

Council President Randy Allison brought the meeting of the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, May 27, 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:**

**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 05/13/21 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Pulizzi and a second from Mr. Yoder. All were in favor. The vote was 7 to 0**  
**Mr. Allison announced there was an executive session before the meeting tonight to discuss legal issues.**

**Limited Courtesy of the Floor**

There were no requests.

**Bill #1780-21**

**Ordinance Approving the Editing & Inclusion of Certain Ordinances as Parts of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of Williamsport, PA. (final reading)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance in first reading.

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

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

Mr. Lubin had nothing more to add.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the ordinance.

**The ordinance was carried in final reading with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

**Bill #1781-21**

**Ordinance Amending Part 1 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Williamsport –Blighted Property (first reading)**

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion on the ordinance in first reading.

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

Mr. Banks stated we're very excited about this one. This is a small language change to our Blighted Property. Review Committee ordinance in the creation of purpose or a portion of that ordinance it expands the powers of the redevelopment authority to cover commercial industrial properties . I read this into the record at the ERC meeting but is that necessary at this point in time? The actual phrasing. But, just for the public's. information. The Blighted property review committee is hereby created in accordance in order to enable the Redevelopment authority of the city to acquire by request and the domain or otherwise anybody probably as hearing after to find either within or outside of certified redevelopment area and the redevelopment authority shall have the power to hold, clear manage and or dispose of such Blighted property for Residential and related reuse and commercial or industrial reuse, and the portion that was changed was that last bit where it says and related re use it on fire and commercial or industrial use.

Mr. Allison stated Well. That was a great job, by the ERC Committee. And with Mr Gerardi help and Input. I don't think Are there any other questions from other council members? He asked for a vote on the ordinance.

**The ordinance was carried in first reading with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

**Resolution #9150**

**Resolution to Honor service of Joseph Musto – Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor (remove from table)**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to remove this from the table.

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

**The resolution was removed from the table with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

Mr. Allison stated that he spoke to Mr Musto again and he was not able to make it again tonight, so he's fine with us going ahead. He considers this a wonderful honor to receive this, So I'm going to read the resolution resolution recognizing Joseph R. Musto

**Whereas** the City of Williamsport maintains a Zoning Hearing Board in order to ensure fair and consistent application of its Zoning Ordinance requirements, and,  
Whereas the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor is present at every meeting of the board in order to assist and provide guidance to the board, when needed on interpretation and application of statues, regulations or any related matters.  
Now Therefore, be it hereby resolved that the Williamsport City Council does this day recognize Joseph Musto for his service, spanning three decades, to the Zoning Hearing Board and,

Be it further resolved that the City Council recognizes and thanks him for the dedicated and professional manner by which he has faithfully performed during his duties as Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Allison stated And we recognize, Mr Musto tonight for these exact things here. we recognize him for the longevity. I think that speaks well, his dedication to the city. I'm not going to get into the numbers, but He was paid the same amount as far as I know, I will say one thing he goes back so far that we could not unearth the records of when he became solicitor. We know it was more than 25 years, and I'm willing to bet it was closer to 30, if not 30, that he served on that zoning hearing board. We can speak for a fact as Council members who have seen longstanding people in the administration that they did above and beyond their duty for less pay, then they could have gotten in the private sector. Because of their dedication to the city.. It is a matter of public service service more than ah, source of income. So, that's why we recognized people like this. You can talk to any current member of the zoning hearing board or or past members and they will declare what a great resource Joe Musto was to that particular board and helping it function within the law and the rules. He asked Mr. Knarr to speak to that you were you had a front row seat during your time on in in the administration.

Mr. Knarr, stated I can tell you 10 years ago, When I came to the City I relied heavily on his expertise as far as how the process works. And he was just invaluable to me, you know, from his own administration standpoint, and just his knowledge and his eagerness to when willingness that basically on let me contact him. Not just at different times throughout the day throughout, sometimes in the evening to get his opinion on a lot of the stuff that was going on within the city. Some of our ordinance, amendments and things like that that we've done over the years. He Has been through his knowledge and his guidance and helping with the zoning hearing board and you can talk with any members and especially the longstanding Mary Lou Baldys who has worked with him. probably just about that amount of time and. He's just very invaluable to us, and he's part of a lot of knowledge with me as far as how the process works, and I do appreciate everything that he's done.

Mr. Allison thanked Mr. Knarr and asked if any comments from Council ?

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

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

**The resolution was approved with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

Mr. Allison stated he'd make sure Mr. Musto gets a copy of this resolution.

