you want to make the board grow it gives opportunity to show the county and everybody else we are doing the due diligence and getting this cleaned up.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you very much. Thank you.

Mr. Pulizzi With the feedback, and with at this point, I am actually going to defer -- I think with their feedback we should get this going.

Mr. Yoder Is there any other questions or comments related to these?

Hearing and seeing them.

**The appointments were carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 1 .**

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

**Mr. Yoder changed the order of the agenda.**

#### Resolution # 9275

#### Resolution Awarding Contract to UHY Advisors for ARPA Plan Act Compliance & Oversight

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

**Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pulizzi.**

Mayor stated What you have before you is a resolution awarding a contract to UHY advisors for the American rescue plan act. Compliance and oversight. Obviously, we have had a lot of conversation around this item. We have a compliance firm with us tonight, and front of you for your review. That is UHY advisors. They obviously are qualified and certified to perform these duties. It is at a cost of \$85,000 per year. Three years would be a total of \$255,000. With the services that they would be providing. We have the representative here tonight from UHY advisors. In my opinion we had a very good conversation. A very informative conversation. During finance related to ARPA, compliance, oversight. All of the types of services that UHY provides. Both currently and what they will provide in the future. Mr. Reagan specifically has worked with everyone from Detroit to Washington DC. Chester, upper Darby, small municipalities and reading in between. They are highly skilled. They come with a lot of experience. I think it is a great fit for Williamsport. I spoke with Mr. Reagan. I read through everything they have to offer. I feel very confident that we are in good hands. Pending Council approval of course. All of our concerns that we have related to compliance and oversight, particularly on the back end, -- will be taken care of by UHY advisors. This was reviewed and passed on to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. .

Ms. Miele stated This was reviewed in finance. Mr. Reagan is actually quite eloquent.[laughing] Perhaps I can get a word in once or twice. I would say he is, knowledgeable. Knowledgeable about the subject matter. He speaks with great clarity and expertise. We had a nice discussion about this in finance. As I am sure over the course of three years this is more we had budgeted. More than we budgeted for the package. I do think it might be a suite of services encompassing more than we anticipated when we thought about the concept of compliance. So, I think that is open for discussion. I think some of the items that have not occurred to me for instance, the potential I suppose you have a firm familiar with what other minutes of polities are doing. This is what economic development has done.

This is what communities have done. The concepts have been outreach to community members.

When we are speaking about things like discussion we have been having regarding community development and economic development within the city. We are looking at putting money into it but we are also looking for a plan to move that forward. One of the resources there clearly should be the citizens of Williamsport. Especially the business and nonprofit community. We certainly contemplated reaching out to them. I think it is part of an economic development plan there is the capacity to do that. All of that said we had a thoughtful discussion. A thoughtful discussion about the city's past and present expenditures. And UHY's ability to oversee both past and present expenditures. Help us do what we could to get those into line. We received assurance that we were spending money on the public safety item properly. So, that \$10 million of lost revenue does remain. Much to our excitement. Not that I think this is a problem we will have, if we find the position of not have encumbered all of the UHY funding before the deadline we apparently do have the ability to retroactively incumbent with prior expenditures. We can say we actually are going to take that pool liner out of ARPA funding. Something like that.

I think that was something that was useful to me. Maybe not precisely or thought but you know.

[laughing] It was an interesting discussion. We did obviously put this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation otherwise I would probably have something bad to say.

[laughing] I will defer to other members of financing. : Am very happy to see this is being brought forward.

I would love to hear from you at this point.

Mr. Allison said, you are very eloquent with what you had to say. : I just have one comment to make. We did ask a lot of questions. I got a lot of them answered. This is 65 pages. 65 pages of their response to the UHY. A lot of the details go far beyond that. A list of 15 things. That they will assist us with. That are far beyond compliance. Like RFPs. Monitoring the bids. Monitoring the money that sub recipients get. It just goes down the line. It is a big company. They have a big skill set. It really answers all of the questions that we brought up. That is all I have to say. I am sure others have questions that were not answered.

Mr. Regan: Hi, my name is Jack Regan. No relation. I always say that in a room full of government people that do not know me. I am with UHY a managing director. It is the first time I think an accountant and eloquent have been used in the same sentence. So, I appreciate the kind words will not.: We tried to break ground here. It is a low bar for an accountant being eloquent. We appreciate the opportunity to be here tonight. is a baseball and softball dad I was thrilled to see an RFP come out for this. I believe we have a lot to offer the city. The process we will go through is really three phases. First phase is what you are in right now. That strategic base. You have approved some projects. Yes some others you are investigating. Funding will help you evaluate those for allow ability under the regulations. As mentioned earlier you can go back in time for expenditures that already occurred through March 3, 2021. You can go as far back as that to be able to charge. Being able to charge some of these ARPA cost. I wanted to make everybody aware of that. At the end of it, the strategy phase. As you are figuring out the products you are going to find. We will work with legal and procurement officials. Make sure the information that the project owners are going to need to provide the city. So, the city can make the report to the U.S. Treasury on the quarterly basis those are incorporated into those contracts. As was mentioned earlier, as the spending is going on we are acting as your eyes and ears on that. We will be doing a risk-based approach. We will evaluate the quality of internal controls. At the recipients. Looking at how much. Are we going to look at every single transaction they are charging you?

Or we're going to do a sampling basis. It will all depend on the risk assessment we do. At the end of every quarter we will help you report all of those to treasury. Depending on what you guys agree to in terms of periodic reporting to the Council on the status of all of these projects we will work to that and the transparency phase at the end.

That is included in that price so it is not to exceed 85,000 a year. Time and materials for contract.

If we do not have time charged up to \$85,000 we will not charge that \$85,000. \$85,000 is the ceiling on the per year. It is an allowable cost under ARPA, thank you. Down in Washington. Forgetting that as a part of the allowable cost that can be charged to ARPA. Again, I said this in the finance committee meeting and I mean this with all sincerity, it is truly an honor to serve the city. The city is a part of the fabric of America. And I am truly proud that UHY will hopefully be associated with the city. I will entertain any questions you may all have.

Mr. Yoder said A couple of things to add. We were chatting a little bit before the meeting. I know you had mentioned you did a quick look over of what we have recently passed with ordinances. From what you saw everything is on the up and up and compliant. Categories are appropriate. But we are planning to spend this money on project by project is appropriate. That makes me feel good. :

Mr. Regan We will be putting those expenditure categories and locking those instantly hear it coming up for the report that is due to treasury by That have started expenditure or have been approved through today March 31. We will be reporting that by April 30

Mr. Yoder The other thing that I thought was really interesting kind of fell into that bucket of strategy. I did not catch this part of the finance committee. You did discuss this there and it is on record, my apologies. You did mention about the value of looking at maximizing the lost revenue strategy. I think that is definitely something we have talked about. It would be certainly good to look at that. The other thing you mentioned was backdating some of our related Expenses. I think it would be very valuable. Maybe you can lend a hand in providing guidance even with some general operations what would be applicable because that is a good category to get some of this unrestricted. We can use this to get more impact out of the rules and regulations. I think that is another exciting thing about having you on board that I am really looking forward to.

