

Council President Randy Allison brought the meeting of the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 7:00 PM per remote. Chris Cooley did livestream the meeting.

**Council members present:**

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

**Also, Present:**

Derek Slaughter, Mayor  
Mr. Joe Gerardi  
Mr. Joe Pawlak  
Chris Cooley  
Mark Killian, Fire Chief,  
Damon Hagan, Police Chief  
Solicitor Norman Lubin  
Janice Frank, City Clerk  
Adam Winder, RVT

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for the 04/15/21 were approved upon a motion **Mrs. Katz and a second from Mr. Yoder. All were in favor. The vote was 6 to 0.**

**Limited Courtesy of the Floor**

There were no requests.

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

**Resolution #9143**

**Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a 5 year Service agreement between Structure care & RVT**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Winder stated this resolution authorizes a structure agreement for the Church St. Parking Deck. It has not been inspected since it was built. This company will cover things if something would happen This is from High Steel, a local business. This is in the amount of \$17,500. It was reviewed by Finance.

Ms. Miele voice inaudible. It was reviewed by Finance and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

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

**Mr. Allison asked that Council bundle the following ordinances.**

**Mr. Yoder made a motion to bundle items 3, 4, & 5 for the agenda. Mrs. Katz seconded it.**

**Ordinance #6411 Bill#1777-21**

**An Ordinance Amending Article 1727 International Plumbing Code (final reading)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

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

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

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

**Ordinance #6412 Bill#1778-21**

**An Ordinance Amending Article 1711 International Plumbing Code (final reading)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

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

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

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

**Ordinance #6413 Bill#1779-21**

**An Ordinance Amending the Codified Ordinances of Williamsport part 17 Building & Housing (final reading)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance in final reading.

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

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

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

**Resolution # 9135**

**Resolution Between the City of Williamsport & Penn College of Technology**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. John Markley stated this resolution is passed every year for a off campus project. The students continue to work on Veterans Memorial Park. The entire park is handicapped assessible. The dedication day is Sept. 19, 2021.

Mrs. Katz stated in Public Works this was passed with a positive recommendation. She thanked Mr. Markley for all his work and the work done in the Park. She spoke about the bricks that were sale. A lot of business have donated their time and supplies. She told the public what a beautiful park this is and how people should come and visit it. John Markley and his committee has worked tirelessly. She also thanked the County with the Act 13 money.

Mr. Markely stated we have opening day May 13 and we have been working on a phamplet. He stated everything there is handicapped accessible. He thanked Streets and Parks also.

Mr. Pulizzi thanked him for all the hard work and asked Mr. Markley to tell people how to sponser construction there or by purchase of a brick.

Mr. Markely stated we have forms in City Hall, Streets & Park, and at RVT. We are taking donations for the A6 intruder. Just send a check, we need it. We have spent over \$100,000 and we are very pleased with all the donation. He stated all the service people need to be recognized.

Mr. Allison stated we are very grateful and it looks great. He 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. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Banks was absent.**

#### **Resolution #9136**

#### **Resolution Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement Between W.A.L.L and the City of Williamsport**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

**Mr. Pulizzi made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Yoder.**

Mayor Slaughter stated this is a lease agreement, we had this in place a few years ago and it fell through the cracks for couple of years. Mr. Diemer had asked him to bring it back. Mr. Diemer and a few people approached him about fixing this park up again.

Mrs. Katz stated this was reviewed and passed with a positive recommendation. We are all very please that Mr. Diemer is stepping up here to take on this project. This is for our kids in the City. Mr. Diemer said this will be at least a five year project. We are very pleased and are looking forward to the end result.

Mr. Mackey thanked Mr. Diemer and invited people to watch the opening video. It is kinda of sad too, cause Williamsport is the Home of little League and this Park is a gem, it sits in the middle of the City. This is the first step and he challenges the administration .....he feels that it is not WALL's total responsiblitiy to fix it. He stated the City will be receiving money in its Cares Act and he feels that a sum of money should be put into the fields. This is only the first step and he feels that it should not just be a five year plan, it should be done as soon as possible, to bring back the excitement and everything that Little League can bring to the City. We should be investing in this project.

Mr. Pulizzi stated he agrees with Mr. Mackey and told Mr. Diemer he is so happy that he is involved with this and notes that he is extremely thorough in everything he does so he know he will follow through. He is happy to see everything and asked if there was anything that the community could do? Like clean up, help paint, volunteer?

Mr. Diemer answered we could use everything you mentioned, we could use volunteers to mow the grass, help paint, volunteer to help get field in shape.

Mr. Pulizzi asked how can someone reach out to the organization.

Mr. Diemer replied, the facebook page at Williamsport Area Little League or send us an email at [info@williamsportarealittleleague.com](mailto:info@williamsportarealittleleague.com) or send him an email as President. He will put people in contact.

Mr. Pulizzi asked if there was a kick off date?

Mr. Diemer stated we will do as much as we can as soon as we can. We raised a little bit of funding through W.A.L.L and we have started a little bit. We don't have a date.