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

#### **Certificate of Appropriateness – 212 East Third St. New Covenant United Church**

Mr. Gerardi stated this is a Certificate of appropriateness for 212 East Third Street, New Covenant United Church. . There were questions to paint a mural on the wall facing East Third Street. If you remember this property on the corner of East Third, I have attached photos for the size, location, style and color . You have two photos. The first one is what is actually starting to look like presently right now. The second photo is what it's going to look like That was the miracle that I believe it was the college that presented them to organize conjunction with the college. We do have the pastor here. When I stopped down there sketching out everything has started a little bit of the painting, typically certificate appropriate questions were supposed to be done prior to okay. The pastor did not know that he apologized. I didn't have them stop because if I'm correct, and he can explain this little bit better. These are college students are earning for the summer. They believe they live on the eighth. So in order for him to get this done within that time frame. If I would have stopped them, they would never got it done in that time. No, but I do have a representative here of the church. If you want to talk to him or me, I'll be more happy to answer any questions.

Mrs. Katz stated this is exciting to see. And just one of the new things happening down on that end of town. Um and I just happen to be a new covenant the other day, and it really is a lovely space. But I think more to the point I also noticed on the way back that that, . Mr Derocco has just finished painting his building on the Third Street and the combination of these kind of handful of things that have been taking shape down there in in On that end of the third Street is really exciting ? I understand that this is, um. In conjunction the church isn't working in conjunction with Lycoming College on this I would let the pastor speak to that.

Pastor yes, ma'am and again, I deeply apologize for not being aware of the ordinance. Yes the art students from Lycoming College who designed and who are painting the mural on the on the church Exterior wall.

Mrs. Katz asked Pastor, Did you approve what they're putting on the church.

Pastor answered Yes, the art students presented several designs to our our church Council and Church Council approved the design.

Mrs. Katz Okay. I just wanted to clarify this. Okay. Thank you very much.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion and a second.

**Mr. Yoder made the motion and itw as seconded by Mr. Mackey.**

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the certificate.

**The certificate of appropriateness was approved with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

#### **Resolution Contract Agreement for Creation of Fund for Dr. Cooper's Garden**

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mayor Slaughter stated What you have before you is an agreement for Creation of Dr Cooper's garden between the city. Dr Cooper's daughter, Elizabeth Candelario, and also the First Community Foundation. It is, something that we've been working on for about a year now, with Dr. Cooper's daughter and she apologized and she cannot be here tonight. As she is in England, and it's about 12 30 over there. I believe I do have a short power point. Once we get to that point that you would like me to show she wanted everybody to see that she did play it on Tuesday at Public Works. But it's essentially in to have Cooper's Garden on Brandon Park there in perpetuity forever on she is leaving money as part of her state via this agreement. This fund agreement with first from your foundation ensure that that happens. And also that it stays a guard and it's a beautiful space and Brandon Park very serene. I think most of us have probably seen it. So this was reviewed in public works and forwarded to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation

Mrs. Katz stated. Yes, we are going to get a T shirt that says I'm you know, um. This was brought to the public works, and it was a pleasure to meet with Elizabeth who takes such pride of her family of what they've done for the city, and we're all so proud of what the Cooper family has done for the city. Their funding this This is with one by like the mayor said, for Dr Cooper's garden, if nobody has been through that it is such a beautiful And the next thing that you and Elizabeth would like to do. Is to maybe put a couple of benches around there and we suggested that you know, maybe they can work with Penn College as far as accomplishing that, We are really thankful that we have people that are so

conscientious of what goes on in our city and what goes on in our parks, and we did pass to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mayor Slaughter showed a clip that was sent in by Dr. Cooper's daughter and stated that she's putting together a fund and he spoke about the beauty in the park that this has made.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

**The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

#### Resolution #9152

#### Resolution Memorandum of Understanding between City, Bureau of Fire & Hope Enterprises

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Calderini, What you have before you here tonight is a resolution that includes a memo memorandum of understanding between the City of Williamsport and Hope Enterprises. A little background on this is that we've had a lot of 15 year relationship with Hope Enterprises and providing a service to the citizens of Williamsport. This document simply formalizes and the agreement between the two agencies. And it spells out the relationships between both the city and Hope Enterprises. There might be some folks that don't understand what this system is. Project Lifesaver is the name of the program. And Project lifesaver provides a means for to track those individuals with intellectual disabilities such as Down syndrome and Alzheimer's autism as well. And, we've had in the past and continue to have children and adults that will wonder away from the residents and instead of putting out a grid, search for them and expending a lot of time and effort. They wear when registered through Hope enterprises, they were untangle bracelet with the transmitter included in it. It's battery operated. We received the information. We put it in the database and track of the information as well as when the last battery was changed, and s so just making sure that the system works appropriately for the family. We are looking at Updating the system and providing better training. better equipment, Hope Enterprises is the supplier of the equipment, and that there is no cost of the city when it comes to The equipment were, disposable things such as the batteries to operate it. What we do is we tracked the track that information it will withdraw. We'll go to the person's home or they sometimes they stopped at the station for their relative to have the battery changed. We believe this to be a extremely beneficial service to those that segment of our population that needs needs help. It keeps us connected with those in our in our city and. For those people that have special needs, So it's one way that the fire Department will will provide that can provide that service. So unless there's any other questions, no, By the way, this this was reviewed by the Public Safety Committee, and it was forwarded to you with a positive recommendation. I can answer any other questions. I'd be happy to do so Thank you,