Mr. Regan I appreciate that. There are a couple things to unpack there. You can go back in time March 3, 2021 and find the allowable expenses. I haven't otherwise been charged to federal grants. You do not get to double tap. That is the first thing to emphasize there. The second thing in the ordinance that had been passed there was something out there reconsidered as lost revenue. In January the treasury updated the guidance. In February, late February they put out some additional reporting guidance. That allows localities to take to million -- 10 million of ARPA. You can call that a standard exemption. I am recommending we still do the calculation. Of the lost revenue. There is an inherent estimate a little bit as you project some out into 22, 23 and 24. To see whether or not you are going to exceed that \$10 million of lost revenue. You are allowed the larger of the 10 million for the calculated lost revenue. It does not need to alter the way that you are spending any of the money It will just reduce a little bit of the back and reporting part that you have to bear. In order to go to the United States treasury. Do not think by charging something to lost revenue does not meet all of the good practices have overseen the spending do not need to occur because they do. That last step of having the report in some detail of treasury gets removed as you charge something to lost revenue. I would be happy to work with you. On refining the calculation. And then help set up that strategy. And advising you on some of the advice on how I would tackle that and how I have seen it tackled in other localities. : The 10 million is the baseline.

Ms. Miele We do a little bit of conversation on this during finance. They are working through the 2019 and 2020 audit. Once we have that baseline that will allow UHY, many are going above that 10 million. Once we get that baseline of the revenues we can apply the 5.2 percent. Most likely will be able to go beyond that \$10 million. 10 million is sort of the starting point. He can that more in-depth than I can.

Mr. Mackey It is no secret this money has been burning a hole in my pockets. [laughing] If there's anybody appear glad to see you standing here tonight it is me. Kind of following up on something that Councilwoman Miele said in the Council meeting. you are giving us the green light on the public safety spending.

Mr. Regan: Absolutely.

Mr. Mackey: Great.

Mr. Regan: The expenditure category I jotted that down, public sector capacity effective service delivery. That is the technical expenditure category that would fall under.

Mr. Mackey: As far as the backdating of expenses may be this is more of a question for the finance committee was there any specific conversations on expenses we might be looking at?

Mr. Reagan I guess, within that timeframe? We need for police cruisers, is that something we could technically go back and find with ARPA under public safety.

Mr. Regan: As long as the lease was entered into as of March 31, 2021, you have the opportunity.

I am leery of using the word backdating as an auditor. We will do a retrospective review of the expenditures.

Mr. Mackey That is very eloquent. I do see that all of your clients here are fairly, I mean all since 2021, what kind of a learning curve was there? When all of this compliance came up for your company. You're obviously very confident. If the mayor has brought you before us I have all the confidence in the world.

Mr. Regan It is good that all of the ARPA compliance is built on the foundation of the regular grant management regulations. Under the uniform granted guidance that is out there. That is the base of the pyramid.

With which you have to apply. Under ARPA you later in some of the specific allowable cost over and above that compliance. My team is wildly familiar with this. We do this all of the time. I use the word and the finance committee, fun for us. Fun for us to pivot from wagging our fingers and auditing to looking and becoming compliance Advisors. Helping set up processes to improve and ensure compliance. There has not been much of a learning curve on our side. I will tell you I think you are right where a lot of localities are in term of your spending.

You've been very deliberate. Making sure you are aligning the spending with community needs. Now you are ready to go. I do not think the city is behind by any stretch of the imagination. I am heading to a client tomorrow because they just approved their first \$17 million of projects of their \$29 million allotment. We are starting to go through the contracting process for all of that tomorrow. So, we approved all of that on Monday night.

Mr. Mackey If I understood you correctly you said you are exciting to be representing the city of Williamsport because we are the home of Little League baseball? It would say it safe to assume you're in favor of fixing up baseball fields in the city as well?

Mr. Regan : I will support. At a lot of our localities, they have spent a good amount of money -- on community activities. I know splash pad is coming. We have seen community centers being built. I think one of the projects that approved at the client I'm going to tomorrow was about 1.25 to link up a couple of walking trails in the city. Pay them to make them ADA accessible and such. --Pave them to make them ADA accessible and such.

Mr. Mackey: Again, thank you. I will be voting yes on this tonight for sure.

Mr. Pulizzi stated Obviously, we are excited to see you here. I know when the mayor introduced you some of the past municipalities on how to spend the ARPA money. I am just curious are you able to give us a roundabout number as far as how much ARPA funds your firm has been able to help municipalities in the city spend? Since you and your firm started doing this?

Mr. Regan As a partner I am not used to doing math because I have the staff to do that for me. I would say is a close to 1,000,000,005. But Detroit is 825 million of that. I will sort of take them out of the equation. The others are pushing close to three quarters of \$1 billion between Arizona, 156. Another with 112. Upper Darby is a 40 million. Chester is at 30 million. Connecticut is 29 So, I feel like our sweet spot is with entities getting 5 million \$250 million. That is where the lines fall.

Mr. Pulizzi I appreciate that very much. Councilwoman pointed out the long list of the services that you are going to provide. All the places you have worked with. I think everyone hearing the number value of all of the funds you have allocated will help everyone. Help everyone be confident in making the right choice and right decision by bringing your firm and to help us locate ours.

Mr. Yoder asked for any more questions, there were none, sol the vote..

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

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

#### **Resolution #9276**

#### **Resolution Awarding Donation for Work to be Completed by the WAHS Career & Technical Education**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.

**Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pulizzi.**

Mayor Slaughter If a resolution accepting a donation of work to be completed by the career and technical education construction. Department and students. The high school students are with us this evening. Mr. Ethan Young and Miss Kristen Goodman. They applied for a grant with assistance from Mr. Williamson who is the head construction teacher at the high school. In the amount of \$5000. They were awarded that grant and Mr. Williamson reached out to myself and Mr. Livermore. They wanted to spend at this grant within the city and get some real life experience working on projects that have an impact on our community. With that being said they worked with Mr. Livermore.

They went out into the field. They identified a few projects that would meet the criteria for this grant.

That would be improvements. They will work on the dugouts on the senior field, the upper field, the bathhouse, and they are going to lay cement block in preparation for some of the benches that we are going to place there.

Obviously, we are very fortunate and appreciative that they chose Williamsport to do the work. Specifically, in one of our parks that needed some work. Some much needed TLC. With that being said this was reviewed and finance and there was discussion . There was discussion around a hold harmless form or any of that and I did reach out.

He said they would just have to felt the general form. So, we are good there. It was reviewed and finance and passed by the Council with positive recommendation. We do have representatives from the high school here with us.

If they do want to say anything else. Thank you.

Mr. Yoder said thank you.

If there is any comments from the members from the high school, you are welcome to step up and make them.

And, welcome.

