

**Thursday, June 20, 2019
Williamsport, PA**

Council President Jonathan Williamson brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 7:30 PM in City Hall Council Chambers. Chris Cooley did televise the meeting. The invocation was given by Councilwomen Bonnie Katz and was immediately followed by the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Council members present:

*Jonathan Williamson, President
Randy Allison, Vice President
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman
Derek Slaughter, Councilman
Don Noviello, Councilman
Elizabeth Miele, Councilwoman
Joel Henderson, Councilman absent*

Absent:

Joel Henderson

Also, Present:

*Gabriel J. Campana, Mayor
Mr. Joe Gerardi
Mr. William Nichols, Jr.
Mr. Gary Knarr absent
Damon Hagan, Chief
Sol. Norman Lubin
Janice Frank, City Clerk,
Todd Heckman, Fire Chief
Mark Benner EIT absent
Mr. Joe Pawlak
Adam Winder*

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes dated June 6, 2019 were approved upon a motion from **and Mr. Allison** and a second from **Mr. Slaughter** **All were in favor. The vote was 4 to 0.** **Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson voted yes** **Mr. Henderson was absent and Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

Tiffany Loner Diemer 940 Hollywood Circle, stated she was speaking on item number six. He spoke at her first Council meeting nearly a year ago and for more than a year now she has been closely following what is happening in our city. Although I may not agree with every decision, I wanted take a few minutes and say one thing especially to Dr. Williamson. Thank you. It has been quoted you make a living by what we get, and a life by what we give, human nature tends to see the negative other than the good. So instead I decided to flip the switch and extend a little positivity. In the words of one of my favorite authors and less someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it is not. I have seen in just one short year how much time and dedication you give back to this community. During this brief time the city has seen some great accomplishments, you have approved and given some people opportunity to open small businesses in this town and help make their dreams come true. You have given people with disabilities access to living quarters equipped for their needs, something some of them never had. You have set plans in place for our community ending our cooperation with our colleges for huge ventures, such as the Gate Way project. You have continued to push critical projects such as the levy and Graffius Run forward and had to make some tough decisions along the way. I know the rumblings and criticisms don't help any of your positions, especially in social media, however remember there is one huge difference that separates you from them. You chose to get in there and fight, when others including myself, sat back as bystanders. You tried to better this town because it benefited you personally but because you have a love for this community and want to see it grow. These things are just a small sample that I have observed in just a little over a year. I cannot imagine the things that you have done for others in the past 12 years Dr. Williamson. Although you may not realize how much you've done for others, and although others may be quick to point out how the doer of the deeds could have done one better, there are those of us who remember is not the critic that counts. So once again thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for being here every day for the past 12 years, best of luck to you and your family in your new adventure. Williamsport will greatly miss you.

Dr. Williamson said thank you very much.

Dr. Williamson stated these appointments in order of those who are here this evening for swearing in purposes.

Appointments/Reappointments

Civil Service Board

Dr. Craig Miller will be appointed to the Williamsport Civil Service Board, as an Alternate to a 4 year term commencing 06/20/19 and ending 06/20/21.

Mayor Campana stated thank you for the opportunity this evening to bring before you an individual that is actually a colleague of Don Noviello's. He is a professor at Penn College, he appreciates your concurrence in allowing him to serve the city of Williamsport.

Dr. Williamson asked for motion in a second.

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

Mr. Noviello stated we interviewed Dr. Miller in Public Safety Committee, certainly his background is very credible and suits well the needs of the civil service board. It is an alternate position, and I'm sure he is expecting to attend each of the meetings. He wants to get up to date and mindful of what is going on. I have full respect for him and his position at the college and I expect to see the that in this position for the city. It is honored to have forwarded his name to the body of Council for recommendation the Civil Service Commission.

Dr. Williamson asked if there were any comments or questions.

The appointment was carried with five yes call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Henderson was absent, Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.

The city clerk swore him in. He signed the book as civil service board alternate.

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Williamsport Municipal Water & Sanitary Authority

Dr. Kent Trachte, appointed to a 5 year term commencing 06/20/19 & ending 01/02/23, Dr. Trachte will be filling the replacement term of Mr. George Bierman.

Dr. Williamson turned over the meeting to Mr. Allison because of the conflict of interest in the appointment of Dr. Trachte.

Mayor Campana stated it is his honor and privilege to bring before Dr. Trachte in regards to the Williamsport Municipal Water Authority. Dr. Trachte is no stranger to City Hall, he's been a wonderful leader in this community. He has been a partner in many projects and I truly believe he will be a wonderful asset to the authority.