Mrs. Katz stated Yes, this was brought to public safety and it was passed with a positive recommendation. It's a fantastic program. That is so beneficial to some many and it is's no cost to the city. They do cover the cost of training and of the batteries which is how the process goes, is hope does give the fire department from what I understand from the meeting. Ah list of the people that have these these angles ankle, let's if you would call them. And, uh, What did the chief say? I think, he said it was only what a month or so ago that this came in handy and stuff wasn't ways and that they were able to find somebody

Chief Calderini stated We had one child that went missing. I believe it was three times within. It started back in January and February. About once a month, Once every few weeks, the child would leave the home. . We have a receiver. Well it's an antenna that the guy the guys on duty will. Grab put in operation very quickly. We find out with last known location of the individual is and then we start searching at that point. So it's pretty much just receiving a radio signal from the angle it and I'm sorry I didn't use the right term, the ankle that and this way it kind of gives us a direction and we keep searching until we find it. So yeah, one child and I might add that that it was. Extremely cold. We had a lot of snow on the ground and the child left without proper proper clothing. So we were concerned about his safety and was able to find him so the same child and 33 times in about two months. I'm guessing So it did come in handy there. You also have this with family members that have Alzheimer's and, uh, things that really are important to keep track of some people that need to be kept track of the time.

Mrs. Katz stated So this is an incredible program. And like I said, it was passed on to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

**The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

#### Resolution #9153

#### Resolution to Commit to Funding for Greenways, Trails, & Recreation Program for Youngs Woods Park

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Sanders stated We're going after a GTRP Grant to help spruce up Young's Woods Park The Mayor and Delta collaborated on going after the grant requires alot match percentage of only 15.% which means if we get the grant, we get approximately \$245,000, and we only have to match it with a \$43,000 in city funds. We're looking to utilize CDBG funding to match. When I sent this out to council sent obviously the resolution and attached the letter and also in Park Master Plan. So overall, the park master plan. in the event we wanted to follow it to a T. But would. require about a million dollars worth of work. But so this obviously we have to go to utilized multiple grant awards to do all the work turn on the plan, so. This was reviewed in public works and finance. I guess I should add what we're looking to do at the park. We're looking to remove the current basketball court. It's in poor condition. Replace it with two new basketball courts in their entirety and also full ADA accessibility, upgrades and ADA accessible gazebo in the middle of the park. I'm wonderful. Thank you.

Ms. Miele stated Finance did review this and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. There wasn't a lot of discussion during our review. It is nice. Previously the city has predominantly relied on the sea and our grants for parts work. Which they are that you know, it's excellent to get any sort of money to help fund work in our Parks, The 15% match makes this much more affordable for the city on bond and and asked Skip maybe from from community development was on hand to say that this could come from our prior year community development funds likely. As we sort of bring those up into the into the present and on, obviously, Young's Woods is a part that we haven't been able to devote a lot of attention to recently that the one item strong at him. They came up in the discussion was actually brought upon, Mr Yoder related to the fact that we should perhaps as part of the discussion that we will have about the funds we have coming and have a discussion prioritizing work in in city parks. Uh just

because I think we've done in 2006, which is 15 years ago now, SEDA Cog had a look at the smaller city neighborhood parks and made recommendations for developing those were still working on implementing those recommendations in some cases. It might be that we should revisit the recommendations before we implement them. In this case, I think I think the work that we're doing at Young Woods is a solid and I think, generally speaking, you know, those recommendations have held up well over the course of the last 15 years, but we really haven't had a good look. At the needs on by the community driven desires for Brandon Memorial and Shaw Place Park in a very long time, and, you know, I think all of that is important information to bring to the table when we look at how we're going to rehab, our existing green spaces in the city, and then when we discuss whether or not we might want to add new green spaces. The recreational offerings where you have within city limits? So As I said all that, Mr Yoder, if you want to speak any more to that address it but that that was one item of the discussion. Aside from that, . I think we just had some discussions about about other needs and Young's woods and what we'd like to do. moving forward and Mr. Sander noted that we currently have pathways and Youngs Woods, but that they're not.. This will make all of the Parks ADA accessible and how heavily used Young's woods is, and then the individual futures and Young's woods. And if the city has any stats on use in any of our parts, and we and we don't currently have those, so I think all the information is more or less anecdotal.

Ms. Miele stated. I spent a little bit of time in Young's Woods and have over the years spent a fair amount of time at Losel park and I know that the basketball court in Lose is easily the most heavily used element of that part. You know, it's things like that that help us to kind of shape modifications to our to our partisan move forward, so it's information would be useful to have. That was simply discussion. The idea of putting money in the Youngs woods and, ideally, a funding it with a green Maya's trails and recreation program.