Mr. Yoder I would just like to congratulate the kids. It always impresses me when we have students that step up and

take a leadership role. Do a little bit above what we normally do in our curriculum. They took the initiative. These two are typical go to people in my program. They went down and took measurements. They got an estimate and material list. Now the work begins and we get to take off the suit and codes. Put the cities back on. Go to work. I am looking forward to doing the project.

Ms. Miele this was Reviewed and finance. The exception about the question or not we need a contract to make sure both projects were protected. We went forward with positive recommendation. I do not think it hits home until you lay eyes on the people involved. You guys are super impressive. I was not capable of anything remotely close to this in high school. This is pretty striking. Thanks a lot. This means a lot to us. As the city of Williamsport. It is really good to know we have students at the high school that have what is required not to just conceptualize something like this but God and make it happen. That is something else.

Thank you.

Mayor : Obviously, I work with them. He does a great job in the career and Tech Ed. It is a very robust program. He does a phenomenal job. All of our tech at students and teachers getting out into the community as much as possible. Trying to get the students that real life experience. I know right now skilled labor and the labor force is a hot button issue. I know programs such as this and what Mr. Williamson, Ethan and Kristin are doing feeds right into that.

Mr. Yoder I believe my neighbor went through your program a couple of years ago. Emily Smith. She loved it. One of the nice things when my wife and I were looking at buying a house in the area one of the things that factors into that is looking at schools. As we have a young family, thinking about where our children would go to school. Williamsport high school has so much going on. This is an amazing program that you do. This is one of a multitude of amazing programs the high school does and has going on. There are opportunities I did not have going through high school. Coming from a more rural school. I am really thankful that people like you are able to lead those programs. That students like these two individuals are able to bear the fruits of that.

So, thank you very much.

Mr. Pulizzi I want to commend them as well. For your initiative. Really inspiring. I want to ask how big the crew is that is going to work on the project.

Mr. Young: I'm thinking probably around eight. We decided to do it on a spring break. Coming up here in April. So, we have the full day to work on it. I think that took a couple of our kids out of the equation. We will have a good crew.

Mr. Yoder asked who wrote the grant.>> I also want to say thank you very much. Mr. Williamson did I hear that correctly? These two young individuals also wrote the grant? They did.

Ms. Goodman I have never wrote a grant before myself.

Ms. Miele: When you think you're going to begin construction?

Ms. Goodman : April 18.

Mayor They are working with Mr. Livermore and public works.

Mr. Pulizzi: Will I be able to come down and observe and hopefully learn the correct way how to do a few things? Answer was sure

Any other comments or questions from the Council?

Hearing and seeing none.

Mr. Mackey : Really quick, congratulations. I think this is amazing. I am looking at the website. This looks like it was pretty competitive. So, would either of you like to say anything about the process? I hate to put you on the spot. Who came up with the idea?

Ms. Goodman I actually did the majority as far as like the typing it up, Ethan did the materials list. He gave me all the stuff I just typed it in there. It was a lot of questions and I just had to go through and answer them. I had a lot of help as far as Mr. Williamson and our career and technical education advisor. They both sat down and proofread everything I wrote. They gave me suggestions on how to better at which I really appreciated it. I hate when I go into teacher says, start over. I had help. But it was mostly me and Ethan that did it. Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

#### Ordinance #6429

#### Ordinance Vacating A Portion of Poplar & Webb St. in the Fifth Ward Bill#1795-22 (final reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the ordinance.

**Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.**

Mr. Sander Other than like I said, they are vacating the portion of Webb Street. Poplar will be vacated from South Valley South to Webb Street. Webb Street will be vacated from Trenton Place to the street at this time.

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

#### Ordinance #6430

#### Ordinance Amending the 42<sup>th</sup> Year (2016) Community Development Block Grant Funds (final reading)

Bill #1796-2

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the ordinance.

**Mr. Beiter made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.**

Mr. Memmi: Number eight is ordinance amending the 42nd year 2016 community development block Grant fund and final reading and number nine is ordinance amending into transfer the 43rd year 2017 community block grant funds. In final reading.

Mr. Memmi The two items that we are talking about right now are the 2016 and 2017 CDBG program years.

This is the second reading I do not have much to add. This all falls in line with every giving else that will take place in

the proceedings. If there any questions I will try to answer them.

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

**Ordinance #6431**  
**Ordinance Amending & Transfer 43rd Year (2017) Community Development Block Grant Funds**  
**Bill#1797-22 (finalreading)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the ordinance.

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

**Bill#1798-22**  
**Ordinance Amending 44<sup>th</sup> Year (2018) Community Development Block Grant Funds**  
**(tabled)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the ordinance to remove from the table for the rest of the ordinances.

**Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pulizzi.**

**The ordinances were removed from the table in final reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0. All were in favor.**

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

Mr. Memmi stated I did provide a memo. Trying to answer the questions that were posed at the last council meeting. I am more than willing to answer any questions relevant to that memo. This is really all back office closing of projects. Making sure we kept the projects that are still under way. Taking all of the money and putting it together.

Putting together the project to find the \$700,000 for the fire apparatus. Not only does it get the city some funding from some other sources that you might have to use for that but it also gets us into the city with CDBG into timeliness compliance.

Mr. Yoder Thank you. Are there any questions from members of Council?

Ms. Miele : I understand the logic and obviously it makes sense. However, currently we are undertaking the 2021 Street project. I guess part of the issue of getting the streets project off of the ground every year has historically been how late we find out about community development block funding. And not knowing how much we will receive it and not knowing how much to plan to put into the street budget until the next budget. So, I understand the desire to bring us up. Bring us up to a more accurate timeline but it feels as if it is the receiving final from the annual community development funding that has been the hold up. And that is not likely to change.

Mr. Memmi : That is not likely to change. It is also a recommendation that we move forward with this process. So, that we avoid the issues around timeliness. We were able to avoid in the year 2020 and we were not able to avoid it in the 2021 year. If we fail to get timely again, if we do not bring the program into timely compliance we are going to get an official letter. Then we will have to do a workout plan. And it could affect our funding in future years.

Ms. Miele: So, how it sorts out is basically we say, we are taking \$300,000. We leave a big question.

Mr. Memmi: We can come to you with a budget. We can discuss it with Try to determine a good number. "Into The year with an annual action plan. We just had our first for the good year 2022. Then we can make the appropriate adjustments based on the projects. The projects that John has presented to the bidding process. We will actually have good numbers when we submit it to the action plan. Typically, we will be looking at that money arriving here sometime in June or July timeframe. That would still be within the paying season so we could still pay them whatever comes out of the CDBG program.

Ms. Miele: It sounds like we are contemplating that we have a number of community development block grant streets as at alternates. So, if we receive less funding then we anticipate then we do the contract for the year began remove those streets from the paving project as necessary. Or add them as necessary. Depending on how much funding we receive.

Mr. Memmi: We can always reimburse. I am trying to picture what that looks like from our perspective. Not knowing how much funding we will receive from the federal community development. It sounds like maybe we have side streets that we put in as at alternates and pay them or we don't depending on when the allotment comes in.

