

Council President Adam Yoder brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Trade & Transit Center II, 144 West Third St, Williamsport, PA. This meeting was duly advertised in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette.

Council members present:

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

Also, Present:

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

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 06/09/22 were approved upon a motion **Mr. Pulizzi and a second from Mr. Allison All were in favor. The vote was 4 to 0. Ms. Miele had not yet arrived, Mrs. Katz was absent & Mr. Mackey was absent.**

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There were none.

Mr. Yoder changed the order of the agenda.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 427 W. Third St.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second to open discussion.

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

Mr. Knarr stated This location is 427 Third Street, it is currently located in the central business district which requires under ordinance to go under review for design standards and in doing so is also required to go before planning, however at this point in time because it is exposed they requested to skip planning and we radical for counsel without being reviewed by planning. And what you have before you is obviously pictures of the building showing that it has been taken off and exposed and what they are requesting to do is replace that with a burgundy metal siding and at this point I can answer any questions at this time.

Thank you Mr. Knarr and we have Joe here from the team working with you with any questions for counsel. Are there any initial questions here from members of counsel on this?

Mr. Allison: Yes. I had a little bit of a discussion about this with Mr. Knarr previous to the meeting. So, Mr. Knarr, would you run us through the ordinance for the business district with regards to the exterior of the building and placement

Mr. Knarr: What you have again is a burgundy metal siding and in accordance to the ordinance under 13 79 under the central business design standards, it talks about that they do not like metal framing within those regions providing that - they do allow some metal, they just cannot make up half of the building structure and what you have before you, I do not have any calculations to say that it is less than 50 percent, I can only speculate based on what I see exposed and have been around the building that it should be under the 50 percent and again they do prefer not to have a metal within the central business district, I know about a year and a half ago this property was not located in a central business but Council had requested that we would revise that and move the central business district up to the area, so about a year and a half prior to this, they would not have come before you, but under item number 513 79, it says preferred colors for exterior building our earth tone, creams and pastels of earth tone, high intense primary colors and Metallica colors may be utilized as a trim so that is talking about the colors themselves, but if you get down into the design of the façade, they do not want to have more than 50 percent of the metal, less than 50 percent is what they do prefer.

Mr. Allison: Thank you Mr. Knarr, some background with that - destination 2014 - building was built and structured we passed the ordinance in the business district at that point to not be more than 50 percent metal of the exterior, because the original design was above 50 percent and I had a discussion with the developer and we came to the resolution that it could be up to 50 percent. So Mr. Knarr explained we then subsequently expanded the central business district at the request of the developer between West third and (INDISCERNIBLE) so, for that example - (INDISCERNIBLE) so, we do have ordinance on the books that says they can't be more than 50 percent.

Mr. Knarr: Actually, if I could explain that, I think that was always the take that it can be - the ordinance actually says exterior building materials shall convey materials sidings is not permitted as her primary exterior building material, but metal may be used for accents and awnings, so it is not 50 percent, but when they were looking at that, that with the intent as long as they do not do that, they wanted metal to be used as accents, not basically the primary exterior building material.

Mr. Allison: Okay, I do recall) a lot of discussion about how much metal siding they are going to have in the front of the building - in any case we do not have the dimensions

Mr. Yoder do you have any dimensions related to the ordinance? (INDISCERNIBLE) Mr. Knarr, but - (AWAY FROM MIC). If you do not mind just so everybody in the public can hear you. Thank you very much.

Joe, from Stamins Okay, first off I would like to think the counsel for making time in the agenda for this tonight. In

front of you you should have the drawing that shows the highlighted area with a portion of the building we are actually talking about. You do not have this?

The highlighted portion is the part of the building that quite frankly wind blew the existing siding off at times. I was down here several times throughout the winter to facet back to the building. And that is why we decided to do something other than what was there, plus what was there was old and brittle. Now, as far as percentage goes, I don't think that is anywhere near 50 percent - I estimated again without having numbers to back up 15 to 20 percent of the building which is actually a garage area currently occupied by Jason Missoula of Missoula (SP?) now, the part of the building that faces (INDISCERNIBLE) is painted stucco and we are not touching any of that.

Mr. Yoder: Based on the dimensions that are on the drawing, I just did the math, it is 24 percent.