Mrs. Katz stated that Liz and Mr. Sander summed it up pretty well and Public Works passed 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 seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

#### Resolution #9154

#### Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement to Loyalsock Township for 2020 Street Reconstruction Work

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion

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

Mr. Winder stated This resolution is authorized reimbursement of 2020 Street reconstruction work for Loyalsock township. In the amount of 21,400. The work was performed on Fifth Avenue on Rural Avenue. Which half of the roadways are Loyalsock Township. The other half is in the city of Williamsport. and this was agreed upon in 2019. under their prior mayor, This was discussed heavily in the Finance Committee. It passed with no recommendation. A lot of thoughts and ideas were thrown out. I guess my big request with the Loyalsock township held up third part. I would ask Council to approve this resolution to be the reimbursement Loyalsock Township and then if you would like to venture down the road of. speaking to Big Rock Paving and seeing what they could do for us. As far as the difference between what our contract was and what Loyalsock contract was, I would absolutely spearhead that was no issue. But moving forward we have John Sanders as he is an excellent engineer. Okay

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed in finance. as, Mr Winter said it was started with no recommendation. Youn know, I think the crux of the issue is sort of. It may be that this opportunity has sort of gone by the wayside. At this point, it depends a little bit on the on the details of our interaction, and our agreement was with Loyalsock and I don't know that those Finance committee are privy to that. Depending on on exactly how this understanding was reached and what was conveyed to Big Rock if Big Rock was indeed under the impression that they were effectively splitting the paving between Williamsport and Loyalsock, we could bill Loyalsock for all of it that I would say there might be an opportunity for us to kind of step in there and asked them to invoice city instead. Under the terms that we had with him rather than the terms that slightly different were costly terms they have with Loyalsock. But but I think it really depends on on the communication in the arrangements that were made in the first place. I don't want to see us kind of stepping out of turn if we didn't if we didn't communicate to Big Rock, which terms we wanted to use, But on the other hand, you know it is, uh, a chunk of change. And it would be, , if this if we cannot recoup the money in this particular instance, I think it is a cautionary tale moving forward to make sure that we are much more careful. In the future with with which contract we place items under that said. I think part of the discussion and the finance Committee. Originality on items like this is truly desirable. I mean, especially to the extent that it helps us obviously paved two sides of the same street simultaneously. It's very, very desirable. But if you know, by working together with well stocked to put out a joint paving contract, we would be able to save all of us The money by, you know, sort of a new economy of scale. I think that every member of council would support that moving forward. You know, it's uh, the idea of cooperating with other municipalities to accomplish work in a timely and cost saving, passionate is very valuable to us. We just need to make certain that we fall on the costuming sight of that item when we when we do choose to do that. So, as Adam said it was forward to the full body of Council with no recommendation. Um so that we could have a more robust discussion about it at tonight's meeting. If the administration feels that there might be some room to make a to ask Big Rock to invoices under our own contract instead of Loyalsock,, I would encourage you to make the request. But if they feel as though in this case, it was simply a budgetary difference that was overlooked and we need to look at this the cautionary item for next time. Then, you know clearly that's the way we can also move in that direction on I would defer to Adam and Mayor Slaughter's expertise there. I think that would be everything. I suppose the way to move forward if the administration does want to try to pursue a cost alteration would be the table the sight of until We have a resolution there from big Rock

Mr. Allison stated So we really had impending some feedback. I guess on this from from the administration on one of which we want to go with it. Good. Thank you.

Mrs. Katz stated That's the way I look at it. Also It also proves that we really need a streets and parks director to help oversee all these contracts and things that are coming through for streets and parks, and it's one of those items that you know have fallen through the cracks, and I know it's not a lot of money. It's \$5000. But you know \$5000 As we say, We're looking at every penny at this point. Yes it's taxpayer money, so, yes, that is when you look at it from individual, transparent, biggest money.

Mr. Winder The administration would like to explore this item a little more fully before council votes on this. Is that without the correct impression that I had . So I think the biggest issue is gonna be we failed to do a change order for this street with Big Rock and Loyalsock Township paid it already. We were invoiced in November. . And we're now in May and we've still hold this out there. Um. I mean, the blame come back to me for not catching us and doing the change order with Big Rock payment. There's no other way to put us.

Ms. Miele So in that case, I think what I'm hearing is that is that we've been holding this invoice for six months, Randy, and then it's time that we take care of this and pay it and that in the Mr Winder and whoever his whoever

succeeds him in in the office at Streets and Parks will be made well aware that in the future we need to make certain We compare rates before we agree to participate with another municipality in the contract. Is that what I'm hearing? . In that case, it doesn't sound as a motion..