Ms. Miele: Our paving contract is structured and we can add or subtract 25 percent. That is a part of the contract.

Mr. Memmi: Whatever is fair to the contractor in terms of what might or not happen. That might be a more fair way to handle that so they can keep their base price relatively guaranteed. Anyway. Just a different way of doing business then in the past. Trying to understand how that impacts our ability to bid out projects.

Mr. Memmi: You can always transfer.

Ms. Miele: Somewhat. We have not seen huge swings in our allotment recently. (Indiscernible).

Mr. Memmi: Typically they are pretty close they want you to use your prior year's allocation to work through the budget. Then, do the action plan.

Ms. Miele : Got it. So, tell me where this leaves us? We are putting 2021 money into the 700,000. And pulling from 2022. For the paving program.

Mr. Memmi: Some monies in 2021. There is about \$150,000 or so of paving in 2021 allocation. In the difference between the and what was put on for the contract we will make up in the 2022 action plan. Which was somewhere around 300,000.

Ms. Miele So we are taking 300,000 out of 2022 and hoping to move into the given calendar year moving forward. for paving funds for contracts. The one piece of information that makes me feel more comfortable with this, I forgot to mention this from the conversation earlier. I had been under the impression that American rescue plan funding cannot

be used for paving but it can. So, we have that as a backup.

Secondarily, I asked him how he would recommend handling a lot in funding given the various sources we had available to us and he said we should always use the most restrictive and leave ARPA for last.

We know we can spend that on a large number of things. With that in mind I developed a greater comfort level with this concept. I do not like to see us trimming ourselves down this way. I could say we have a handful of years here where we have had more weight than we have not historically had within the city budget. Thanks to ARPA funding. If for some reason something goes wrong and we intended to find something, we may be able to replace it elsewhere. If we have to take a gamble like this this is a good time to do this. That makes me more comfortable with it conceptually. I have always thought about some kind of this as a rainy day money. That is how we treated this.

If we are doing away with that concept and seeing how that works out these couple of years are probably the best to do it. We've other monies use with Rainy Day funding. Also with the advice of Mr. Regan in mind we should use the more restricted funding first taking that seems like a wise move. With the combination. I think we can safely arrive.

Mr. Yoder stated Mrs. Frank on the motion items 10 through 13.

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

**Ordinance Amending 45<sup>th</sup> Year (2019) Community Development Block Grant Funds** **(tabled)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the ordinance

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

**Ordinance Amending 46th Year (2020) Community Development Block Grant Funds** **(tabled)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the ordinance.

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

**Ordinance Amending 47th Year (2021) Community Development Block Grant Funds** **(tabled)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the ordinance.

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

**Resolution #9277**

**Resolution to Approve a Landlord's Certification Waiver & Estoppel Agreement**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

**Mr. Beiter made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.**

Mr. Pawlak This is a landlord certification and estoppel agreement between the city and redevelopment Authority. West third Street partners. And Kish Bank for property 300 W. Fourth Street. The city owns the land and West third Street property developed that land. We will lease with the redevelopment Authority and redevelopment Authority is leasing the land then. Two W. third Street partners. They are looking to refinance and they are borrowing as their debt. With Kish Bank. In order to do that they need to redo it the previous agreement that has been put in place. Essentially it gives the bank rates to lease agreements. Should they default on the terms with the bank. None of the terms of the agreement if the bank were to take over would be different than they are today. This was reviewed by the solicitor's office and finance as well.

Ms. Miele stated There was really not much requiring discussion about this item. We have positive recommendation.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote.

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

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mrs. Katz was absent..**

**Resolution #9278**

**Resolution to Approve the Partnership Agreement between the City & Rec Desk for purchase of Software**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

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

Ms. Drummond The resolution you have in front of you is for recreation software. In the partner to process payments. This software has been long overdue. For us to go from pen and paper into the 21st century where everything is electronic. To accept payments online for the members of the community. To build to reserve, parks, pavilions, pool passes, summer camps, everything that comes along with recreation. If you have any questions I am more than happy to answer them.

Ms. Miele stated this did come to Finance and we sent it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. Pretty much this will update as the inclusion of the credit card processing and company. Which will charge a three percent fee over and above our -- will charge a three percent fee to someone for you know, the benefit of being able to process payments online. We will enable the city to pass that fee on to the person making the purchase. Which is all we wanted to make sure what happened. So that we were not losing any income from the process.

In government portal has done this elsewhere and is familiar with the process and the wording to make it legal.

We forwarded it to the full body of counsel with positive recommendation.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote.

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

#### **Resolution #9279**

#### **Resolution Accepting The Purchases of Benches & Picnic Tables by Brandon Park Commission**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

**Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pulizzi.**

Mr. Livermore You have before you are resolution accepting purchases of benches and picnic tables in the Brandon Park. And purchasing six benches and two picnic tables and Brandon Park and be placed in the park. The company that we are purchasing these through two picnic tables are \$2213.59. The total amount of \$8427. The six benches will be at no taxpayer's expense. There will be three benches purchased. That Brandon Park will purchase. One bench was bought for -- Doctor Cooper's daughter bought one bench. One bench was Tony and one will be purchased through the Duboistown Garden club. The one picnic table that was purchased through inaudible. These picnic tables are ADA approved.

Mr. Mackey : Mr. Livermore pretty much said it all. All these purchases are essentially being done by private individuals. Most of our discussion revolved around what Brandon Park would account this would, out of. There are two accounts essentially. One is for the Shade trees. that I did not have a lot of money in it. It didn't really make sense to take it out of that account. There is another one I believe is I think those are the two that Brandon Park commission. This was sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Ms. Miele : As someone who spends a fair amount of time at Brandon Park I think the benches and picnic tables will be a significant improvement to the park. I hope we can continue to add more benches as we continue. That these will turn out to stand the test of time in a way that is good.

Mr. Livermore: The addition of some of these benches is to replace some of the benches out there that --

Ms. Miele: In the long run I hope that it would strive to get all of the same styled bench throughout the parks. I guess we have a handful going on. I guess those are going in another place with another design. We have someone building benches for us, correct? Are they going in Brandon? Am I not remembering? Memorial?

Ms. Drummond We are getting seven of them. I have five locations in memorial for those. I still have to get two more spots. Pick another park

Ms. Miele It is obviously not a big deal with this item but it seems that is happening with a fair number of items. That everybody tried to remember to get us the supporting documentation for the items. So, the specs for products that we are purchasing or the contracts. It seems that for some reason and a lot of it is kind of passing through right now. The resolution is really the public facing element of it. The other things are the other things we need to examine. Obviously, with benches, it is aboveboard and I'm not concerned. [laughing] I happen to have seen pictures. In general we do need that supporting documentation to make wise decisions. That is all. Thank you.