Mr. Allison asked Mrs. Frank to read the appointment into the record.

Mrs. Frank read Dr. Kent Trachte is appointed to a five-year term commencing 06/20/19 and ending 01/02/23. Dr. Trachte will be filling a replacement term Mr. George Bierman.

Mr. Allison asked if there was a motion.

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

Mr. Allison explained that we put in a new procedure in place for appointments to the Water and Sanitary Authority which is an Ad Hoc committee of Council as a whole. We had the opportunity to interview Dr. Trachte and have a conversation about the authority and items related to it. He gave us background information and his interests. The meeting was about 45 minutes and there was a wide range of subjects.

Mrs. Katz stated it was a pleasure to talk with him, not only has he been giving back to the authority, but he was also prepared for this position. He was excellent for this position, and the Water authority. It is easy for him to be involved with the authority because there's a lot of knowledge that goes into it, and a lot of work and study, it doesn't happen overnight, but Dr. Trachte has researched and was well-versed in what is going on. Thank you very much.

Mr. Noviello stated it is obvious that he is bringing a well-versed presence to the water authority. He is an asset to the city and certainly to the authority itself. In the long run he will be an asset to this body as well as we have new opportunities. I'd like to take a moment to thank him again, his previous record is wonderful and I am happy to have him here.

Mr. Allison stated he echoes his colleagues comments and we are pleased to have the opportunity. He asked for a vote on the appointment.

The appointment was carried with Four yes call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson abstained. Mr. Henderson was absent, Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.

The city clerk swore him in.

Planning Commission

Chris Keiser is reappointed to a 4-year term commencing 6/20/19 and ending 2/17/23

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion to approve this reappointment.

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

Mayor Campana stated Chris Keiser has served the City with distinction over the years and has been a member of the planning commission and it is with our hope in your concurrency it will continue.

Mr. Allison stated we interviewed Chris at the Finance committee and he is a re-appointment and he has been on the Planning Commission a very long time so he knows a lot about the commission and has some ideas of what we can do in the future. He is a treasure to have on the planning commission.

Mrs. Katz stated that Chris is an asset because he knows the in and outs of our city and we are thankful that he said yes again.

Dr. Williamson stated he has worked with Chris Keiser over the years and he knows that there is no one with more knowledgeable other than Mr. Grado who can contribute to the city and both a professional and service way to the city.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the appointment.

The appointment was carried with five yes call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Henderson was absent, Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.

Cindy Perry, reappointment to a 5 year term commencing 6/20/19 & ending 1/03/22.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion in a second.

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Slaughter.

Mayor Campana stated Cindi Perry has added diversity to this board, only two ladies serve on the committee, she has been a hard worker and I believe she's been an asset.

Dr. Williamson stated that Ms. Perry was interviewed by the newly established committee of the whole, for the purpose of reviewing appointments to the Water and Sanitary Authority. We met with her on Tuesday, and we interviewed with her about an hour. Every member of Council had an opportunity to ask her questions which ranged from the variety of projects that are under the auspices of the Water Authority and the Sanitary Authority and also potential future projects and programs, talking about financing, talking about personnel issues, talking about the functioning of the board itself. He opened it up for comments and questions.

Dr. Williamson explained one of the areas that we discussed fairly significantly was the amount of turnover that has occurred on the staff, both the leadership and frontline staff of the Water & Sewer Authority, within the framework of talking about accountability, our accountability as taxpayers, and the board's accountability to the taxpayers and the ratepayers of the city. We also talked about the disruption of the turnover in the staff that made it difficult on the authority. His approach to Ms. Perry was to ask about the management of that staff and the relationship between the board and the staff and the flow of communication, stating it was probably not going to move forward and felt that unsettled feelings that many of us in the community have gotten and could lead to the deterioration of the capacity of the board, of the organization moving forward in their effectiveness of providing clean safe and affordable water, and effective sanitary system to our community. That was one of the things I left concerned with after that particular meeting.

Mr. Noviello said he would echo some of those statements himself. With some of the internal struggles that seem to be taking place, in a rather lengthy grid of time, suggests to me that we might looking to some new direction with the water authority and also with the faculty having changing, we need some new mindsets and some new approaches. Sadly, I am not as quick to support this representative.