There was more discussion as to the next time we will make sure, that it gets invoiced correctly.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

**The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

#### Resolution #9155

#### Resolution to Approve an Amendment to the 2015 PHARE Subrecipient Monitoring Agreement between the County of Lycoming and City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Memmi this Resolution to approve amendment to the 2015 PHARE subrecipient monitoring agreement between the County of Lycoming and the City of Williamsport. Chelsea Blair and I are here to present the next three items on your agenda. They're all related to ACT 13. Also in your housing finance agency or PHARE funds. That are allocated from Lycoming County and the city of Williamsport. through sub recipient monitoring agreements. All these contracts have requirements with a median household income. First sub recipient monitoring agreement is for the 2015 PHARE funds or the Brodart Neighborhood Improvement program. We first entered into the agreement with the county in 2017 for \$200,000 to provide rehabilitation funds. It's a rental properties. These funds are used for the city rental program. PHARE assistance received by any applicant is based on the number of units and does not exceed \$30,000.. A minimum \$15,000 cash match from the property property owner is required. Property must be prepared to minimum. Will Williamsport, property occupancy and maintenance standards. These agreements were sent to Solicitor Lubin and they were reviewed in finance and forwarded with a positive recommendation. I answer any questions.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed in finance and as all three were reviewed in finance and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. At pretty bare bones procedural change a change of date. That's that It is nothing major, But we did have some discussion about the details of each of these programs, one of them in the Bro Dart neighborhood. From all the way back in 2015 1 of them related to some historic funds that I believe we spoke to somebody, But our last council meeting he was utilizing those grant funds. You know, related to Park Avenue funds, so each of them is a different, you know, Improvement fund to improve different aspects of city housing. But all of them have done very important work. When we have exhausted these funds when we found people enough people who can meet the sort of unusual requirements related income that we can move on to another round of fair funding. I believe we didn't actually have this discussion, Mr Memmi but but is the PHARE funding still in existence? My understanding. I'm not quite sure, but I think there may be opportunities, but. But you couldn't guarantee anything this evening. Yeah, I mean, I actually seen funding. I know the city is still receiving it. So my assumption would be that the source of income for these grants still existed. The state level but. I know that that some of our act 13 funding has been that are expecting has been eroding over the course of the last several years in some ways, so that could also be the case. State level will be hard for me to say.

Mr. Allison thanked Ms. Miele for the discussion and asked for a vote on the resolution.

**The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

#### Resolution #9156

#### Resolution to Approve an Amendment to the 2016 PHARE Subrecipient Monitoring Agreement between the County of Lycoming and City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Memmi stated this resolution is approve an amendment to the 2016 PHARES. We entered into this agreement with like Lycoming County in 2018 in the amount of \$225,000 to provide rehabilitation funds to rental properties. These to know these the there is a correction within the memorandum, these funds did not target properties in the area. Like the first agreement, but rather focus on properties that are identified as either being on the city's adopted significant, significant historic buildings. And sites list or in the historic district again. These funds target identified the story properties but by providing a 0% 10 year term deferred forgiveness Grant to encourage rental property owners to rehabilitate and retain affordable housing. Fair assistance received by any applicant is based on the number of units and in this case does not exceed \$25,000 per applicant. A minimum of 15% match is required.

Ms. Miele said this was reviewed in 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 seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

#### Resolution #9157

#### Resolution to Approve an Amendment to the 2019 PHARE Subrecipient Monitoring Agreement between the County of Lycoming and City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Mr. Memmi stated this an agreement to the 2019 PHARE Subrecipient monitoring agreement between the county of Lycoming and the City of Williamsport

. The next night and was these second summary recipient Monitoring agreement Amendment. And as for the 2016 fair funds for the Park Avenue. Neighborhood We first entered into this agreement with the county in 2019 the amount of \$200,000 to provide rehabilitation funds to rental properties. Uh everything else is the same as the other two, So I'll answer any questions if there are any.

Ms. Miele, I have seen that the same time is yearly. Oh, no, We totally torpedoed this one. Finance did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote.

**The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

#### Resolution #9158

#### Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Agreement Between the County of Lycoming & City of Williamsport – III

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

Chief Bolt This resolution is gonna be an amendment and I believe it was January 4th 1979 original agreement between the county and the city, Williamsport. This amendment is addressing that county will do. The police dispatching for the City of Williamsport, In this resolution will be asking for is that. The city will provide a letter of concurrence to the county. For the FCC frequencies, these are our transmit and receive transmissions as well as an onet was co owned by City Council, our city and county. These frequencies will go to the county. And then the county will provide a letter of concurrence for to the city for the frequencies.. Those two frequencies will become the primary frequencies for the City of Williamsport Police Department I believe we also have a Penn college police that also work on those same frequencies upon FCC approval. The county's will also license these frequencies. Uh these working channels were recently renewed for 10 years, so we'll have these for a while. By doing this. It will allow better coverage with our primary receive and transmit frequencies s so it'll be better safety for officers. I know that there have been several issues with our current Frequencies, so this should improve that.. This resolution was forwarded by the Finance Committee with a positive recommendation. And if there are any questions about any of the technical aspects of how this system tradeoff would work ;I would defer to Chris Cooley for any of those technical questions.