Mr. Yoder: Any other comments or questions from members of Council? We are certainly grateful for the individual families that are donating. It is going to be a good year for Brandon Park. As far as donated things. The physical things that are benches. They are replacing benches that are taped off because they are not safe to use. So, it is needed. There are also individuals donating trees this year. So, it is a big part of keeping the park beautiful and safe. It comes from people volunteering to sponsor these things. So, we want to keep that and encourage it and grow that type of activity. Thank you.

Mr. Pulizzi: I know these individuals and organizations are not here tonight. I just want to say thank you. I want to say thank you to these individuals and organizations. Thank you very much for the donation they have made to the city. In an effort to make sure that our parks continue to be safe and look good. That is all. Thank you.

Ms. Miele: Just to reiterate the high school program that was here earlier will be the ones putting down the concrete for these picnic tables.

Mr. Livermore: One picnic table by the Roundhouse. I have them doing a stamped concrete pad to match the entrance. They're going to do a stamped concrete for one of the benches back there. In any case it was not city taxpayer money that was put aside. Just so everybody knows.

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

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mrs. Katz was absent**

#### **Resolution #9280**

#### **Resolution Authorizing The Sales of a Gas Range Stove**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

**Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison**

Chief Aungst That we purchased last year. We are in the process of remodeling our kitchen which was last updated back in 1994. When the administration moved from city back over to the firehouse. We needed more room. The stove is a 36 inch -- with an oven. One of the reasons that we are selling this, it is much larger. So, the counters will be a lot larger and more customized. And that will add to the cost of the remodel. Additionally, the big one was the custom hood vent system that we would have to purchase and have built. I think the lowest was \$10,000. \$10,000 Was the lowest bid that we had. We were not really comfortable with that. We were able to purchase a regular household. A regular household stove. It suffices very well. It is a gas range as well. The range that we had prior was electric.: This was reviewed in public safety.

Mr. Mackey stated: The chief really said it all. We purchased the stove. Last year. That we can really no longer use or could never use it because of the ventilation system that would be required to put it in. We passed this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

So, I can open this up if we have any other questions.

Chief : At the end of the day we are going to sell this thing, hopefully that will be at a loss unfortunately. So, we cannot use the stove.

Any other comments or questions?

Ms. Miele I am assuming because it is commercial it is too high, they require ventilation? It is not the size of the stove? The outlet? Got it.

Chief: It has standing pilot lights.

Ms. Miele: Just out of curiosity is there a reason we would have expected this to be something as a good option for our firefighters? I mean, a commercial stove is kind of a big undertaking. You guys cook a whole lot? I understand you cook.

Chief answered: I would say on average at least once a day. Sometimes twice a day. : Put it this way and firehose and things like that, you certainly would expect a commercial range. Not a home range. But still, there's a lot of requirements and expenses. You guys can get by with a home range. And a six burner?

It has the middle one and it also has the griddle. That is the commercial one. I knew what that looked like.

I was curious. I just bought one. Anyway. Certainly we can save ourselves on the hood system and that is not something required by the fire department that is preferable.

Mr. Yoder asked for the vote.

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

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mrs. Katz was absent**

#### Resolution #9281

#### Resolution To Authorize the Submission of the CLG FFY 2022 Project Grant Application to the PA SHPO

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

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

Mr. Memmi We have before you a request for a resolution authorizing the Department of community and economic development to submit a grant under the community, local government grant program for your 2022.

So the historic Museum commission. This application is to modernize the city's existing ordinance.

Which was drafted in 1975. We are looking to try to put in policies and procedures that more directly are representative of the 21st century. And also to create additional design guidelines. To look at how we rank the buildings based on their age and location. And trying to make it a little bit easier for those people that have properties in the historic district.

That are willing to step up and do the modernizations. Keep them sound. Do the repair work or whatever.

Not take one to two months to get them through the process. This grant is for \$25,000. For us to be able to retain a consultant. To be able to work with the Council and the mayor. In the HARB board. There will be a 10 percent match.

At this point that is still a little bit undetermined as to where the 20 \$500,000 will come. If we get the money we will figure it out. Any questions?

Ms. Miele : This did come before finance and was awarded the full body of Council with positive recommendation.

Community development funding cannot be used as a match for this item. Do not be thinking about that.

It did not occur to me during our meeting on Tuesday. If we just waited three more years to undertake this process or perhaps if we drive this process out three more years we have officially of the historical ordinance. Anyway.

Clearly this is way overdue's. This has been the case for a number of grants the city is applied for in the last years.

If we are successful in receiving this and modernizing our ordinance the recommendations of the consultant that we presumably will hire to undertake the modernization of the grade are also likely to lead to the possibility of further grant funding to modernize other things like our record system. Any vast ceiling (Indiscernible). The ability to consolidate all of that. The ability to digitize the city's records up historic structures within the city . In some ways that is kind of priceless. Some of that data could easily be lost thanks to water damage. Molded all sorts of issues. Once it is digitized hopefully it will be preserved in numbers to retain the information about the structures for a long time.As I said, finance forwarded this to the full body with positive recommendation.

Mr. Yoder: Any questions or comments from members?

Mr. Allison: The question I have is in regard to the match, when would that be required?

Mr. Memmi: The award of the grade will be within the next two months or so. So, we have found the money spent by 2023. We need to match it within the next couple of months.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote.

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

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mrs. Katz was absent**

#### Resolution # 9282

#### Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between Williamsport Bureau of Fire & Witmer Public Safety Group (tabled)

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second to remove the two tabled items.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.**

Chief, I will defer to you if there's anything you want to add. These have been reviewed and everything.

I will give you the floor if there's anything you want to add.

Chief: There is nothing more to add. Other than obviously we have different resolutions because we are using, we are purchasing from different companies. This is all related to the introductory period .

Mr. Yoder: This is all budgeted in the ARPA budget. We have compliance under contract. They validated we are okay. I think a lot of the questions and concerns that we had two weeks ago are gone. At least for me. Are there any questions or comments from anybody else related to these?

Okay, the motion for items 21 through 24.

**Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pulizzi.**

#### Resolution #9283

#### Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the Williamsport Bureau of Fire & Municipal Emergency Services .(tabled)

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

This was grouped together with other items from the Fire Department.

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

**Resolution #9284**

**Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the Williamsport Bureau of Fire & Susquehanna Fire Equip**  
**(tabled)**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

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

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

**Resolution #9285**

**Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the Williamsport Bureau of Fire & Dival Safety**  
**(tabled)**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second to remove from the table

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

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

**Resolution #9286**

**Resolution Awarding City Paving Contract Construction Inspection Services to Bassett Engineering**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

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

Mr. Sander this is a resolution to hire Basset engineering as our paving inspector. I do not think we have had one in the past if I am not mistaken. This is -- One was hourly and one had a zero dollar figure. They're going to inspect all of the placement of the asphalt and concrete the entire season. Their hours are based on that work.

They actually ran around with big raku was our paving contractor for this year ahead of time.

So, back in February they were awarded the 856,000 contract and 126,000 of that is water authority so basically the city for the paving project, is 730 -- Grand. Every other surrounding municipality has this. So, this was reviewed in public works and given positive recommendation. Any questions?