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Mr. Allison stated he would echo the same thing only from the perspective that it was his experience that we had probably have one of the best run water and sewer authorities, and were stable and with leaders that had vast wealth in depth and institutional knowledge. There have been individuals that have left here because a retirement, and what a loss that is to the city, there is a transition that is not always easy to navigate, we are doing our best to do that but those things happen in the natural course of time. Some of the things that happen at the authority seem to be done at a sequence and out of time. It actually put a halt to things that were in motion, that were very much needed to address infrastructure and mandates on the City and on the authority as well. For those kind of reasons, I echo with what Mr. Noviello said, we are entering a new phase in the city accept it or not, we are coming into a transition, everyone is all for greater transparency, and that is for all levels of government, and we certainly need it here and this is a part of it. For that reason I won't be supporting this appointment tonight.

Dr. Williamson asked if there was any other questions. He asked for a vote on the re-appointment.

The appointment was denied with five no call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor to not reappoint Ms. Cindi Perry.

Mr. Noviello voted no, Mrs. Katz voted no, Mr. Slaughter voted no, Mr. Allison voted no and Dr. Williamson voted no. Mr. Henderson was absent, Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.

Dr. Williamson stated that the reappointment of Ms. Cindi Perry stands as a no vote to re-appoint.

Dr. Williamson changed the order of the agenda.

Resolution #8904

Resolution Honoring 200th Anniversary of Death of Michael Ross Founder & Proprietor of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

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

Dr. Williamson read the entire resolution and asked members of the historical society to join him at the podium.

Mrs. Katz thanked Bruce Hoffman for doing an incredible job as to the history of our city. We are always amazed of where our roots came from and she thanked them for everything he does. People should appreciate where the city came from and how it started and how far is, and everything that it has gone through the years. You keep us well-informed. This was done at the museum tonight instead of the cemetery. I think it's an honor to do this and she thanked him.

Mr. Allison stated he had the privilege of attending the ceremony and representing the city government there and he learned a lot in the brief time that he was there and some of the other gentlemen here and women can better speak to what he is going to say. It is important to know our history and move in that knowledge is what gives the community its depth, breath and foundation and affects our future. It is very important what the Lycoming County historical community does and it is something we all should have an interest in if we are really serious about leaving a legacy for future generations. They do a fine wonderful job of doing that.

Dr. Williamson asked if there were comments from Council.

Mr. Bruce Huffman stated it was his honor to bring this forward and he'd like to thank Joe Graffius reporting the date out to him and he took it to the board of the Lycoming County historical Society and they got on board with that. We really wanted to have the ceremony at the cemetery, I did go there prior to and plays the flowers and we had a nice turnout at the museum. Dr. Piper spoke elegantly of Mr. Ross. I think you for your support.

Dr. Williamson thanked him and the historical society for everything that he did in helping him remember our history and it is beautiful and exciting to learn about and continue to learn about and celebrate. We should take every opportunity we can to remind ourselves about the proud pass that the city has had. He asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with five yes call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Henderson was absent, Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.

Resolution #8905

Resolution to Adopt RVT's Drug & Alcohol & Drug Free Workplace Policy

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Noviello made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Allison.

Mr. Nichols stated this resolution adopts an updated drug and alcohol drug-free workplace on behalf of River Valley transplant and this is required by the federal administration. The primary change is to raise the grand testing and threshold from 25% to 50%. They provided non mandatory language which we also incorporated into the policy and that's related to voluntary self-referral a prescription drug use which is at the tail end of the policy. This was reviewed by the Public Safety committee.

Mr. Noviello stated we did review this last Tuesday in Public Safety and it seems fairly distended and in this regard to what he is read, he appreciated the self-referral which allows someone who does refer themselves allows someone who is in a rehab program brings them back to where they should be and puts them back into good standing again. He felt that was a great addition to the overall program itself. We did bring this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Mrs. Katz asked about page 4 where it says of any employee that is tested or refuses a test, they shall be terminated, but in the paragraph It says the employee shall seek the habilitation services. So what health insurance will they be using if they are terminated?

Mr. Nichols stated if there are extenuating circumstances where we do not terminate them, we wait and see if they can come back and follow up with testing regulations. There is a way out and the SAP determines if they're worth coming back as an employee. We can work with them again if that determination is made. Dr. Dr. Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with five yes call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Henderson was absent, Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.

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Resolution #8906

Resolution To Approve the 2019 James David Robinson Cultural Arts Grant Program

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

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

Mr. Pawlak stated on behalf of the recreation commission I am moving forward the annual grant awards for the cultural grant program. As the city clerk just read off, there are six organizations receiving a total of \$3000 for various arts program throughout the city. The recreation director in her cover memo put together a brief description of this six programs for the funding in 2019. This was reviewed by the recreation commission to send it to Council, and on Tuesday was reviewed by the Finance committee.

