

Council President Adam Yoder brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM. at Trade & Transit Center II, 144 West Third St, Williamsport, PA.. This meeting was duly advertised in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette.

**Council members present:**

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

**Absent:**

Bonnie Katz  
Liz Miele

**Also, Present:**

Derek Slaughter, Mayor,  
Mr. Joe Gerardi absent  
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 absent

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 04/28/22 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 and Ms. Miele were absent.**

**Limited Courtesy of the Floor**

There were none.

**Cecilia Fink, 2021 Williamsport Area High School Graduate - PA Municipal League Essay Award Winner**

Mayor Slaughter we are privileged tonight to have a 2021 graduate of Williamsport High School and just finished up her first year at the University of Pittsburgh, Miss Cecilia Frank was essay winner which is put on by the Pennsylvania Municipal League that was delayed slightly due to covert protocols, and I just wanted to give a little bit about the essay contest from the executive director at the time who has since retired. But, it says the second place winner was Cecilia Fink and she will receive a \$1000 scholarship and was the 30th year that the Pennsylvania Municipal League was awarding for scholarships and they are deposited to the financial aid office of each reporting financial institution of higher education. The scholarships are made possible through the Pennsylvania municipal league and the generous contribution of the inaudible or in memory of her husband RSA scholarship contest winner Madison Cecilia Frank, are to be commended for the exceptional essays, I truly hope these bright young adults will have futures-- futures in local government. By writing about opportunities in community that allow for specific engagement and encouraging citizens to volunteer to help with the local (INDISCERNIBLE) and as noted, Ms. Fink was noted the second place, she has been very active in our community even beyond the essay, she has put on a 5K run that she does every Thanksgiving and she has done other volunteer opportunities in our community, so we are very fortunate to have a great young mind such as Miss Fink in our community and I want to officially inform the presenters, this has been delayed - with the plaque award and on behalf of the Pennsylvania municipal league, congratulations.

(APPLAUSE)

Ms. Fink, Well, I got this award because (INDISCERNIBLE) with the money that they gave me I am planning on pursuing my education and in psychology and after that I will get my Masters in counseling because I like to do child play therapy and continue giving back to the community. Yes, thank you.

(APPLAUSE)

Mr. Yoder That is excellent, you are amazing representation of Williamsport in a lot of different ways and Pitt is a great school. It is not easy to get in there and the quality of their academia - it speaks to your abilities and your service that you have done in the community and the fact that you are still involved when you're taking classes three hours away is exemplary in its own right and so I'm excited to see what you do and where you end up and the impact that you make in your career, it takes a special person to pursue what you are pursuing and it is clear that you are that kind of a special person. So, keep it up and keep representing us well. Is -- it is exciting to see. And I opened it up to the floor, Mr. Allison.

Mr. Allison Thank you for being a role model in this civic engagement (INDISCERNIBLE) it is one of the things that make our community strong and people that are willing to volunteer their time and there is temptation nowadays to be distracted from that for a lot of people and a lot of different ways and volunteering is not as vibrant as it used to be but very thankful for what you are doing and to be an example for others and not to mention how much you have gained for giving back to the community, so thank you so much and congratulations.

Mr. Yoder: Well said Mr. Allison. Any other comments from other members of Council, Mr. Pulizzi?

Mr. Pulizzi: I obviously reflect what President Yoder and councilmember Allison have said but I just want to again congratulate you for your compliments.

Ms. Fink: Thank you.