Ms. Miele stated we did review this in Finance and forwarded it to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.ley. But most of it was on Mr Cooley side. He really is an exhaustive resource in this, on this particular issue s Chris If there's anything that you would like to add, please feel free.

Mr. Cooley, this item and the next item. We're both really pretty much completely increases. I'm certainly willing to answer any questions. I think it was positive. It was forwarded with a positive recommendation. Just they didn't have to listen to me any more talk about it, The city dispatched frequency for PD is going to be part of the county white simulcast system. Which is a huge benefit to the city. We currently we transmit from one tower, on Bald Eagle, which is basically straight above where the Hiawatha is. That's the only power that covers the geographical area of the city with the new county system that they're building out, it'll be simulcast. Like I said, which just means this broadcast from all the towers throughout the county. So basically on officer anywhere within the county can talk on their dispatch frequency. But the big thing is. There's there well be once that system has built three towers that basically. The city if you will, so it will increase the signal strength throughout. The General city area, which will be a huge safety benefit to the police department.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

**The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

#### Resolution #9159

#### Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Agreement Between the County of Lycoming & City of Williamsport – Radio Towers

The City Clerk read the resolution.

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

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

. Chief Bolt this resolution is also as you said similar nature and technical nature to the first. This is gonna be an amendmen for Bald Eagle Tower space. The current lease expired last year. By amending this lease. It's going to allow us to keep our tactical repeater, which our tactical to channel will be added to the county tower, be part of the bald eagle tower. part of a multi coupler combine . Which allows for simultaneous transmission receiving. I believe I will later defer to Chris Cooley again about the technical aspects of that, It is going to allow us to move streets and parks and special events for to the bald eagle tower as well. It's going to give us a built five FT. Of towers leg space at a high point. Point to point microwave on two legs at the same height again, I will let. Mr Cooley explained the benefits of that as well. This will do, however, is it will put us with better backup power, Better heating and cooling. It'll be on a public safety Great tower. And that's going to be extremely valuable for our continued communications and emergency. So that's great again. This resolution was forwarded by the Finance Committee to the body with a positive recommendation. Again If there any questions, I will attempt to answer them the best my ability, But I will defer to Chris Cooley for any questions.

Ms. Miele The Finance Committe did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Cooley I'll be very brief. So the attack to channel is currently on an antenna that we own on that tower. When it's put into the model couple are combine our system that basically allows us to be on the same antenna system that the county is using further holev Radio Network on Basically what That does is, gives us a much more advantageous height on the tower so receive will be at the very top of the tower with transmit just below that. S O. That will increase the coverage of that frequency. By some degree, the other two are really wins for the city as a whole we will be able to use the current dispatch and tunnel which we own on that tower. Move, even a move streets and parks repeater, which is not serious. First of the events that will save us roughly \$6000 a year because we're leasing space on another tower.. And then, uh we'll also get tower space to put on point to point microwave links, which we maintain.. To create networks between our buildings and this tower. Unlike the other two towers that released from a private individual, this tower can actually see the bulk of the city buildings, which is something that's necessary for microwave links. it's altogether a win win for the city and really doesn't cost us anything.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

**The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

**Certificate of Appropriateness 229 W. Fourth St. Bullfrog Brewery**

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adopt the certificate of appropriateness

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

Mr. Gerardi. What you have before you is a certificate of appropriateness to place tables and chairs out front of the Bullfrog Brewery.. I have attached photos for the locations, foul and colors of what you have. And as far as the pictures go the very first when you have chose to lay out right now, as it exists with the seating in the chairs. The bike rack location is going to be over and that particular location they don't have not yet picked out. The rack. It's gonna be some of the ones they have downtown and you see one in front of alabaster is there's a bike rack and so forth very similar to that. Also, the next picture shows you the flower plantings that they've been along the wall that kind of decorated up a little bit again. These. Bullfrog brulee. I believe before Covid. It had a occupancy permit to occupy the space. They went through the approval process. Their tables and chairs were different colors. They were like a black chair with a silver cable up and then a wooden top. They cased the decor out front. And they're adding some planners and so forth. They did start putting it up, but it's in place. Now Again. I could easily told him to remove it put it in. And so the approval with covert everything in the new businesses trying to start up I shouldn't think was right thing to do so. If you're upset that it's out there, it's my fault. But I did allow him to do it. They do understand of counsel can change something that they wish but. So if you have any questions, I'm more than happy to try to answer this question. Mr. Allison thanked him and asked for a vote on the certificate.