Correct, it looks to be the same height whether you looking at linear dimensions or using square footage out expected square footage of the facing of the walls (INDISCERNIBLE) Also the portion that faces third Street, you have two huge overhead doors .

Mr. Allison, : Mr. Knarr the other part of the ordinance that you reference about the awnings and everything else - will later put this on, without the less than 50 percent, would that be in line with the city ordinance?

Mr. Knarr: And again, the conversation has always been if they just did not want it to be the primary focus. If you look at how the ordinance is actually written, it says metal siding is not permitted as the primary exterior building material, so as long as it is not the primary building material which if you look like Mr. Markley is saying, is the front stucco, I don't think this will be primarily metal, but again, I do not have the true calculations and again, as long as it is not the primary exterior building material, then at that point the ordinance would allow that, they just preferred the metal siding is not used as a primary source within the central business district.

Mr. Yoder stated Mr. Knarr, so this did not go before planning, what happens - so, if we approve this tonight and it goes before planning, it may deny or have recommendations for changes - excuse me, I cannot talk right now - does this come back to ask - how that mechanism were?

Mr. Knarr, Well, I am assuming what would transpire if planning says no, they would just basically make the recommendation hey, we feel that it is too much of a metal and they must bring it back before us as well as counsel for approval. If Council approves it tonight, they do have the ability once the permit is issued to basically put that metal out there, but they have to be aware that if planning says hey, we feel that it is too much, recommendation is counsel should basically make them come back and redesign it or basically take away some of the metal, then at that point that would be the decision whether counsel would visit that or the approval process stands. Because this is a recommending body, they cannot approve it, but we would be up to counsel to adhere to planning's recommendation or we will let our approval process that we made last week Stan, so that is something we would be deciding by Council.

Mr. Yoder: Okay, thank you. I don't know what other members of counsel thing, it looks like it meets the intent of the ordinance and I think that going to the process is a little bit backwards, but that is okay, I think planning can see this and I think that is both Mr. Knarr and Mr. Markley some more time to I think finalize and get some more information for county planning, I will be okay passing this and if there are things that are defined by planning (INDISCERNIBLE) so, that is just my opinion, but what are your comments of other members of Council?

Everyone agreed..

Mr. Yoder: Okay, okay any other comments or questions from members of counsel? Hearing and seeing none, Mrs. Frank on the motion please?

The certificate of appropriateness was carried with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mr. Beiter voted yes, and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Mackey and Mrs. Katz were absent. Ms. Miele had not yet arrived.

Resolution #9327

Resolution of the City of Williamsport Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Funding to the Commonwealth of PA for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant Amount of \$1 Million dollars for the Pine Square Improvement Project

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Memmi this is to authorize the Redevelopment Assistance Capital program grant and RCAP is the acronym, for improvements of Pine Square located at 343 Pine Street. Nimbus LLC, this was reviewed by the city solicitor and presented before the finance committee and passed with a positive recommendation. Mr. and Mrs. Ecker are here along with Jason Fitzgerald to answer any question -

Mr. Yoder Thank you Skip, is there anything that you would like to add or comments that you would like to make before we open this up for the finance committee and pass it onto the full body of counsel?

Mr. Eckard: Hello, my name is Tony, this is my wife Kate (SP?) we recently took over the extent of the 343 Pine buildings and square. And in doing so we were just looking to finish a project that my partners and I started 10 years ago and we privately funded this project to build two restaurants in his square down there in the City of Williamsport back in 2012. And two restaurants later we ran out of money and have been operating in and out for several years now and now that my wife and I are the sole owners of the property, we are hoping to finish the project that we started and there is still quite a few retail locations that have not been developed and one of the things that we will discuss that this building was not here in 2012, this was the parking garage and we made our entrance out on Pine Street seeing this big and beautiful back of the building and a nice entrance that we would like to finish living in on the backside of the building. The square is or was a building 347 and (INDISCERNIBLE) we put a square on top of their and that square is anything but easily accessible during the winter Iraq's shift and it becomes a bit of a hazard, so a part of the grant money would be to resurface and add some drainage so becomes much more wheelchair accessible. We also had planned to finish the staging area (INDISCERNIBLE) seen a band or two out there on Pine square and it is very much a plywood that we built on top of an old (INDISCERNIBLE) /and similar the Stonehouse patio is kind of the same thing, those items were part of the project, so most of the project is outdoor public space in a nutshell, that is, what is going on. This is my strong suit, so I'm happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you very much, this was reviewed in finance and I differ over to Miss Miele.