Mr. Yoder: Congratulations again

**Introduction of New Fire Fighters**

Chief Aungst, We are here to introduce our new firefighters, one who had to finish in five weeks in addition to the nine weeks that they have all had to take in fire training. And they successfully completed the (INDISCERNIBLE) physical and mental strains were challenge they had to run a mile and a half in under 12 minutes - and also complete a dummy

drag which is where they search for, find and drag a 185 pound dummy through a basement under fire conditions and up 16 steps to the outside. So, drag something that is heavier than he is so, that is pretty challenging. They received firefighter one and two certifications as well as (NAME) certification, and so I would like to introduce badge # 256, Mr. Richonne Johnson, he is originally from Williamsport and graduated from (NAME) in 2007. And attended Penn College and enlisted as a naval crewman operator second class for six years. He has worked for the U.S. Postal Service for the past six years and lives in the city with his three children. Firefighter Casey Lowmiller, badge number 257, graduated from South Williamsport high school in 2006 entered Associates of applied science from Penn College and for the past 13 years has worked for the Jersey Shore area EMS as its director, he and his wife Laura live in Williamsport and have two sons Tommy and Michael. Firefighter Nathan Katzmaier, badge number 258 was homeschooled and graduated in 2011. He earned a paramedic certificate in 2014 and for the past two years he has served as a firefighter, paramedic for the city of Goose Creek South Carolina. He and his wife Amy have been married for nine years and have two sons, Carter and Lincoln. He presently lives in Loyalsock Township. In our last introductory is firefighter Matthew Swartz, badge number 259. He is a 2013 graduate of Area high school and graduated from Penn State with a bachelors in kinesiology in 2017 and he is single and staying with his sister in (NAME), and we would like to welcome them to the Williamsport family. Thank you.

Mr. Yoder: We are very fortunate in the city where we have a great public safety department and that really comes with our fire department and what you do professionally is not easy. It is scary at times, I cannot do it. And so I commend you for pursuing your passion number one and sticking your neck out there to protect others who you do not know, it takes a really special person to do that and I see that all four of you are special people, we're lucky to have you and we have a great fire department and you are joining a great team and I'm excited to see what you do. So, I welcome you and I turn it over to other members of council if they have any welcoming remarks for our firefighters. Mr. Mackey?

Mr. Mackey: Yes, this is quite the resume on the board. So, congratulations and welcome aboard. I know what it is like to be in early Academy, it is not easy so, congratulations to all four of you and as President Yoder said, your joining a great department all of you, who ran the mile the fastest?

You don't have to answer, congratulations.

Mr. Allison stated I also would like to welcome you to Williamsport that has a long story tradition (INDISCERNIBLE) I go way back - for not that far back, but I know - my previous employment I got to see them in action at night the money does not compensate for the service that you provide case may be, but the gratitude of the city and want to know how much we appreciate it, thank you. Best wishes

Mr. Yoder: Any other comments from members of Council? Hearing and seeing none - thank you again, for the service you are going to provide for the city, a great service and excited to see you in action, welcome aboard. (APPLAUSE)