Mr. Allison This was reviewed in public works. One of the main issues and perhaps we can address this first, Mr. Sanders. The biggest discussion was about the current inspector that we do have. Hiring this firm and how those two will be synchronized. How the delegation of duties will be separated. I spoke to Joe Gerardi. It will not impact Dave Columbine at all. Joe said this right here would be something that he would hand to Jon Sanders anyway. Dave would get all of the information around and pass this around. This actually does not impact Dave's work at all. It would not take any work away from him. It would not be adding work to him at all. His day-to-day responsibilities will remain the same with this contract.

Mr. Pulizzi: I'm glad that is now cleared up. We talked about the details in the contract itself. You can see they are going to be on site all the time.

Mr. Sander: Not necessary the milling operations as much. For the front of the hard-core work, yes.

: There is reference in there. They are going to be testing out when they get started in the project.

They will be testing the temperature in the equipment. So, the pavement materials can come out in the sweet spot.

There will not be problems later on and it will be faulty. They are going to measure the thickness and make sure that cement is very detailed. It is more than just somebody driving by. In saying that it looks good.

They're going to be applying a lot of strict standards. Not a distrust of any particular contractor.

That other communities around us have been doing this. This due diligence. That we are making sure we are getting the product that we are paying for. There's a lot of details in the contract itself. I'm not going to go to all of those. There is a standard of care and standard of services. There is a lot of assurances in there. Ways to settle disputes if there are any. Pretty which covers everything. : They have a pretty detailed plan of ensuring quality of placement, temperature, compaction. And it will be tracking them on a lot of daily basis is. Our co-department wanted to make sure that we had basically what street is paved and what day. If hired, you will know how that.: They will have the schedule.

They will not be a block slip by.

Mr. Yoder: Any comments or questions from members of Council?

Mr. Pulizzi: I guess I'm just confused. In the past we have not received any sort of list from the paving contractor when they accomplished that? It is tough to balance everything. It is nice to have eyes in the field at all times.: I understand that. So, we now have effectively \$814,000 paving. -

Mr. Sander: We would effectively have about 770.

Mr. Pulizzi : I thought it was 858.

Mr. Sander: It was. Hundred and 56 grand.

Mr. Pulizzi : I guess we are kind of adding this to the cost.If we are factoring approximately \$15,000 for construction administration or \$50,000 for all of this upcoming paving seasons. Then we are looking at that as a component.

Just take 50 grand off of the top. I do not disagree with it. What benefit do other communities feel they have from this? The quality of the paving that much higher they have to pave less?

Mr. Sander: I cannot answer that question. I did not specifically ask what benefit they gave. I just asked if they in fact had an inspector. All of them did.

Mr. Pulizzi: Okay. To a certain extent I am having a hard time understanding the ROI. The return on investment.

I mean what did you guys think? You guys have the discussion of the committee level. The return on investment.

Do you understand what I am saying? Maybe a little bit more than five percent, six or seven percent is the cost of the paving contract toward inspection. We think that will translate into higher quality paving so we can pave less?

Mr. Sander I can that. That might be hard to quantify. It definitely gives us assurance that we are getting the product we are paying for. This is funded with liquid fuels. Currently over a million liquid fuels. I suppose we have to compare. The paving that we are going to get out of this. The quality of it and see if there is a distinct difference between that and

what has been done before.

Mr. Pulizzi: That would seem wise to me. At least some oversight. I guess my concern is that we are going to pay \$50,000 a year for somebody to administer a paving program which is great but that effect will not be necessarily better a better caliber of paving.

Let's not reference a particular year of the past but in the past have we ever had problems where we have had to ask the contractor to go back?

Mr. Sander Yes. Numerous locations. Who is going to pay for it? I tried to push the contractor. It's give-and-take.

: Some of those when and some of them loose.

: That will mitigate that kind of thing.

I think we are looking for consistency of the outlet of the paper.

-- Pavement.

Again, I am not referencing any contractor that I do know of. Just trying to ensure consistency.

Mr. Pulizzi: Just trying to understand the end goal here. If we were to have an issue as a product we would have a better sense of who might be at fault. : Who was responsible and have somebody there at all times.

Thickness, compaction, correct material, tie-ins at every driveway. : Sounds good. Give it a try and hopefully we see the return on investment.

Mr. Beiter I was going to say to sort it out through this dialogue. I think maybe I grilled Mr. Sander enough on Tuesday. If you want, I can make the attempt again. I support this. It is good. You have someone out there looking for the best interest of the cities investment. Making sure we are getting the best quality outcome of the services that we are paying for.

Mr. Beiter: That is one of the items that I pointed out. Quality product for the taxpayers basically.

Mr. Sander: Perhaps I can add onto that. Perhaps on the paving season is done we can get the end of season report on your evaluation. If the past I would actually speak with Bassett on that as well. If past this would be the first contract Bassett would have with the city of Williamsport. They are a small firm and I am happy for them.

Mr. Beiter do the other municipalities that they have other engineers on staff?

Mr. Sander: I do not believe so. I think they consulted out.

Mr. Beiter: I am having a hard time as well looking at ROI. It seems like having engineer on staff would be like why don't we go out and inspect? Is that something you are capable of doing?

Mr. Sander answered yes : A lot of times -- I generally only come out when there is a serious issue.

It is tough for me to be out there all the time. Would be the best way to put it. given the infusion of money and the things we are trying to do right now. All of the RFPs I have gone out and gotten in.

Mr. Beiter: Understand.

Mr. Yoder: Any other comments or questions from members of the Council?

Hearing and seeing none, the motion please.

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

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

#### Resolution #9287

#### Resolution Awarding Brandon Park Ballfield Design Services to Peters Consulting, Inc.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

**Mr. Beiter made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pulizzi.**

Mr. Sander This is the design for the Brandon Park ballfield to southern Little League field. Directly adjacent to the tennis courts. Two weeks ago we were kind of honing in on one. I took a little bit more time to digest all of them. I looked at the complexity of the design. I look at some of the lower cost proposals. We could say the exact same end product for a lesser amount. Here before you say is a proposal from peters consulting. I think the vice president may be on the phone. I'm not sure. Anyway, Peters Consulting put in a proposal for full design services for \$25,450.

We had other proposals. Ranging from 28 grand, 35 grand, 59, 45,000, 68,000, 38,000, 42,000 basically only from several areas. The entire state basically. That is the best way to say it. I spoke with Mr. Peters I was concerned about the staffing basically and they have several engineers on staff. Several surveyors to survey the field. Also several technicians. So, they satisfied my needs there. They've done similar projects in the past. There's a few other ones. Basically this is full design services for the ballparks. Bidding out the project and handed it over to the contractor. I believe Kathy may be on the phone.

This is Kathleen from Peters Consulting.

Mr. Sander: This was discussed in pretty good detail on Tuesday with public works.