Mr. Allison stated we did review this at our Finance meeting and this is something we do every year and these are the only ones that did apply. Mr. Allison reviewed each and every grant that was awarded to each department.

Dr. Williamson stated earlier I said we have a history that deserve celebrating, and we also have cultural assets that deserve to be appreciated. Each one of those organizations have put in a lot of work, blood sweat and tears and this is just a token amount that hopefully demonstrates that we as a community develop those cultural assets.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with five yes call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Henderson was absent, Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.

Resolution #8907

Resolution to Authorize a Change in the Hiring Process of the Williamsport Bureau of Police

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Noviello made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Slaughter.

Chief Damon Hagen stated since his promotion to Chief in January, he has been interested in the hiring process and in particular changing it. The resolution that we bring before you tonight is an attempt to do that. It was presented to the Finance committee and the Public Safety committee. He is a big fan of the idea, we used to do this, but basically the idea is for many reasons, all of them good, we want to increase the hiring pool. There is no doubt that when we only hire act 120 graduates, the one advantage to that is that they can go read out on the street, they don't have to go to the Academy and we don't have to wait, so we say that money in one way. For instance the last four hiring lists, we had cadets, we had 47 and 27 on each list. The last two we did not do cadets and we just hired act 120, we had seven and only for people to choose from. We believe it is necessary for that reason, and he spoke to the mayor and he was in favor to the change. That is half of the police officer salary rate which is the entry-level rate. Half of that rate is \$12.14 an hour. So the total cost of the Academy is \$12,140 per person. He was pleasantly surprised to find out we get reimbursed for 45% of the salary for our cadets while they are in the Academy and 75% of the tuition should they complete and graduate the Academy. The total amount of reimbursement is over \$5000, so it is a good program and we benefit from it, because we increase the hiring pool. When I went down to our list of current officers I observed about half of our officers have one point or another had gone to academies. So half of our officers have experienced that. This would implement a new pay scale, and the union has agreed to sign an MOU for the implementation of a new pay rate which is the police officer cadet rate. They are in full agreement with the idea. Many years ago was our police union that actually suggested it. It is another opportunity to partner with them as well, and we are looking at for academies, most of our officers have gone to Harrisburg, Allentown and now we are adding Mansfield. We are excited about this program and we hope you like the idea.

Mr. Noviello stated that the chief pretty well stated what we reviewed at our committee. This will give us a bigger range of potential candidates, and it will be most welcome. It is difficult to ask a young candidate to start out and go without six or eight months worth the salary. This gives us a little relief from the initial money layout. We really had no hesitation bringing this forward to Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Allison stated in finance we came to the same conclusion and it is a nice compromise going forward and it is essential that we have a current list, and they did not have enough names on it because of on for scenes that had happened. We have had vacancies, and if you are not up on your list and maintaining it you get caught short. That will cause a lot of repercussions. We agree with the chief that this is a good way to address this matter. We also talked about in relation to hiring, we addressed ways to increase diversity in the police force. The chief has been thinking way ahead of just that question in ways to do that and implement that an increase that. It is really important in our community that we accomplish that. Finance did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation.

Dr. Williamson stated what he would add into this discussion is on his time on Council we made this decision and then on made this decision and the two big drawbacks that we had before for not in the past not choosing the direction that you're recommending tonight is one the cost. But maybe it just was never understood the way that you understand and describe it to us this evening. The reimbursement negates the vast majority of the argument against this choice due to expense. The other drawback was under prior administrations we would either let things expire or we wouldn't anticipate retirements and what that meant is we might find ourselves with 45 officers, but then have to wait nine months because someone would have to go through the Academy. There was nine months to a year before we had an effective officer on the street. One of the things we did a couple years ago was the city was to be more strategic. A 51 budget number does not mean we have to have 51 bodies.

Mr. Slaughter stated we discussed at Public Safety, if an officer or cadet does not finish the process, do we get reimbursed are we on the hook for that? We did talk about that at Public Safety as well.

Chief Hagen answered if an officer does not graduate, do we get reimbursed? He said he did not know, he will find out and get back to members of the Council.