#### **Quarterly Report from Delta Development**

Teresa stated that she was telling Skip that we still have COVID bouncing around our building. Two people out with COVID, I tested negative, thank you for accommodating my rearrangement of the schedule tonight to allow me to present a quarterly report, does anybody need a copy? No? So we have been working on estate funding strategies for a number of initiatives we have the numbers that run the board for this report, we submitted a green light bill for January 2022 and those reports have not been made, so we are still waiting on last year that was not funded. We have currently the CFA multi-model was awarded and that was a \$900,000 award and was awarded in the fall of 2021 and John is working on implementing the project. And for 2022, we submitted as you know - a LSA request Internet is a new program, it is a statewide local share and I did hear tonight that gaming revenue they anticipate that they will be announced at the July CFA board meeting. We do have a meeting scheduled with Senator Toomey and Representative and so again at those meetings are meant to keep it in the forefront of Senator (NAME) but we also will meet with Senate leadership and so Senate leadership and house leadership to push our products, so we don't just meet with local legislators, we are also meeting staff members for the award's office and representative (INDISCERNIBLE) this is pretty exciting, it was a 70,000 (INDISCERNIBLE) to develop a comprehensive open space and great infrastructure plan. The nice thing about having DCNR find a plan is some of the implementation pieces and so the next step after that plan is developed is to start to target some of those improvements whether it is park improvements (INDISCERNIBLE) and some people think that recreation is kind of a fluff and it is not really matter, but when families are looking to relocate into your community, your parks and open space, your recreation and quality of life is one of the attractive distractors. They have the schools open, but they also have the parks and open space and my husband and I lived near State College for 11 years and moved to Harrisburg and if you know State College, they have great trails. You can get on a trail and you can bike and walk and run anywhere in that area. We moved to Harrisburg entity first time I took my bike out, we rode on very narrow roads, my hands are like this the whole time and we really miss State College for that reason. So, building and some of those assets here will help attract new families into the region and businesses. We are going to be submitting a green waste trails and this time for the river walk and so the maximum grant is 250,000 so I'm working with John Sander and Matthew from Larson Design on the process cost estimate. This is due at the end of May, it requires a 15 percent match. And again, when we meet with Senator Toomey we will bring us to his attention. If we got five businesses to contribute, that could be a substantial amount for the city. Those contributors are typically banks, insurance companies, and other businesses, but with banks, especially if we are looking at the neighborhoods households, banks have their community revitalization commitment and so that is why they are a good partner for this program. So, that is what we are going to be working on developing, again there is no contribution by the city. It is all by banks and insurance companies and local business. These are due by the end of May and usually have been awarded in September. And we will also be looking at submitting a CFA (INDISCERNIBLE) this year and these have not been identified yet, but we will be working with the mayor and with staff in order to develop. The scope of the project the other thing we are working on is the original improvements that have been done, and the scoreboard and that has been used as a match. So, what Delta does is we work with the third-party reviewer which is (NAME) in in this case and get everything together for them and make sure it is in compliance and once we are ready to submit the reimbursement request, your grant bereavement has not been issued yet, we have noticed - not really noticed, we have experienced through many products trust estate, we see the budget is extremely behind and we think a lot of that has to do with COVID, working remotely and pretty COVID things float a

lot smoother. But, we are packaging and waiting (INDISCERNIBLE) the third piece we are working on is a market analysis and I don't know if you remember the fall of last year we talked about quantifying the impact of tourism on this city and for you to be able to use that information and to attract new businesses in the industry. And so a part of what we will do is looking at accounts and to the hotel bed usage and the head in beds and look at the revenue (INDISCERNIBLE) to modify some impact of different types of programs and she is the one focused on the market analysis and her next step will be to develop the survey were the businesses and we would like to share them with administration and get some input into that. And then once she has some information to share (INDISCERNIBLE) if you have any questions before we finalize that report. The end goal here is to develop some type of brochure that you could use for any potential businesses willing to relocate within the city or county.

Mr. Yoder: Any questions from Council, Mr. Beiter?

Mr. Beiter, The submitted project request - I see that your for the match, now, is there something specific about (INDISCERNIBLE) can we do that on other grant as well?

Teresa It was a part of the fiscal code -- code and only available to municipalities and so the legislature through the budgeting process amended the fiscal code to allow municipalities to request a waiver and it has been in the physical code for the past couple of years.

Mr. Beiter Can we guarantee then?

Teresa answered yes.

Mr. Allison, I have a question on the first part is it owner occupied?

Teresa Not necessarily. They have to be low income.

Mr. Allison: Low income.

Teresa Because the purpose of the program is to benefit low income residents.

Mr. Allison : So the renter can qualify -

Teresa From the businesses and businesses. So, we will continue to shape that and look at what those plans will be used for. The other thing is with the (NAME) this year, their focus, DCD is focused on COVID related and pandemic related issues - they must be getting some of their funding from the federal government and so we were focused - one of the criteria (INDISCERNIBLE) York Park Avenue plan talked about sustainability for the neighborhood. So, that is the other criteria for the NPP is going to have to have a plan in place, which you do. So, we would like to focus on that Park Avenue plan and components of that Avenue plan, and figure out what makes sense and what fits into the bucket of what DCD is focusing on for sustainability. So, it could be maintenance due to sustainability for a number of priority projects and what counsel should look at as far as implemented in the plan.

Mr. Yoder: I think that is all the questions so far. The other thing I want to go back to is that market analysis, that stands out to me. And what did you say the deliverable for that was again? There was something you reference.