Ms. Miele: This was forwarded to the full body Council with positive recommendation and we decided discussion mostly about (INDISCERNIBLE) where it is right now (INDISCERNIBLE) the city etc. and this (INDISCERNIBLE) program (INDISCERNIBLE) along with everything else in this program is a whole lot of paperwork so, this is the very first step (INDISCERNIBLE) and we will come back at that point we expect to see the same requirements (INDISCERNIBLE) a contract with Nimbus (INDISCERNIBLE) fiscal will sign as well as us the grant obviously Mr. Ecker and his wife have that is a lot of paperwork, but we passed it to the full body with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Yoder Thank you Mr. Miele, any other comments or questions from members of Council?

Mr. Allison Anytime one of our business owners wants to improve (INDISCERNIBLE) win-win for the city and we love you, so thank you.

Mr. Yoder Yes, I echo that, this is exciting to see, this is beautiful, this will happen after I (INDISCERNIBLE) I'm excited to see - so, thank you for your investment into the city, we are grateful for people like you.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

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

Ordinance #6438

Ordinance – ARPA Transfer Ordinance #1 (final reading) Bill# 1804-22

The City Clerk read the Ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion & a second to adopt the Ordinance in final reading.

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

Mr. Pawlak stated attached is the transfer ordinance and we had a discussion the last Council meeting (INDISCERNIBLE) in the account of economic (INDISCERNIBLE) to increase the compliance (INDISCERNIBLE) this proposed change was discussed with finance) .

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Pawlak, Mr. Miele, would you care to speak? It looks pretty cut and dry and I would agree with this. It takes from everything fairly evenly we talked about a few weeks ago.

Ms. Miele inaudible .

Mr. Yoder, I certainly understand a potential objection, but the counter to that is (INDISCERNIBLE) proportionately taken from that. Norm, should we amend this given the changes

Mr. Yoder I amend the ordinance to change the economic development reserve (INDISCERNIBLE) by \$15,000, public works future products reserve and reduce about \$25,000 and reduce the future products reserve in (NAME) by \$65,000 and I would increase the compliance line item and the other miscellaneous category by \$105,000.

Ms. Miele seconded it. All were in favor

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

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

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the ordinance as amended.

. The ordinance was carried in final reading ith five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9328

Resolution to Accept an Assignment Agreement Between RVTA & the City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.

Mr. Pulizzi made a motion and it was seconded by Mr. Beiter.

Mr. Winder , this is for River Valley Transit Authority - it is a legal matter to take care of and currently the city has (INDISCERNIBLE) 13 C (INDISCERNIBLE) if anything should happen to union to transfer all liability (INDISCERNIBLE) this was reviewed by the board during last meeting Transit Oversight Meeting and it is a housekeeping -

Mr. Yoder: Yes, it was reviewed in oversight, there were a couple things that came up in the meeting and a question of where we are at with information on the transfer and basically our conversation (INDISCERNIBLE) September, October once the transfer happens and the actuary and the auditors are there to finalize (INDISCERNIBLE) we will be getting that after-the-fact (INDISCERNIBLE) which is good and then Miss Miele had some questions surrounding health insurance and Ms. Steele-Schrimp forwarded some information to you and if there were any particular questions (INDISCERNIBLE) Miss Steele-Schrimp is here to address any of those, but to put in a nutshell it looks like both the RVT a and in the city are likely to benefit from the financial (INDISCERNIBLE) based on the detail that you provided (INDISCERNIBLE) and that answered a lot of my questions and I came up in the meeting and I don't know if Nancy or Liz (INDISCERNIBLE) as well. So, that was the nuts and bolts of the conversation (INDISCERNIBLE) members of counsel.

Ms. Miele: (INDISCERNIBLE) So one of the concerns I had (INDISCERNIBLE).

A decent percentage (INDISCERNIBLE) I don't think I have any questions (INDISCERNIBLE) covered all of those issues (INDISCERNIBLE) given as quickly (INDISCERNIBLE).

Mr. Yoder: Any other comments or questions from members of counsel? Hearing and seeing Dan, Mrs. Frank on the motion please?