Mr. Mackey : We did review this and passed this to the full body of council with a positive recommendation. The focus is that if the water problem is not adequately fixed the ballfield will be useless. So, we talked a lot about that. We do mention in their previous projects that they have water retention. Water retention mediation kind of things. With the Little League field in ballfield. There is a lot of already similar experience that they have. Can you remind me whether they have been to the site or not?

Mr. Sander: Kathy can you answer that question. Have you been to the fields themselves and Brandon Park? Some of your engineers or technicians?

Kathleen: I am not positive on that. Unfortunately, Denny could not make the call so I am filling in for him. I have not been on the site myself. I apologize.

Mr. Sander: In any case, that is what it comes down to. The savings. Those are important. It is important to get the job done. Everything looks like it is in order. So, we did pass.

Mr. Mackey : I am looking through the contracts. When will this design works start? Any timeframe?

Kathleen I do not have the answer to that.

Mr. Sander I spoke to Denny briefly, the owner of the company. I do not know if Kathy would be able to share light on the as far as availability and when you will be able to help on this project. The sooner the better.

Mr. Sander: I will speak with Mr. Peters tomorrow .

Kathleen I am sorry, am I interrupting? I know we would be honored and privileged to be able to work with the city of Williamsport. If you look at the request for proposal we have done a lot of the storm water, the ballfield.

I can get into touch with him tomorrow actually, I go on vacation tomorrow but I will get in touch with him.

I am sure that he can go on this as soon as you wish.

Mr. Mackey: I feel like time is of the essence. I feel like the hope is to have baseball back and Brandon Park by summer of 2023.

Kathleen: I can almost certainly tell you that Denny will be on this. If we are awarded this. As soon as possible. We would be working for you.

Mr. Mackey The only question that I have, what is our timeline?

Kathleen The talked about summer 2023.

Mr. Mackey Do we have a timeline to get there? : Ideally it would be nice to have the fields playable by 2023. I don't know if that is contingent on peters consulting workload. Realistically the design is not that complex. As far as the survey and setting up some new services to drain properly. Putting all the plans together and specifications. Maybe only taking a handful of months to occur. I think there is a good chance we can have baseball next summer there.

Kathleen I cannot answer that. We will do everything possible to get it done as soon as possible for you. Williamsport is a world of Little League. So, we would do everything to get in the time frame for you.

We are talking within one month?

I would encourage us to have a rough timeline of how we want to attack this and make sure they are on board and that we are managing accordingly.

Mr. Sander That way we can get to that goal that we have talked about.

If there is other design work outside of addressing the drainage associated with this, or is it strictly the drainage?

: The drainage and resetting the field. Basically drainage. Drainage on the northern end and also design.

Basically drainage. There's a lot of design work involved.

Mr. Mackey We do not need all the bells and whistles right now as far as the extra concessions and parking.

I think right now is to get the fields in playable condition and go from there. That is why I was asking.

I think the drainage is great. I think anything outside of that, fencing, the buildings, any of that.

-- If any of that is included I was going to ask we have that as at alternatives. I don't know we need a substantial investment in that. I would be more comfortable seeing us use our partnership with Williamsport Little League and other avenues in the city to do that. Nonetheless, I would like to make sure those are scoped out.

That is fine.

Mr. Sander: Under the scope of services the only other thing that is in there that is not related to the drainage 's electrical investigation and design.

Mr. Mackey: That was investigating to make sure the current electrical system dugout is good. And also the connectivity to the scoreboard area.

Mr. Mackey: For the 22,500 peters is also doing construction. That means they would get us through the final project of the playable field. They will do the design work. They will put out the bid documents. We will select a bidder.

They will oversee the construction work. When they have finished their work we will have two playable fields.

Mr. Sander answered that is correct

Mr. Mackey: Not necessarily with good fencing or without buildings. We will have two fields that people can walk onto and play ball. I was expecting a bit more in terms of a narrative. I'm just trying to make sure exactly what those terms mean. The scope of services. The timeline is a bit of a question for me. I think that is something we should get sorted out. I would agree it seems as though it can be completed. Since we are relying on peters not just for the design but to oversee all of the construction we want to make sure they have availability this calendar year to take care of all of that work. That is all I have for right now.

Mr. Sander : Just to be clear, yes, playable is the goal. Walking onto a playable field. Meeting the standards set forth by Little League international. Those are two different things. So, playable for official Little League baseball will include things like fences, dugouts, that sort of thing. I just want to be very clear on that. So, the goal here is not to fields that we can just have a pickup game of baseball on top of. The goal is officially sanctioned Little League baseball games will be able to be played on this field. I just want to make sure that we are not losing that.

: If these are being engineered as a part of that that is all fine and dandy I would just like to see the cost.

That is it. I think we can use other avenues to get those additional things playable. That is a separate debate.

I am all for this contract let's get it done. It is just an ask of breaking out things any differently so we can understand antecedent. >

Mr. Sander: It is their job to get it right. I get what you're saying. This exact same us conversation would have to occur in a couple of months. Give me a target for how much you want to spend and they will hit that. If it is just the field and some fencing that's great. If we have more money we can do more. We can have this discussion.

Mr. Mackey: If I remember correctly by the ordinance that we passed somewhere in the neighborhood of seven or 800,000 dollars to get these fields into playable condition. As far as Little League baseball is concerned. That will be our target.

Mr. Yoder : Any other comments or questions? Seeing then, the motion please.

**. The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 1.**

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

#### **Resolution #9288**

#### **Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement Between RVT & Postler & Jaeckle Corp**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

**Mr. Beiter made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Pulizzi.**

Mr. Winder This is an agreement with Postler and Jaeckle. They are the manufacturer of the methane gas and natural gas alarm system within This is a service agreement. Due to the natural gas buses being stored inside. For the first year \$3780 second years \$3780. 30 years \$3895.

It was reviewed and passed forward with positive recommendation.

Mr. Yoder It was forwarded with positive recommendation. This is for the CO2 detection etc. For the garage.

They have done and are familiar with this. So, fairly standard. One thing we did not really discuss at the end of transit,

the years on this, it is essentially a backdated contract. Why is that?

Mr. Winder : This was established in 2019. Which would be prior. The invoices were paid by the finance department in 2020 and 2021 and brought to my attention at this year due to the outstanding balance.

Mr. Yoder: So we are cleaning up some contractual stuff. Are there other contractual things hanging out we should accept expect to see from now and whenever?

Mr. Winder The only other one would be Ingersoll, Rand Company which is currently before you. The rest of them, I believe they are all caught up now. Everyone has been great with catching these. So, that is why we are bringing them all forward.

Mr. Yoder I commend all three of those individuals also. That is good and why we have procurement processes in place. That is the nuts and bolts of it. I will forward it to matters of Council for any questions or comments. Seeing then, the motion please.