Teresa A brochure there will be a number in the report itself, because what we will do is quantify what cannot support as far as new businesses and our analysts can do that whereas (INDISCERNIBLE) 1.8 million in spending revenue, what does that mean as far as size or retail (INDISCERNIBLE) what is already in the market and what are the gaps in the market? And what you should be targeting. You don't want to target an industry that has a over surplus and revenue. And that is what you want to look as well, you should have a report, but also a brochure or a glossy piece that you can meet with business and industry on (INDISCERNIBLE).

Mr. Yoder: I would be very interested to see these put together and it would be very interesting to see the result and I think Council will be as well and I will acknowledge I have been pretty critical of Mayor Slaughter and Derek specifically on the need to start doing this kind of stuff and I think we need to get into a lot more of it comprehensively, but this is at least a great start. And so I tip my hat to the admission, but let's keep this going and let's see some more after this because this is just one facet of our economy - this is not look at construction - if you are involved in any of those future efforts, I would also direct you to some of the meetings they were from let's say last year from our revitalization committee - we had a councilperson that showed up. There was a lot of good interviews with stakeholders, the shareholder, the INC, they may have some good data but like I said, this is good to see, we do still need to see more of this but I'm encouraged to see us turning in this direction.

We could also expand into other industries to figure out the impact of tourism and capitalize on that. But, what I would like to do is once we have some data) I think you would find it to be very interesting.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you very much for this update - I think we try to do these quarterly, so maybe after 4 July, this is a little bit short in between, but I would also like to see those

#### **Ordinance #6436**

#### **Ordinance Creating the Position of Police Chaplain within the Williamsport Bureau of Police (final reading)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second to adopt the ordinance.

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

Chief Snyder stated nothing further to add.

Mr. Pulizzi: Chief, if this passes, how soon could we expect to have a chaplain?

Chief I'm hoping within a back -- within the next week. We (INDISCERNIBLE) background check.

Mr. Yoder: Any comments or questions? Mrs. Frank on the motion please.

**The ordinance was carried in final reading with five yes roll call votes. All were in favor.**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes & Mr. Yoder voted yes.**

**Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent.**

#### **Ordinance #6437**

#### **Ordinance Article 1713 International Property Maintenance Code (final reading)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second to adopt the ordinance

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

Mr. Gerardi stated nothing further to add.

**The ordinance was carried in final reading with five yes roll call votes. All were in favor.**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes & Mr. Yoder voted yes.**

**Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent.**

**Resolution #9313**

**Resolution for Consulting Agreement between WBP & PA Chiefs of Police Association**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second to adopt the resolution.

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

Chief Snyder The only thing that changes is the cost that has gone up (INDISCERNIBLE) .

Mr. Yoder: Thank you chief Snyder and I believe this went to public safety. Mr. Mackey?

Mr. Mackey Yes, we are disapproving the increase in price of exchange as chief said and this was passed with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote.

**The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. All were in favor.**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes & Mr. Yoder voted yes.**

**Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent.**

**Resolution #9314**

**Resolution for Settlement & General Release Agreement**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

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

Mr. Lubin stated this was a settlement made and it did not go to any committee. .

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote.

**The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. All were in favor.**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes & Mr. Yoder voted yes.**

**Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent**

**Resolution #9315**

**Resolution Business Privilege Tax Refund**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second to adopt the resolution

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

Mr. Pawlak stated Mr. Grimes was unable to get this out at our last meeting. Business privilege taxes incorrectly sent us taxes that do not belong we are requesting a refund so, this was reviewed by the treasurer's office and he was in agreement.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote.

**The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. All were in favor.**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes & Mr. Yoder voted yes.**

**Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent**

**Resolution #9316**

**Resolution 2021 State Fire Grant**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second to adopt the resolution

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

Chief Aungst stated I ask that we accepted \$15,000 state fire grant we simply need to pull off the, (inaudible) this will be used to put towards the final payment of the R1 (SP?) which is a 2018.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you chief, this was also reviewed in public safety if there is anything to add?