Dr. Williamson asked also if a cadet does not complete the Academy, be required to reimburse the city? Chief Hagen stated actually it was brought up before, it is a good idea and it was an agreement we had to sign back when I worked there in the 90s. We can included in our process, we did not do at this time but we can do it in the future and it is a smart thing just in case somebody wants to leave six months after they start working here. These agreements commonly have a two or three year hitch to them where you have to

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give the city a certain amount of time after you go to the Academy, it is something we can do but we don't have it done yet.

Mr. Slaughter stated and along the same lines, if they go there to the last day of the Academy and we paid their salary that they would be required to give that money back to the city.

Dr. Williamson asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with five yes call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Henderson was absent, Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.

Certificate of Appropriateness - 201 Basin Owner A&G Quality LLC

Mr. Gerardi stated they would like to erect a wall mounted sign which will be illuminated in letters on the raceway. He attached this sheet showing what the sign is going to look like and where is located in the building and the colors.

Dr. Williamson ask if there was a motion and a second.

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

The certificate of appropriateness was carried with five yes call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Henderson was absent, Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.

Certificate of Appropriateness – HARB

All Items recommended for approval

Item 2. Peabody Investments Inc.

820 West Third Street

- A. Remove existing slate roofing from the entire building.
- B. Install sheeting, ice and water barrier and brown aluminum drip edge.
- C. Install a shaped "slate look" architectural asphalt shingle with a cut similar to the existing slate. Color Pewter or Cobblestone Gray. Salvage the existing or install new metal ridge or hip caps at same locations as original. Color either similar to the roof color or a contrasting, red brick color. Retain built in gutters.

Item 3. Shelley Irrevocable Trust

C/O BCS Property Solutions

713-715 West Third Street

- A. Remove front west side wood steps and step railings. Construct new steps, same size, location, with pressure treated lumber, closed risers. Enclose step sides with framed, tight weave wood lattice. Paint gray. Install pipe hand railing each side, painted black.
- B. Install pipe handrail down east side exit steps. Enclose step sides with framed, tight weave wood lattice. Paint steps gray. Paint pipe rail black.
- C. Remove damaged K gutter from west front porch. Repair any damaged trim to same as original. Install new ½ round aluminum or galvanized gutter and round downspout. Match trim and body color.
- D. Replace missing porch spindles with matching lathed wood spindles. Paint same as existing.
- E. Repair porch deck with fir tongue and groove decking. Back prime, paint tongues, and paint porch deck gray.
- F. Paint previously painted and new materials same colors as approved – Moss Green body and Old Brass Yellow trim, Cottage Red accent

Item 4. Shelley Irrevocable Trust

C/O BCS Property Solutions

629 West Fourth Street

- A. Repair damaged wood and trim in fascia, soffit, eaves and boxed gutters with exterior grade wood, to same as original appearance. If needed, repair any boxed-in gutter trough and install liner.
- B. Replace any existing damaged hanging gutter with ½ round galvanized and round downspouts, as needed.
- C. Remove west side entry stoop. Salvage any useable pieces. Retain brick piers. Rebuild to same-as-original appearance, similar size. Reuse salvageable spindles, posts... Any replacement shall match the original with fir tongue & groove deck. New steps, similar size, location, constructed with pressure treated lumber, closed risers. Enclose step sides and porch apron with framed, tight weave wood lattice. Install pipe hand railings each side of steps, painted black.
- D. Repair any leaking or damaged flashing
- E. Support roof as needed. Repair or replace rotted square plinths, rounded bases and damaged wood on the column wood porch pillars. Match original appearance and shape. Materials: wood or composite, properly vented.
- F. Prep surfaces. Repair or replace rotted wood with wood to same as original appearance. Wash building, if necessary, with low-pressure water/detergent. Do not power wash. Paint same as existing colors:

Item 5. Shelley Irrevocable Trust

C/O BCS Property Solutions

619 West Fourth Street

- A. Prep surfaces. Repair or replace rotted wood with wood to same as original appearance. Wash building, if necessary, with low-pressure water/detergent. Do not power wash. Paint same as existing colors
- B. Repair eaves and replace damaged slate with slate as needed.
- C. Replace any missing or damaged gutter with ½ round galvanized and round downspouts, as needed. Paint to match existing.
- D. Repair front porch ceiling tongue & groove with same. Paint same as existing

ITEM 6. Shelley Irrevocable Trust

C/O BCS Property Solutions

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637 West Fourth Street

- A. Replace any rotted windowsills with Pressure Treated wood or composite material to same as original appearance.
- B. Point brick under the sill using a mortar with a high lime content. Be careful not to over cut joints. Match existing joint profile and color.
- C. Prep and paint front porch and any other painted surface with previously approved colors: Cottage Red, Richmond Bisque & gray deck. Revise porch ceiling color from gray to Richmond Bisque.