**. The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0.**

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

#### Resolution #9289

#### Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement Between RVT & Ingersoll, Rand Company

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.**

Mr. Winder This is a similar revolution for the Ingersoll, Rand Company compressors within There are two very large air compressors that operate within the building. Ingersoll, Rand Company is a manufacturer of both compressors. This agreement is directly with them for their professional services. As they are the sole provider. They determine who their service tech is that actually comes out. This is not to exceed -- (Indiscernible). Life expectancy is 12 to 15 years. This will get us to the end of the life expectancy at that point. The way the federal government works. Basically we would include this in the capital grant. We would replace them. Due to the life expectancy being up at that moment. It was reviewed by Transit Oversight and passed forward with positive recommendation.

Mr. Yoder This was forwarded with positive recommendation. You covered everything. The big thing we really talked about was the end of life, aspect of this. When this comes up with the RVT authority board down the road they will probably look at a replacement plan associated with that. Nonetheless, that was the brunt of the discussion.

**. The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mrs. Katz was absent**

#### Resolution #9291

#### Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement between RVT & Direct Energy Business Marketing Natural gas

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.**

Mr. Yoder: Propose to do item 29 and 30 together. Same thing but different energy.

Mr. Winder Of the first one is for the natural gas. There was a slight increase in the price of natural gas. It was previously at 6.599. Today's price is 6.785. This would lock us in for a 48 month period of time. Very similar with the natural gas fueling station. Direct energy is a broker that shopped the best prices for us. As I said I think it is our best interest to lock and now with the rising prices. This was reviewed in the transit oversight committee meeting and passed forward with positive recommendation and Ms. Frank does have an updated resolution with the new price.

Mr. Winder Similar to what we did two weeks ago. Walking in and pricing for two different energy commodities. If I recall these are not to exceed. We do benefit from fluctuation below that but we at least have some budgetary planning certainty so we will not be paying more than what is there. I will move forward to any questions from the Council.

Ms. Miele What is the reason for the slight take up? Between on the agenda and what is before us?

Mr. Winder: The prices climb every day so that is today's actual price. Since we did not sign the contract on Tuesday, they had to give us the updated price for Thursday. So, that price will carry to till tomorrow when I can send the agreement back to them.

Mr. Winder: I was surprised that anything that fluctuated on a daily basis. I was thinking there must be some other explanation.

**. The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mrs. Katz was absent**

#### Resolution #9291

#### Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement Between RVT & Direct Energy Business Marketing Electric

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

**. The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mrs. Katz was absent**

#### Resolution #9292

#### Resolution by Municipality Certifying Provision of Local Match from State Operating Financial Assistance

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the resolution

**Mr. Mackey made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.**

Mr. Winder stated is is the local much for the City of Williamsport this total local match for fiscal year 2022. 200 69,000 \$766. We been very successful with getting the other municipalities to lock in with their local match .In prior years there have been numerous that have done nothing. We were not even aware they were supposed to pay a local match. It has been a bit of a struggle. It is a great feeling to know we now have the others locked is willing to contribute their share. We are not aware of five percent above every year until we have the completed 15 percent required by the state. Like I said, it is a good feeling to have everybody else locked in. With the contribution required. It was reviewed in Transit Oversight and passed forward with positive recommendation.

Mr. Yoder Remind me of the grant or the funding mechanism that the increase is tied to.

Mr. Winder : The 5311 funds. The only portion of the funding that the local match offsets. There are two different types of local much the local match for the 5311 funds and local match toward your capital.

Mr. Yoder: What drives the value of the local match that was the conversation and that is the external factor that drives how much local much is needed. The only other factor that would drive it for the city is them going and bringing more along. That is certainly the plan of the current group both as a department of the city today and as a future authority So, as the River Valley transit grows hopefully that number comes down. And hopefully we are able to maintain and if not get more service so that was the brunt of the conversation. I think this is something we've talked about a few different times over the past month. I think we are all fairly aware of it.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

**The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mrs. Katz was absent**

**Certificates of Appropriateness – HARB**

Item 1. 324 Campbell St – Ramp Replacement – American Rescue Workers – Saving Grace Shelter

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second on the HARB Certificate.

**Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey**

Mr. Memmi Good evening this was a product from saving grace that came before the HARB board replacement of the handicap accessibility ramp in the rear of the facility is a plywood ramp. They have painted it, they have fixed it, they have done everything they could and it is deteriorated and needs to be replaced. They're going to be using a standard aluminum-based product. With the appropriate traction elements added to it. Because it is not a painted product or a wood product the recommendation of the HARB board is they look to do -- planting in the front end facing to it to more or less hide as much of it as they can from anybody walking or driving by. So, the visual acuity is still maintained of the building. And we are not dealing with a silver ramp sticking out in the middle of the HARB district. That was the resolution. They came and looked at all of the materials. It was not something that was within their means to be able to afford.

Mr. Yoder Once again, the recommendation of HARB was?

Mr. Memmi: To approve it. They signed the certificate and waiting for yours.

So, they can move forward.

**. The Certificates of Appropriateness were carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. To 1**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Yoder abstained Mrs. Katz was absent**

Accept for filing::

- Public Works Minutes 01/18/22
- Transit Oversight Commission 03/15/22
- Public Safety Minutes 02 15 22
- Finance Meeting Minutes 02 15 22

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second to accept these for filing.

**Mr. Miele made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.**

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

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mrs. Katz was absent**

**Announcements**

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Williamsport, PA

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Monday April 4	12:00 PM	Planning Commission
Monday, April 11	4:00 PM	Recreation Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 12	11:30 AM	Public Safety
	1:00 PM	Finance Committee
	2:30 PM	Public Works
	4:00 PM	Transit Oversight Committee
Wednesday, April 13	10:00 AM	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Committee Meeting
	3:30 PM	O&E Pension Meeting
Thursday, April 14	7::00 PM	City Council Meeting*

**MEETINGS MARKED WITH \* are in person at Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Williamsport, PA**

**Comments:**

- a. City Council

Mr. Pulizzi I just have one. It is more of a question .Mr. Gerardi is not here. Mayor maybe you can this or Mr. Sander. I am asking for an update from a few meetings ago. Mr. Gerardi and Sandor we were talking about the comprehensive study for the condition of City Hall. I'm just following up on that. Asking where we are at. He could have jolted my memory task list when we were talking about this. All of the roles and responsibilities with your position within the city and how busy you have been. I was just asking.

Mr. Sander: I gave Joe Gerardi the information where I got the \$6 million price tag for repairing this. I have not heard anything from regards from where he has gone with that. We have yet to give you that dollar figure.

b. Administration

Mayor Slaughter: I want to make sure everybody can hear you. This Saturday is our annual Easter egg hunt and Brandon Park at 2:00 PM. It looks like the weather is going to hold off I believe, 53 degrees and sunny right now for Saturday. It should be ok this Saturday, 2:00 PM. Brandon Park. Easter egg hunt. Thank you.

c. Members of the Public

d. News Media

Adjournment

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Meeting adjourned** upon motion by **Ms. Miele** and a second by **Mr. Allison** **Meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM**  
**PM with unanimous ayes.**

**Submitted by:**

**Janice M. Frank**  
**City Clerk**