Mr. Mackey stated It was pretty straightforward, it is a \$15,000 grant that will take care of all of the \$1004.06 of which kind of ties into the next item. So, we also have - chief has planned (INDISCERNIBLE) .

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Mackey, any other comments or questions from members of Council hearing and seeing none.

**The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. All were in favor.**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes & Mr. Yoder voted yes.**

**Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent**

**Resolution #9317**

**Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the City of Williamsport & Public Surplus to Sell a Vehicle**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second to adopt the resolution.

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

Chief Aungst Before you is a resolution to sell a 2007 Chevy Impala. The car was purchased around 2008 by chief Heinbach who used it in codes and do not really use it so much as a command vehicle, we use it more for just to get from point A to point B and to look around the community. The car has had some problems. Back in 2019 we had a windstorm and fell on it and crushed the letter a pillar to save some money we did not place the letter a pillar, we ended up just having it straightened out. There was an incident on Street back in 2019 and Chief Heinbach parked underneath some wires and a couple blocks away by the insulation that surrounded the wiring melted and made a lot of black marks on the car. So, the only way to get rid of it was to use a scouring pad and to get rid of it. There are some very minor mechanical issues that have been addressed. Other than that, we would like to put on initially I recommended municipal bid, and now I guess we use public surplus.com. And we have a reserve of \$750. Looking at most of these impalas, they're getting between a thousand and \$1500 for the kind of damage.

Mr. Mackey stated I hope that we have the cash to make up for that last thousand dollars. Correct me if I'm wrong

Mr. Yoder asked : So it is covered?

Chief answered yes.

Mr. Mackey said Get rid of this car (CHUCKLE).

Mr. Yoder: There is a little bit of nostalgia here - thank you Mr. Mackey, any comments or questions from other members of Council?

Chief When I wrote the resolution out I had municipal bid in there and then I spoke with Mr. Brett Kelley and they said no, we are using public surplus now. And I said okay. So, that is why it was in the resolution why it was changed.

Mr. Yoder: So, RVT is doing that for us?

Chief Yes, and I'm pretty good at keeping up with that. Does the Police Department use municipal bid Or do you guys So, we brought is now a part of public surplus.

Mr. Livermore from Streets & Parks stated that Mr. Kelley showed them how to do it so RVT won't be involved anymore.

Mr. Yoder, Got you, that was going to be my next question. To make sure who is doing that becomes separate and that they are not the city anymore. Thank you Scott yes absolutely. Any other comments or questions from members of Council? Hearing and seeing none,, Mrs. Frank on the motion please.

**The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. All were in favor.**

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

#### Resolution # 9318

#### Resolution Authorizing submission of Letter of intent to Governor's Center for Services intergovernmental Agreement with Old Lycoming Township Volunteer Fire Company

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second to adopt the resolution

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

Chief Aungst Back in 1999 we entered into agreement with Old Lycoming Township volunteer fire company to share services. We would use firefighters in their station and they would contribute by providing a fire truck and a station basically. Nothing in it that intergovernmental co-op agreement since 1999 has changed at all. But there is a number of points in their that we would like to address, not just we, the Williamsport purifier, but also Lycoming. I think we met what - prior to the administrative change? And we reached out and heard from the governor's office - I'm sorry, : And she is going to facilitate - be a facilitator at these meetings between the city, fire department, the Township and the Township fire department. We have a few things that we would like to discuss and update to get a little closer to the) 2022.

Mr. Yoder Thank you chief. I turn it over to Councilman Mackey again.

Mr. Mackey A lot of these conversations revolve around (INDISCERNIBLE) 17 we are all looking at (INDISCERNIBLE) item four and Chief feel free to jump in, I believe the discussion was trying to encourage more of a ridership on calls.

Chief: Correct, with their volunteers fighting along, the initial thought was to have at least three guys on that truck at all times and we have not really seen a whole lot of ridership over the years. In it for seven years that I was (INDISCERNIBLE) chief we only had one person while I was working doing a ride along and he was from Great Britain. He lived in old Lycoming County going to college and other than that we have never had anybody else go on a ride along.