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion to approve the Certificates of Appropriateness for HARB.

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Slaughter.

The certificate of appropriateness was carried with five yes call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr. Allison voted yes and Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Henderson was absent, Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.

Dr. Williamson handed the gavel back over Mr. Allison.

Resolution #8903

Resolution Honoring Council President Dr. Jonathan Williamson

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. Noviello.

Mr. Allison read the complete resolution.

WHEREAS, Dr. Jonathan Williamson has served with distinction as a member of the Williamsport City Council from January 2008 through July 3, 2019, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jonathan Williamson has provided invaluable leadership to Williamsport City Council and mentorship to members of Council through his services as President for four years, and Vice President for four years:

WHEREAS, Dr. Jonathan Williamson will be remembered for his efforts and dedication to all aspects of City Government particularly matters pertaining to the finances and to the infrastructure of the City of Williamsport and through his service leadership on numerous committees including the Capital Budget & Finance Committee, Committee on Historic Preservation, Economic Revitalization Committee, Fire Pension Board, Greater Williamsport Alliance, Housing Needs Committee, Public Works Committee, Public Safety Committee, Fair Housing Commission, Officers' & Employees' Pension Board, Police Pension Board, and a STEP Board Representative, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. Jonathan Williamson has served with the best interest and welfare of the citizens of the City of Williamsport as his goal, and;

WHEREAS, as a result of the services of **Dr. Jonathan Williamson**, the City of Williamsport, A City with a Proud Past, is left with a more promising future.

NOW THEREFORE, at our meeting assembled this 20th day of June 2019, Williamsport City Council does hereby acknowledge and express on behalf of the citizens of the City of Williamsport our deep appreciation and gratitude for his substantial contributions to our community, both as a citizen and as a City Councilman, and our best wishes for his future endeavors as his leadership and involvement on Williamsport City Council will be sorely missed.

AND FURTHER, that the City Clerk is hereby directed to spread the resolution on the minutes of this meeting and to present copy of this resolution to **Dr. Jonathan Williamson**.

Dr. Williamson asked if anyone ever remembers Marlene Whaley's time here, he stated he will not talk that long, which might be a first. He stated it has been his distinct honor and privilege absolutely to serve in this capacity and to serve the citizens of this great city. I have all along thought of this as a service and not an ambition, it's been what can I do on any given day, any given week, any given month or any given year to make this community that we all love and value a little bit better. In that time he has made some mistakes, and has a few regrets on things that he's done or things that he said or directions that he's made decisions about, but he is absolutely proud of the work and the collaboration that he has had with his fellow members of Council both present and past. It has been a great joy to work with each and every one of you over the last almost 12 years. I think I have worked with 11 total colleagues over that time period. We didn't always get along, and we didn't always agree, but he knew that every single one of them had the same interests that he had which was to further the city in the best way we possibly knew how. It's been very much a privilege to work with each and every one of you. The same with the city administration, I've had good relationships, tough relationships, turned some foreheads red a few times, Mr. Nichols, but we have gotten a lot done in that same time. And you have all earned my respect and hopefully I've done a little bit to earn years as well. So my thanks go out to my colleagues, to the administration, and in particular to the voters in the city for giving me the opportunity to serve and to do what little I could do to further the interests of the city. Thank you for this honor as well.

Comments from Council:

Mr. Noviello stated, he could do no better than repeat what the resolution states, but from his own perspective he would like to acknowledge Jonathan's diligent mindfulness to details, also I would factor in respect and consideration for all the mitigation that has popped up during the course. I have appreciated your fair-handed decision-making, and I am honored to have served with you, and I thank you for that service to the city as the city does as well. Without a doubt I wish you good will, good luck in your forth coming capacities.

Mr. Slaughter stated obviously he echoes those same sentiments. It's been a few years that I have served with Dr. Williamson, obviously the shortest amount of time of anyone here. Initially when I was thinking

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about getting into politics, he was one of the first people I contacted and he sat with me any helped me to kick start and suggested that I get on the zoning hearing board because there was an opening, in which I did, and with his help, here I am on Council. I appreciate the guidance he has given me years ago and currently. As Dr. Williamson has said we have agreed and we have disagreed, and I thank him for the guidance since I've been here on Council, I wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors and I hope all goes very smoothly on the move, and best of luck.