Mr. Allison stated the park means a great deal to his family, he played there as well as his grandchildren. He stated this has to be done, cause we have money to fix bandschell, etc.

Mr. Diemer that is one thing we are thinking about and he has spoken to the Mayor to get the City involved because this is an important complex. He spoke about the tournments we used to have and would like to have them again. It would bring people into the City. We have dedicated people on the board right now and the people who have volunteered all live in the City.

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

#### **Resolution # 9139**

#### **Resolution to Adopt WBT (DBA, River Valley Transit) Operating Budget for 2021-2022**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Winder this is to adopt the RVT Transit operating budget in the amount of \$8,827,832.00. This budget entails salaries and wages, billing repairs and safety costs, legal costs, alarm systems, utilities, advertising expenses, etc.He continued on with the expenses also stated Peter Herdic Museum is no longer in this budget. He also listed the revenues.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed in Finance and we forwarded to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. She asked Mr. Yoder to talk about some of his comments during Finance.

Mr. Yoder stated we had a pretty robust discussion about RVT, other of which extends from our conversation in November, regionalization, new routes, Act 44 funding, etc. He took the time to review the Act 44 and suggested the rest of Council take a look at it sometime, and he said if he is not mistaken, Mr. Winder told us we will be getting some information in the month of May. So a lot of the questions that were brought up, are covered. We did have a discussion about having a more robust discussion going forward and it is difficult to have an understanding of a budget that is on one page. If you look at the 2016 performance review, there is a lot of information about ridership and goals and having a more detailed budget will allow us a better understanding. And also the discussion about having a resolution verses an ordinance, we as a Third Class Optional Charter City, we always pass our budget by Ordinance that is mandated in the Charter Law. I realize that RVT operates on a fiscal year, but I feel that in the spirit of the law, this needs to be an Ordinance. These specific points are very important and I think I will be voting no, just to reinforce.

Ms. Miele stated we discussed the idea of having a narrative to this and we should have an update on this .....inaudible. She understands Councilman Yoder's views.

Mrs. Katz stated after our discussion on Tuesday, we do need more of a narrative and after looking at the Act 44, there are so many things we can cover, and she was disappointed with the budget. How many people get an \$8 million

budget on one sheet of piece. She realizes there are new people, but there should be more of a break down. Even though she voted to pass with positive recommendation, she is having second thoughts.

Mr. Allison asked Ms. Nagy to weight in on this, the Mayor and he took part in the Act 44 part, this is going to be something new for us and Penn Dot stated the ball is in our lap for Council and the Administration. He asked Ms. Nagy to address this and talk about the local match.

Ms. Nagy, the local match is the most critical thing, in order to get your goal match, the local match must be certified. You will have the opportunity to do this by ordinance in September, so there is nothing much we can do about that. She agrees about the certainties with the performance standards. We started giving Council more training and when you get your Act 44 reports, you should have a development plan to receive the funding...that's a discussion we can have later. We can go through that performance review.

Mayor Slaughter stated that Econsult is currently working with PennDot and that is something we can talk about...voice inaudible.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Allison stated so we will get our funding from Penn Dot.

Mrs. Katz stated she didn't want to do anything to stop funding, she wanted to make sure that everyone is going to be on the same page and would like to see a better budget. She was voted no for the paperwork.

Mr. Allison stated he understands all the frustrations and we all want to see that happen, but right now we have to pass this in order to get funding.

#### Resolution #9137

##### Resolution Awarding Construction Services for City Hall & Ramp Project to Landsery, Inc.

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Sanders stated this is for the construction of a pre cast ADA accessible ramp on the north side of City Hall. We had five bids and he named them. With the project, there are optional items.....the ramp meets all current standards. It is the one designed by Gannett Fleming.

Mrs. Katz stated we passed this on with a positive recommendation. We are thrilled with the cost and we are still looking for add ons and Mr. Sanders will get to us as soon as he finds out. This ramp will take about three weeks, and there are some things that have to be done with the City. This bid was strictly on the ramp itself. The next thing we will discuss will be the elevator and the doors. This will be done before November and we are keeping our fingers crossed. Ms. Miele this was reviewed by Finance and forwarded with a positive recommendation.....inaudible...we are in good shape to meet the deadline.....inaudible....It would be wise to get this as quickly as possible because of the costs of material.

Mr. Pulizzi wanted to say how happy he is to see this come in and wanted to thank Mr. Sander for the good work he is doing.

Mr. Gerardi stated that we need to make sure that the door is ADA compliant and the lighting, and the elevator.

Mr. Sander stated he is aware that these things need to be ADA compliant. Voice inaudible.

Mr. Allison commended Mr. Sander on this and stated the dollar amount is quite the savings from originally. He 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. Yoder voted yes, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison voted yes. Mr. Banks was absent.**

#### Resolution #9138

##### Resolution Authorizing the Sale of a 1997 Tarrant Leaf Machine

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Winder this is for the sale of leaf machine to Castena Township in the amount of \$1,500.00 This is more than what we would receive in munibid. It was reviewed in Finance.