Mr. Mackey: And we also talked about ) that had something to do with one of our firefighters who was driving one of their trucks.

Chief Aungst: Yes, sorry I'm trying to catch up a little bit - it was regarding the insurance, the liability and umbrella coverage. Christmas Eve of 2020 I believe - 2019, 2020 we were involved and engine four you know was involved city police vehicles and had considerable damage to the engine and both Lycoming's members and leadership administration rather than doing an investigation and speaking with the driver from the Williamsport fire department, they just sent chief an email saying he is no longer allowed to drive nor will he ever be allowed to drive. So, there are some issues there that we need to address and come up with a better solution to that, I don't know if it was a personal issue or what, but something definitely needs to be addressed.

Mr. Mackey,: These conversations are happening right now or will happen?

Chief Aungst: Yes. Excuse me - to this point we have not opened up that intergovernmental agreement, but we meet every other Thursday for lunch with members from old Lycoming and we have talked about it under the radar so to speak and bringing that current

Mr. Mackey: That was really all of our conversation so, it is time that we definitely take a look (INDISCERNIBLE) that better reflects 2022.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Mackey, any other comments or questions from members of Council on this item?

**The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. All were in favor.**

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

#### Resolution #9319

#### Resolution to Approve Partnership between City of Williamsport & STEP AmeriCorps for 7 Service Members in the Recreation Department

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second to adopt the resolution

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

Ms. Kayla Drummond stated, The resolution you have in front of you is a partnership agreement, it is the same agreement that you had with them the last time we did the program, the only difference is that this year they are making all of our cost to us free everything all times. The starting date June 13 and runs until August 19. They are there for the duration of summer camp, they also volunteer for our parks as well as attempting to do (INDISCERNIBLE) as long as their service year starts my department basically runs off of volunteers other than myself and public works so every year I partner with AmeriCorps to offset the volunteers that we don't receive from elsewhere. But as far as the position for the city is coming to our summer camps and talking with our program and also implementing a healthy living and eating program as well as teaching how to interact with each other including outside of video games and electronics. So, I open up the floor for questions.

Mr. Yoder turned it over to Finance.

Mr. Allison stated that we previously we have done this

Voice was inaudible .

Mr. Beiter: My main concern was what we charged last year and what we should charge next year given that we can utilize as many as we need again next year, we would have to pay that extra cost my question that I forgot to ask,

how we started our online classes?

Just curious, I would love to see all of these pieces start to come together.

Ms. Drummond We are still working out some bugs.

Mr. Beiter: That is excellent. And we have - you have a post of 60 kids?

Ms. Drummond: Yes. So, prior to COVID, we had a camp at Memorial and Brandon and that average number through the whole season was about 67 kids per camp.

Mr. Beiter: So about 120 kids total.

Ms. Drummond: Yes, after last year we had about 30 kids combined. So, if I can get 30 kids per camp, we are making progress.

Mr. Allison stated we sent this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Ms. Drummond stated: Yes, I came in as AmeriCorps when I came in I was an assistant to Jessie Novinger and then I stayed along for the ride.

Mr. Yoder: Excellent, thank you Mr. Allison, any other comments or questions from anyone? Mr. Pulizzi?

Mr. Pulizzi: Thank you, I just wanted to also note that AmeriCorps is working directly with the food bank which is a great service obviously ) in need of healthy food for our children to get daily healthy meals and so involved in helping the food bank (Coming in for that portion) we have a kind of like how free lunches at school although we don't have any stipulations, you fill out the form, every kid goes home they can choose to pack their lunch and bring it the next day or they can choose what is on the menu. And then families as well, we offer that family box, so as long as they sign up on that form, we give it to the food bank and we make sure that we deliver as many boxes as forms come in. So, it is a one-stop shop

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Pulizzi, any other comments or questions, hearing and seeing none,, Mrs. Frank on the motion please.