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

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

Resolution #9329

Resolution to Transfer all City of Williamsport, D.B.A. River Valley Transit Vehicles to RVTA

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Winder stated this is a River Valley transit over to RVTA and we hope that this is a smooth transition (INDISCERNIBLE) Harrisburg) the vehicles are paid for using state and federal funds and it will also (INDISCERNIBLE) drastically (INDISCERNIBLE) and will put those into transit authority insurance policies so the RVTA will pay the costs. .

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Winder, we had a conversation and the only thing (INDISCERNIBLE) grant money was used to pay (INDISCERNIBLE) 100 percent grant money used to pay (INDISCERNIBLE) these are legacy RVTA vehicles (INDISCERNIBLE) pretty straightforward and cut and dry. So it was a pretty quick and easy conversation transfer oversight, but if there was any - yes, we did talk about a question about (INDISCERNIBLE) that had been in the same one - thank you for the reminder - the pensions, I think there was a number of things being worked through to create potential forensic audit being lumped back, so it is looking like we will have what that is going to look like once spring of next year - it was at least eight or nine months if not close to a year.

Mr. Winder We looked at a transfer of (INDISCERNIBLE) trade and transit one, trade and transit two (INDISCERNIBLE) significant (INDISCERNIBLE) there was a question on other properties (INDISCERNIBLE) Jill is researching the leads that I just mentioned (INDISCERNIBLE) transit dollars, so (INDISCERNIBLE) and at that point the determination (INDISCERNIBLE) .

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

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

Resolution #9330

Resolution to Transfer All Funds from City of Williamsport D.B.A. River Valley Transit to RVTA

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Winder (INDISCERNIBLE) Disbursement account - naturally (INDISCERNIBLE) transit dollars (INDISCERNIBLE) the RVTA will need (INDISCERNIBLE) \$1.4 million line of credit (INDISCERNIBLE) PennDOT and they are transferring all grants over to RVTA and this is just a process due to everyone that has grants and us still trying to move over from RVT (INDISCERNIBLE) grants as we establish RVTA at the same time. (INDISCERNIBLE) Make that happen (INDISCERNIBLE) 30th and transfer over to RVTA on the first. So assuming a smooth transition and funding (INDISCERNIBLE) moving forward (INDISCERNIBLE) not necessarily (INDISCERNIBLE) backup plan and on June 30 (INDISCERNIBLE) and make sure that money is put in a disbursement account (INDISCERNIBLE) and this was passed forward with a positive recommendation from transit oversight.

Mr. Yoder Thank you Mr. Winder, yes it was, pretty quick and easy straightforward conversation. This was all money that we get because of transit (INDISCERNIBLE) federal, state or even local monies from local matters and shares, we (INDISCERNIBLE) RVT and so it naturally goes over to RVTA. This is simply a transfer of money from city lending accounts (INDISCERNIBLE) Ms. Miele?

Ms. Miele : Yes (INDISCERNIBLE) if anybody else has anything to add - yes (INDISCERNIBLE) as a part of (INDISCERNIBLE) discussion (INDISCERNIBLE) and seeing this as an opportunity (INDISCERNIBLE) is that something (INDISCERNIBLE) not by (INDISCERNIBLE)

Ms. Steel – Shrimp So, that has been something that I was asked to do when I was first shopping around and over the I have (INDISCERNIBLE) as far as the creators, but again (INDISCERNIBLE) so we don't get those back, so ultimately it is in our best interest (INDISCERNIBLE) brokers and it is in our best interest (INDISCERNIBLE).

Ms. Miele: Okay, this being (INDISCERNIBLE) okay, got it. And I'll ask my second question - (INDISCERNIBLE) is the city granting purchasing services (INDISCERNIBLE).

Mr. Winder: The only person that will need to transition would be Mr. Black which I believe you guys approved him as a director in some form of IT - that is the final employee and the only thing (INDISCERNIBLE) due to the transition of the state inspection admissions, the city (INDISCERNIBLE) vehicles (INDISCERNIBLE) streets and parks (INDISCERNIBLE) RVT (INDISCERNIBLE) probably a six month process.

If you outsource are, you are about \$85 per inspection and if you go through RVTA, it is about \$40.

Because technically it is within the contract (INDISCERNIBLE) so, with the inspection stickers themselves (INDISCERNIBLE) so your upfront cost is about \$8500 and that covers about (INDISCERNIBLE) spending money after that point, you're actually saving (INDISCERNIBLE) .