**The certificate of appropriateness was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

**Certificate of Appropriateness – HARB**

Item 2. YWCA

815 West Fourth Street

- A. Revise paint color for door – Palladian Blue #HC- 144
- B. Construct a 40' x 30' play area at the noted location. Project includes handicapped surface, and various play equipment. Site to be enclosed by a black 6' chain link fence with black vinyl on the links. Gates as needed.

Item 3. 800 Park Place LLC

800 West Fourth Street

- A. Prepare and repaint building. Match current colors. Color codes are Benjamin Moore  
Lower body- 998 Cabot Trail  
Horizontal block 979 Stampede  
Main body – 984 Stone Hearth  
Trim – 1235 Fox Hollow Brown  
Trim- 1168 Wilderness Cabin

Item 4. Adam Tate

335 Maynard Street

- A. Prepare and paint building. Colors: Copper HC-12 in top gable and some trim, HC-61 New London Burgundy trim, HC-11 Marble head gold for the middle area with some on low areas, 2171-50 Pearly Pink on the lower wall areas

Item 5. Fire Lion Rentals (Ken White)

959 West Third Street

- A. Prepare and paint building. Prep includes replacing any rotted wood with wood same appearance as original.  
Colors: SW 2822 Downing Sand - body  
SW 2849 Westchester Gray - trim  
SW 2802 Rookwood Red - accents

Item 6. Fire Lion Rentals (Ken White)

957 West Third Street

- A. Prepare and paint building. Prep includes replacing any rotted wood with wood same appearance as original.  
Colors: SW 2822 Downing Sand - body  
SW 2849 Westchester Gray - trim  
SW 2802 Rookwood Red - accents

Item 7. Fire Lion Rentals (Ken White)

953 West Third Street

- A. Prepare and paint building. Prep includes replacing any rotted wood with wood same appearance as original.  
Colors: SW 2822 Downing Sand - body  
SW 2849 Westchester Gray - trim  
SW 2802 Rookwood Red – accents

Item 8. Love Unlimited Ministries, INC.

734 West 4th Street

- A. Prepare and paint all previously painted window trims and entrance canopy -Putnam Ivory-HC 39
- B. Paint plywood on windows- Decatur Buff HC-38

Item 9. McCormick Law Firm

835 West Fourth Street

- A. Replace the front porch deck floor with Aeratis Heritage tongue & groove flooring. Vintage slate color
- B. Paint porch ceiling same color as existing.

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

**Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Miele.**

**The certificats were carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

Accept for filing:

ERC 04/30/21  
Public Safety 02/02/21  
Veteran's Memorial Commission 04/12/21

Controller's Report 03/31/21

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

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

**The minutes were accepted for filing with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Remote.

Upcoming Meetings:

Friday, May 28	11:00 AM	ERC
	12:00 PM	Housing Needs
Monday, June 7	12:00 PM	Planning Commission*
Tuesday, June 8	11:30 AM	Public Safety
	1:00 PM	Finance Meeting
	2:30 PM	Public Works Meeting
Wednesday, June 9	3:30 PM	O&E *
Thursday, June 10	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 from City Council.

Mr. Yoder, just a couple quick. Questions for the mayor. So I know we have a vacancy in the HR department just wasn't sure if, you know the position is posted. Which is great, and I just wanted to see if there was any, , estimated time line on how fast the administration looks to move forward to the process. Just to get a little bit of insight on that if you'd be so kind.

Mayor Slaughter Yeah, sure, it's actually we actually spoke to someone yesterday and made an offer to them the position so it should be filled very soon. . She accepted. I'm not at liberty to say the name yet. She has to contact her current employer, but it's someone is extremely qualified. She is certified all for HR certifications and came highly recommended. So I'm very excited to share that with Council in the very near future.

Mr. Yoder stated That's great to hear. I'll look forward to . . Good discussion through a confirmation process. That's awesome. The second question was just, , relation to reopening of City Hall and I know. Things were starting to get lifted on and I know county government is starting to reopen a little bit s. I just wanted to see where we were at in relation to City Hall beginning reopened and what the plan might look like

Mayor Slaughter answered. Same thing. So we're just gonna follow the governor's orders. So once it's lifted then, um, City Hall will be open and you know, we're still ask that. You have a call for some officers to make Appointments, codes and the tax office is open. Now they've been open. The rest of City Hall will be open and be aligned with the governor's orders. As we have been, so, . Perfect. We are waiting for the mask mandate. And then we'll just open up. We'll still put out there on the offices and you know, because a lot of us are still in meetings sometimes when office are open, you know, from from myself to the city clerk and others around the building, so it will still be prudent to call in and scheduled appointment., We're getting back to some business

Mr. Yoder Now fantastic. Appreciate the insight. That's all I have. Thank you,

Mr. Allison stated I have one thing, Mr Cooley, Do you have those pictures? I spoke to John Markley and this is the big weekend for the every weekends a big weekend for the Veterans Memorial Park. But this one they have. It's really really neat celebration honoring. In recognition that they have the Saturday before Memorial Day. He sent me some pictures, and I thought I'd show him to you that first one was. Pictures were shown.. That's that, from the other end that they dug out down through the monuments. This is gonna be a pathway. It is a pathway now. Next picture, please. Um, that's another picture of the work that they were doing. And in laying out, um you can see the heavy equipment and the different. Items needed the practice stone down and everything next. You'll notice. The gentleman on the left is a former city employee, John Grado. John spent a good bit of time up there helping Mr. Markley and others working on the project and see this immense. It looks great and beautiful. I mean they're doing all of this is volunteer work and money raised. It doesn't do justice to what it looks like the real life, So if you can't make it up. This Saturday. Um, whether permitting take time sometime to go up and look in depth. Look at all of those improvements that have been made there and they're not done.

Mrs. Katz on to that? Yes, certainly.. The services started 11 A.m. They are gonna have a 21 gun salute. They will have a speaker is going to be us retired U S Navy rear Admiral Larry Roy March 35 years and for his service. He will be the guest speaker. It is also mentioned some of the work that's being done at that. And we say it constantly in college puts a lot of time and effort into the projects. And also the bricks are still for sale, And I know that's on the website and this is how they find this project so but please try and make it on Saturday. It's going to be a beautiful service. And John said they actually you can buy the bricks right at the site. There they have. The way you could do that to him.

Ms. Miele Yes I had one small point that I meant to bring up earlier and the I kind of missed the boat on what would not have my video turned on if you had just a hot second when we were talking about Dr Cooper on the Shade Tree Commission, especially. I just wanted to raise the issue because we haven't talked about it in a while. reached out to Chad Decker in the Streets & Park. You told me that we have for most of the last every year for, almost every year for the last 8 to 10 years, the city has received a revitalized grant through the State that allows us to plant about anywhere between 100 around like 50 to 100 street trees. We contribute the laboring kind. The State contributes the money to purchase the trees. But the State has just continued that grant this year on did intend to replace it at some point soon. They intend to replace it some point soon, but that said the discussion about Dr Cooper just jogged my memory and made me think that we that we need to make that a priority in the absence of state funding. This year, we had I think for a while after the passing of Dr Cooper, let our street tree program active in the city and The Shade tree program to a large extent, and I think it's important that. Since we've been able to unify, neutralizes revitalized funds. We we've really done a lot, especially with replacing trees like the ones along Little League Boulevard . I think that the city needs a robust Shade Tree commission and I think that we need to, to be working to keep it maintain a shade tree inventory. That was a huge project of Dr Coopers. And we haven't really done that since he was no longer at the home of the Shade Tree Commission, and I think it's something we need to work toward s. So I

just wanted to put it on everyone's radar that we should be thinking about that as we move into planting season and this season will be really appreciate our shade trees in the city.

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

Mr. Allison asked if there were comments from members of the General Public.

Good Evening Council, Mayor

I am hoping the City Solicitor Lubin has no snarky sarcastic comment after this comment from the public tonight or else another press release might need to be released again.

My comments tonight are again about the Community Theatre League.

The Mayor has recently announced that there is a new lease for the 3rd floor of the Trade and Transit Building 1 that the CTL educational programs used to occupy before their eviction only weeks ago.

I would like to ask that details of this lease be released to the public.

What is the new lease's price per sq ft.?

What was the original lease's price per sq ft.?

How much of an increase in rent is City Council and the Mayor asking a non-profit organization to find in a very tight budget?

If this information is not shared with the general public then I will be filling Right to Know request for both documents first thing Friday morning and releasing them to the News outlets to share.

Again CTL is being punished for having done nothing wrong.

City Council needs to step up and do the right thing to make this right with a great community asset that shouldn't be treated in this way!!

Mr. Paul Young

Mayor Slaughter . . . And I just I'll just say one thing there. Yes. The third floor lease agreement is with the solicitors. So both CTL attorney in our attorney are reviewing the details of those agreements. It's also not just the third floor but the second floor. The little piece of the second floor that they use for their lighting. The technical area s so there's that, and there's also the third for lease agreement, so. Both attorneys have those They're reviewing them on do Justus soon as I can I release those details. Obviously I can't do that yet until both attorneys are comfortable with the terms of those agreements, I would do that tonight if I could. But I can't. So once I get to go ahead from C T Ells attorney and from our attorney that they are comfort with those agreements, it will clearly be on City Council's agenda. Everyone will know the terms the square footage the price per square foot. The previous price per square foot all of that on do we will have that full conversation in a public session. Clearly we can't do that tonight. You too. That's still being under review by the attorneys, but I've submitted all that information. They have everything. They have the update data. At least they have the updated terms and trust me, Just as soon as I can. I will be bringing that to City Council.

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn

**Meeting adjourned** upon motion by **Mrs. Katz and a second by Mr. Yoder. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM with unanimous ayes.**

**Submitted by:**

**Janice M. Frank  
City Clerk**