**The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. All were in favor.**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes & Mr. Yoder voted yes.**

**Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent**

Accept for filing::

Public Safety Minutes 04/26/22

Brandon Park & Shade Tree Commission 01/18/22, 2/15/22, 3/15/22 & 4/26/22

Williamsport Water & Sanitary Minutes 2/23/22 & 3/23/22

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

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

**The minutes were carried with five yes roll call votes. All were in favor.**

**Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes & Mr. Yoder voted yes.**

**Ms. Miele and Mrs. Katz were absent.**

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Williamsport, PA

Upcoming Meetings:

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| Tuesday, May 17   | 6:30 PM  | HARB*                       |
| Wednesday, May 18 | 10:00 AM | Blighted Property *         |
| Thursday, May 19  | 10:30 AM | Zoning Hearing Board*       |
| Tuesday, May 24   | 11:30 AM | Public Safety               |
|                   | 1:00 PM  | Finance Committee           |
|                   | 2:30 PM  | Public Works                |
|                   | 4:00 PM  | Transit Oversight Committee |
| Wednesday, May 25 | 11:30 AM | Redevelopment Authority*    |
| Thursday, May 26  | 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:

### City Council

Mr. Yoder stated One question Mayor Slaughter, I just want to check in on where we are at with the City Hall report from administration I think we are looking at a couple final things.

Mayor answered: We have a meeting scheduled with solicitors

Mr. Yoder asked, The next meeting, are we good, end of June?

Mayor answered: Probably ) I mean if we get it we will see.

Mr. Yoder: Okay, thank you Mayor Slaughter. Mr. Pulizzi.

Mr. Pulizzi, : If I may, sorry to make you walk back up - it reminded me - I know Mr. Sander and Mr. Gerardi - I forget how long ago it was we asked Mr. Sander about City Hall the needs that we have and I feel like they told us it was roughly 2 months it was February - do we -

Mayor answered, I will check with them..

Mr. Pulizzi: Thank you Mayor.

Mr. Yoder Yes, Vince, we are talking about the same thing, you know? The updated costs are part of an updated recommendation so we are talking about the same thing

### Administration

Mr. Scott Livermore I just wanted to put out that May 20 is our deadline for picking up debris and things on the curbs.

Mr. Mackey: I meant to ask this at the last meeting - just to be clear, people should not be putting things out of order.

Mr. Livermore answered April 17 was the cutoff date I doubt that we are going to get obviously, we are going to try to but like I said May 20 is the cutoff. We are getting a lot of people that are doing - pulling trees down, shrubs, and it is not acceptable. Just mainly leaves, branches, small stuff that we can handle (INDISCERNIBLE) we have to figure it out, but again the small stuff (INDISCERNIBLE) so May 20, that is it.

Mr. Yoder stated, : Mr. Livermore, I appreciate that. I encourage the public and the other thing that I would reference is I mean we go through this every year and it is the worst part of this job is going through the annual budget, okay? Mr. Livermore, you have started to go through that last year, it I am sure you will see it again this year - the more we work together with the public to do that as efficiently and as compliant as possible, that is how we stay at budget or come in under budget and that is how we manage specifically our property taxes, that is how we stay at our property tax level and manager so we are not creating much more work for our taxpayers. So, it is not easy even when we come in on budget or under, so any help that we can get from the public to ensure that we continue to do the service, it is a very good service, where I grew up, I did not have that. I think it is a great benefit that the city offers and I think our public works department does a really good job, so I kindly ask the public let's work together and keep that going in a very good way. So, thank you. Any other comments from the

#### **Members of the Public**

Good evening George (NAME) from the Towing Association, we were told to be here tonight, apparently it is not on the agenda, we have some questions of what the City's outlook on the Towing association is right now. There is a paper going around on how the Association is working

#### **News Media**

There were none.

Adjournment

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Meeting adjourned** upon motion by **Mr. Allison** and a second by **Mr. Beiter**. **Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM PM with unanimous ayes.**

**Submitted by:**

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**City Clerk**