Ms. Miele: Okay, I think that is (INDISCERNIBLE) .

Mr. Yoder: Any other comments or questions from members of counsel? Hearing and seeing him, Mrs. Frank on the motion please?

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

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

Accept for filing::

Public Works 04/26/22

ERC 06/06/22

Finance Committee Minutes 05/10/22

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

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

. The minutes were accepted for filing with five yes roll call votes. The vote was 5 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Announcements

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

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, July 5	11:30 AM Public Safety
	12:00 PM Planning Commission
	1:00 PM Finance Committee
	2:30 PM Public Works
	4:00 PM Transit Oversight Committee
Wednesday, July 6	9:00 AM Economic Revitalization Committee
Thursday, July 7	7:00 PM City Council Meeting*

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

Comments:

a. City Council

Mr. Yoder I want to open the floor for members of Council, but I did want to have a couple of comments and I know there is a few people tonight that will probably speak related to this, but I think everybody is aware there was a pretty upsetting report that came out in the Williamsport area schools a couple days ago and I went back and forth on making some comments and I think it is appropriate and (INDISCERNIBLE) just a couple points that I hope everybody remembers and thinks through - and I say this first and foremost as a father and uncle who will be a future (INDISCERNIBLE) there is a victim here who I would apply to come forward and this does not happen enough, it takes a lot of bravery to do that and we should all be there to support the individual, because it does not get any easier (INDISCERNIBLE) as the news cycle hits, it can only get worse as I would expect, so we need to be there for him. I am praying for him, my family is praying for him and I would encourage others whether it is related to this incident or any other incident, come forward, speak up, there are resources out there and we cannot fix the problem if we do not know about it. So, please speak up. We are here to help you. There are others that are involved in this whether it is he cute or immediate family of each use - people that know these individuals that are friends, close family that either did not know or are just blindsided and we need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers as well and I think (INDISCERNIBLE) just had a little baby and the mother and the child (INDISCERNIBLE) I cannot imagine - I would encourage anybody that is involved in the investigation regardless of the school district or non-school district entities, be cooperative, if somebody comes for questions, anything, be cooperative, let's help them get to the bottom of this. I know that the school district is cooperating and that is great, and I think lastly just with relation to the school district - wherever this goes, whatever happens - if somebody is evicted or not, there will be information that is gathered that regardless of the outcome I think you improve the experience for the youth in our community and school district - I am hoping that they will take action and make the experience better, regardless of what happens (INDISCERNIBLE) there will be some data and information and he will look over the process and procedures and safety procedures, whatever they need, I'm hoping to do that and I know they are already working on that, so yes, just a couple of comments in relation to that, I thought it was appropriate. And I look to other members of counsel - are there any comments from the administration?

b. Administration

c. Members of the Public

I am Michael Zicoello, attorney here in Williamsport, you just said that you cannot fix a problem if you don't know about it. That is why I'm here. In December 2020, the law in Pennsylvania changed. Before that, police could search a vehicle with probable cause, if they believe they had probable cause, after that, they needed to get a search warrant to search a vehicle. (INDISCERNIBLE) Until seizing (INDISCERNIBLE) or taking it away. I understand that it would be a growing pain, because a lot has changed, but the fact is the city has not adapted very well to this. And I know this because I see and there are problems. There are officers out there with the threat of (INDISCERNIBLE) vehicle and \$400 to get it back (INDISCERNIBLE) waive your rights to search the vehicle, how do you know like you might be because of doing things like (INDISCERNIBLE) seizing this vehicle because I saw a blunt and a person let me search the vehicle and they search the vehicle and they find nothing in the vehicle. (INDISCERNIBLE) They walk a drug dog around the vehicle and they see the vehicle, take the vehicle and find no drugs in the vehicle. Now, that is the beginning of the problems once they take your vehicle, because you cannot get it back once the state takes her, no one knows how to get the car back, you call and they tell you the officer is on vacation who took your vacation, I've had people come to me whose vehicles have been in the county for more than a month and admit call after call to get the vehicle back, I've had to write letters to the administration that are ignored initially and I had to file a motion to be returned properly, now they actually when I write a letter, they will get the person's karma, but you should not have to go to an attorney to get a letter to get your car back. I think some reasonable steps can be taken by the city that will solve a lot of these problems. The first should be, officers should just not see these and get a search warrant to seize upon and they think it's blunt in the vehicle, it is a big deal to take some of his car from them, so it should be a big crime (INDISCERNIBLE) the second should be that they should search the vehicle within 24 hours unless they had a compelling reason why it would take longer, I understand where there is instances with DNA, but most of the time they're looking either for drugs or clothes or again, that is not take very long, they can search the vehicle right away. The third would be that they notified the owner immediately after they are done with the search that they can come get her car back. These are simple steps to be taken, finally, there is also this idea that they have to pay a lot of money to get the car back after towing and the city chose the car, it is \$400 - as I understand it from some Cochran Towing, they're supposed to tell the people (INDISCERNIBLE) if you have AAA or if you want to call another towing company, the towing company of your choice can tow your car, \$400 is a lot for in city tow. And just finally, the drug task force (INDISCERNIBLE) as well and you compose these rules on them as far as how long a car stays there. Thank you.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you very much. Are there any other comments from members of the public? Name and address please and you have three minutes.