Ms. Miele stated that Finance didn't have a whole lot to say about this, it's a good price. We did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

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

#### Resolution #9140

##### Resolution Certifying the Local Match for State Operating Financial Assistance

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Winder stated this is to certify local match, it is 4, 642, 549.00.00 for fiscal year 2022. The match required \$447,514. This match is distributed to all municipalities, not just the City of Williamsport. This was reviewed by Finance.

Ms. Miele asked Mr. Yoder to take over.

Mr. Yoder stated Finance did forward this with a positive recommendation. We do this every year and it is about the State Funds and we need to do it. It is a little bit higher than last year. He asked for a break down tomorrow from all the local partners.

Ms. Miele stated our local partners is increasing this year and it is exciting cause they will be sharing the costs.

Mr. Allison asked for comments or questions.

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

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

#### Resolution #9141

##### Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Rolling Service Door to be installed at River Valley Transit Bus Garage

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Winder stated this resolution authorizes the purchase of service doors, currently our door turns west and it is inoperable, the cost to repair is too much, and the door makes it very challenging for bus drivers to get out. We got all possible quotes and the lowest was \$30,635.00. They are located in Linden Pa. The funding is all in place.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed in Finance and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. This was an emergency items and this is additional funding this year.....inaudible.

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

#### Resolution #9142

#### Resolution Authorizing the Donation of Former Philadelphia Rapid Transit Open Trolley Car

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Winder stated this is to donation the Trolley Car to the Jersey Shore Historical Society. It is in really bad shape, he feels it is not something the City can fund to restore. We were contact by their Historical Society and they will restore it and set it out for people to see it.

Mrs. Katz stated this did come to Public Works and we passed it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. We appreciate them for restoring them and we are pleased that they want to take this on because the history of this is important.

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

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

#### **Certificate of Appropriateness – HARB**

Item 2. Ralph Caringi

431-433 West Edwin Street

- A. Demolish majority of the two-story rear porches. Salvage the porch railings, including 2x2 spindles, large top/bottom rails, and any sound support structure.
- B. Rebuild porch, decks and roof, same size/location, using 42" concrete footers, full length 6" x 6" support posts (ground to roof), 1 x 6 pressure treated boards for the decks and rafters, Secure porch into the brick wall.
- C. Reinstall old railing. Any repairs or replacement rail or spindle pieces are to match old in material and appearance.
- D. Any porch lattice to be tight weave wood privacy lattice with a wood frame.
- E. Replicate chamfering, post trim and decorative grooves on new posts.
- F. Remove existing roofing material from front entry roof. Repair damaged trim, wood with same material to same appearance.
- G. Install standing seam SL 150 (Union Corrugated Co.) metal roofing, dark gray, on rear porch and front entry stoop roofs.
- H. Re use existing ½ round gutters and round downspouts or replace with galvanized or aluminum ½ round gutter & round downspout painted brown
- I. Repoint brick around rear porch as needed using primarily lime-based mortar. Match color, joint style, profile of original. Do not over cut or widen joints

Item 3. Richard & Terri Mutchler

1072 Vine Avenue

- A. Remove existing metal and shingle roof materials. Install ribbed metal, Panel-Loc Plus roofing, charcoal gray color, with all accessories per manufacturers specifications.
- B. Paint wood fascia cream color

Item 4. Rhonda Jennings

321-323-325 Locust Street

**Pulled from agenda at this time – next meeting review**

Item 5. YWCA

815 West Fourth Street

- A. Install black metal light pole with flag arm as depicted. Location: near the center of the second concrete entry tier
- B. Install hanging double sided sign: "The Boutique – YWCA"

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second to approve the certificate of appropriateness for HARB

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

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the certificates.

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

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

Accept for filing:

Public Works 03/31/21 & 04/13/21

Veterans Memorial Park Commission 03/01/21

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

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

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

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

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Remote.

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, April 30

11:00 AM ERC

Monday, May 5	12:00	PM	Planning Commission*
Thursday, May 6	3:00	PM	Accessibility Advisory Commission
Tuesday, May 11	11:30	AM	Public Safety
	1:00	PM	Finance Meeting
	2:30	PM	Public Works Meeting
Wednesday, May 12	3:30	PM	O&E Pension
Thursday, May 13	10:30	AM	Zoning Hearing Board*
	7:00	PM	City Council meeting

**All meetings are held remotely unless indicated with an \* asterisk, whereas will be held at Trade & Transit, II, 144 West Third St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Williamsport, PA.**

Mr. Allison asked if there were comments or questions from members of Council.

Mrs. Katz wanted to remind everyone that this Saturday is first Saturday for the first time in a year. And next week is First Friday, so come downtown and enjoy!

Mr. Allison asked if there were comments or questions from members of the Administration.  
There were none.

Mr. Allison asked if there were comments from members of the General Public.  
There were none.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn

**Meeting adjourned** upon motion by **Mrs. Katz** and a second by **Mr. Yoder**. **Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM with unanimous ayes.**

**Submitted by:**

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