Ms. Miele stated of all the things I have prepared for tonight, this was the one thing I didn't prepare for. I joined City Council after Dr. Williamson was elected. In many ways, Randy has been my partner in crime in the City Council part, and Jonathan has acted as a mentor. He has helped me to learn a lot of what I know about business and the elaborate game of chess, and world politics. Jonathan has taught me the tools..... All of us have benefited from the science of politics, which is odd, and you wouldn't think it would be advantage to have a Political Science professor on City Council, but it has been a huge advantage for us. The biggest advantage is Jonathan is the one that can step back when the rest of us are losing our minds and being completely ridiculous. These are the political elements in play is what he told us and that is priceless. And the ability of the members of Council, the fact that we have been taught by him to think like that will benefit us long after you have left. It is not worth being angry, and it is a hard thing to learn sometimes. As with everyone, I've ever worked with him and on City Council everyone bring specific talents, and specific focus is to the table, but Dr. Williamson has been capable of the broadest focus of anyone I've ever served with. And that is a unique ability and I am both sorry that we are losing it to Houston, and delighted that you'll be moving into wonderful things, back down south, all that we could hope is occasionally will get a text bitching about the weather. It will make us all feel a lot better. Congratulations and good luck on your endeavors and thank you very much for all you've done.

Mrs. Katz stated that Jonathan Williamson has been a friend of hers for years and before he was even on City Council. Before she was even on Council she can remember some of the discussions that they had in her store, some of them heated on her part and it always frustrated her because he was always so calm and always answered so calmly. It was a learning curve for her, and when she decided to run for Council, he was there for her and has been the person that a lot of us go to because of the knowledge and also because you are the calming force. You do think outside of the box, we zero in sometimes on one thing but you open up those doors that help us to start think of other reasons why in question other things. She does appreciate everything that he has done for us and we thank you for everything the best of luck. We are going to miss you.

Mr. Allison stated Jonathan is a professor of political science, he would never in any form or manner think of him as a politician. The professor part, his passion for teaching, for learning, he exudes. He has come to rely on that immensely. He not only engages, there is no doubt that this man has a deep and has a quick mind. He is able to communicate those thoughts in a practical ways and manners that help us do a better job. I hate that term politician, I wish it wasn't in our language, I think it's taken all the classiness . At one time we served in public position and were known as public servants. I think that more embodies what the founders of this nation had in mind. I think that is what Jonathan embodies, he was here to serve his community as best as he could. His leadership particularly on the hard issues, and not leaving things for future generations, not kicking it down the road, not creating problems that others are going to have to solve is something he has always been an anchor to bring us back to as we try to assimilate problems and ideas, and visualize solutions. It was to always keep that paramount, what kind of legacy are we going to leave? That is something that we will hold dearly and he will attempt to hold himself to that standard as we move forward as a body here. I will desperately miss you, we served together as elected officials, but we have become more friends than just Council people together. Getting to know you and your family has been one of the great pleasures and honors, you are excellent people in what you do, and you are real and down-to-earth. I don't think there's anything more I can say about that. Before we take the vote, we do have a couple gifts for you to express our appreciation and gratitude and we all have your cell phone number, your email and if you get a new one we will get that too. Congratulations on your new appointment and we know you're going to do well.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote.

The resolution was carried with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr.

Allison voted yes. Dr. Williamson abstained. Mr. Henderson was absent.

Dr. Williamson opened a gift from Council and the City Clerk and was given a gavel. It had his name and the years served on City Council.

Dr. Williamson thanked everybody for all the kind words and continued on the agenda.

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Public Safety Minutes 03/26/19
Finance Minutes 03/12/19
Controllers Report April 2019

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion and a second to accept these for filing.

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

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

Ms. Miele voted yes, Mr. Noviello voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Slaughter voted yes, Mr.

Allison voted yes. Dr. Williamson voted yes. Mr. Henderson was absent

Announcements

. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 at 7:30 PM, in City Hall Council Chambers. (Enter through the police department at rear of building for meetings after 5:00 PM.)

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, June 24	12:00 PM Planning Commission
	4:00 PM Recreation Commission
Tuesday, June 25	11:00 AM Historical Preservation
	3:30 PM ERC
Wednesday, June 26	11:30 AM Redevelopment Authority

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Tuesday, July 2	1:00 PM Finance Committee
	2:30 PM Public Works
	3:30 PM Public Safety
Wednesday, July 3	7:30 PM City Council Meeting

[Meetings Held in Council Chambers Unless Otherwise Noted – [scr] = William Sechler Community Room]

Dr. Williamson asked for comments or questions from the members of Council.

Mr. Allison stated there is Homemade Days in Brandon Park, make sure you get out there, the weather is going to cooperate and it's a very nice event. There are 15 new vendors and it is in the event everyone can enjoy.

Dr. Williamson wanted to thank everybody again for everything and stated he has enjoyed working with everyone.

Dr. Williamson asked for comments from the administration.

There were none.

Dr. Williamson asked for comments from the general public.

Frank Stucco, 619 Second Ave. he stated he was the committee member for the 12 ward. To pour a little water on all this loveliness that's going on, all my dealings with you Dr. Williamson is when I come in here and make comments or ask questions, and instead of getting an answer promise of an answer or suggestions, I get put off, forgotten, thank you Mr. Stucco and goodbye. And I just hope the next guy that takes your place or woman or whoever it is, the strength whoever is bringing this despicable behavior on, would it be the solicitors or whether it be someone else, to change this. And be a little more polite to the public who voted you in. I don't direct this at the two minority people who are on Council, as they are a minority. The majority of the Republican party, says what happens here, and even if the solicitors are directing you to answer questions, or not to promise answers, it's still the fact that you were an elected official and you are supposed to reign. You are the one that is responsible. That's what I know and that's how I feel and I think there are a lot of people out there agree with me. So I don't have anything good to say about you or your years here, as far as I have witnessed it is despicable. It is not for the public at all and they are the ones you are supposed to be representing, when they come in here they should be able to get a direct answer. I reported a problem with the roof, and as far as I know it hasn't been fixed, and that was six months ago. A piece of metal fell off the roof, and could kill somebody and another one is waiting to fall off. I believe, it is negligent homicide if somebody gets hurt. We expect you would do a good job on our city, when I walked the streets, people think everything is so beautiful, I am not talking about the people on the street, but how everything comes down from above from the city government. So if you can't fix your own roof, I don't think how anybody can expect, voice was inaudible, I don't think how you can keep track of the city when you can even keep your roof so that you don't kill somebody. So, I am not ashamed, that I came here, and I'm happy to have the opportunity. If I would known this was tonight, I would have missed it. It should have come out, and I made a point to come out here. Your time should not be in government. You should change your attitude towards the public and how your affected. You should know how to answer people, like Marlene Whaley, she gave you an answer and she understood. From everything you did, I didn't know anybody who ever answered anybody, except for Mr. Nichols,. Mr. Nichols has a bus company that is supposed to be general land, when I was a kid was to be able to get a bus 24/7, but now a lot of people that work in Montoursville, cannot get transportation. I can't believe that we just bought five buses and they can't put a minivan out there to get people back and forth to work. I guess there must be something wrong with my logic. We have in the past and now we don't, and we are supposed to be proud of that. That is regression, that is not advancement. I don't hear anything from Council about it and has been reported to you before. So on that note, I don't have anything else to say. Don't thank me.

Dr. Williamson replied thank you and asked if there were other comments.

Dr. Kent Trachte, Jonathan since I did not have the opportunity and final faculty meeting to express my gratitude, I'm going to take this opportunity. I am going to miss Dr. Williamson in two capacities. He has been an outstanding member of our faculty, has been a leader on the faculty, he is an excellent teacher. But I'm also going to miss him in his role as an advisor and confidant to me in terms of understanding how the college can better contribute to the city of Williamsport. He appropriately excuses himself in matters involving the college that are brought to the agenda. But I can tell you that I often go to Dr. Williamson, and I have often gone to Dr. Williamson over the last six years to seek guidance. When I came into the office of President of Lycoming College I heard from many different constituents including members of this Council that there was an interest in having the college engage more fully in the life of Williamsport and to take some leadership with regard to the revitalization of the East End of the City. Dr. Williamson was one of several individuals who approached me early on to ascertain if that was something that would be part of my agenda as President of Lycoming College. As I have tried to sort through how best to make an impact, I have often sought his advice. So, Dr. Williamson I want to thank you here for not for what you have done at the college, that's not appropriate here, but I want to thank you here for what you done as a counselor to the president of the college and from what I have served as your leadership as a member and then as President of City Council. I am going to miss you in multiple ways, but I expect to stay in touch with you. Dr. Williamson said thank you so much.

Adjournment

Dr. Williamson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mrs. Katz and seconded by Ms. Miele.**

Motion was carried by a **unanimous at 9:06 PM** "ayes".

Submitted by:

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Janice M. Frank
City Clerk