Mr. Stroehmann, Good evening and thank you for the time. My name is Jeff Stroehmann, supervisor (INDISCERNIBLE) no less - copied on the letter within 48 hours (INDISCERNIBLE) Williamsport area school Board of Directors and I have copies (INDISCERNIBLE) how to set up by saying that I am certainly honored to serve with two other supervisors that had the courage to sign this letter and address this issue with the district head-on. Of course there is a lot of discussion out there as to the process and innocent until proven guilty and that certainly does apply in this case, but with 30 felony accounts, (INDISCERNIBLE) doing law enforcement as we do, they generally do not move on this unless they have a case. Even the situation is troubling. I want to say to you that there are actually many victims in this situation. The direct victims, our community is a victim of this, we made national news. Personally I like to see national news on a good note, not a bad note. I really would like you all as elected officials and I'm stating to you as a elected official, the need to be a separation here in this conversation and discussion about the roles of elected officials as opposed to elected administrators and it is important that we as elected officials (INDISCERNIBLE) our community and send a message to our community and I would ask that you will consider your role for our community as a victim. If you think about it the only person that is not a victim in this situation is the perpetrator. I pray for his family of the perpetrator as well, this is a horrible thing. We have seen this happen before in other institutions. There is no way we are not going to come out of this happy - people are going to be hurt. So, from the bottom of my heart please as elected officials consider taking a stand. The Williamsport school board are also elected officials will need support and they will be faced with some very very difficult decisions and I think this whole scenario needs to be broken down into three groups when you look at this. Faculty and students, administration and residence. Our goal is to work with the residence. We really have an opportunity to let people know that people have entrusted us with their votes and I believe that makes us trustworthy people and I believe that if you open your ears in your community to your constituents that they will come to you and they will share their frustrations and their fears. I can also tell you that I believe that faculty needs to be protected in this situation. This is a situation where mandated reporting maybe forcing people (INDISCERNIBLE) now that this has been reported, there may be faculty members in our district that may say I did see something, but I do not think it was that bad at the time and am I going to be in trouble because I am a mandated reporter? But, this thing is serious. It is very serious. They are going to be people lining up to try (INDISCERNIBLE) school board and sweep this under the carpet and I think this is an opportunity to make our community much, much, much stronger. Let's not start with 1/3 party investigation destroyed, this is our opportunity to right the ship. We all know our own personal stories and I hope that we reach out and receive stories and issues from our constituents, but I hope we could take this opportunity to come out stronger on the other end. And I thank you for the time and I would very much encourage you to do some personal reflection and soul-searching and consider making these strong decisions as a result of what is happened here. Thank you.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Stroehmann, I would agree (INDISCERNIBLE) specifically (INDISCERNIBLE) again, as I mentioned, speak up. If something is happened to you, please speak up. We want to help you. If you need someone to talk to, I am here and I think many of us would listen to your point Jeff and I think from a support perspective, it is very much appropriate. There is a number of elected officials that are faced with figuring this out (INDISCERNIBLE) and I will help them anyway I can and I trust my colleagues appear in the administration (INDISCERNIBLE) so, thank you.

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Adjournment

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by **Mr. Pulizzi** and a second by **Mr. Beiter**. **Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM PM with unanimous ayes.**

Submitted by:

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk