

Council President Adam Yoder brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, September 29, 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
Liz Miele, Councilwoman
Randy Allison, Councilman,
Vince Pulizzi, Councilman
Jon Mackey, Councilman,
Eric Beiter Councilman
Absent:

Also, Present:

Derek Slaughter, Mayor,
August Memmi
Sam Aungst, Fire Chief,
Justin Snyder, Police Chief
Solicitor Austin White
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Jon Sander, Engineer
Scott Livermore, S&P
Shawn Bastian
Thomas Keller & Co.

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 09/15/22 were approved upon a motion **by Mr. Pulizzi and a second from Mr. Beiter. All were in favor. The vote was 7 to 0.**

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There were none.

Presentation Update Keller & Associates

Mr. Tom Keller based in Washington DC is the city's federal government consultant and a lot has happened since our last report and I would love to just go over each of these items, but the good news is we are making good progress. We think by the end of this year, we are going to have a fantastic return of investment for the state. And we have excellent (INDISCERNIBLE) going and not only to the fall, but next year. So, just turning to the report now, I have three items to report on. The first item is the levy risk assessment project, that will be completed and connected by the Army Corps of Engineers and the good news is that will start in the next couple of weeks. So, we will see a cadre of US engineers folks here in Williamsport in the next couple of weeks beginning this process. And if you recall, this came out of a community meeting with some of the councilmembers here and with the mayor and with the county as well as with FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers top engineers and Congressman Keller working in all of this. So, now you've got to this point, it has been a whole year, but I think the fact (INDISCERNIBLE) it is exciting, because the whole purpose is to bring the levy to compliance so it can be certified and eventually credited and if we are able to have this risk assessment done in a way that I think it will be done, it could potentially save millions of dollars for the city. The next item we are excited about (INDISCERNIBLE) the funding that is coming from Congress. Right now in a House appropriations bill which passed the committee, we have \$8 million dedicated for the levy. Our thinking is what is going to happen is this will pass at some point probably in December signed by the president which would mean we would see that money probably in the first quarter or maybe at the latest the beginning of the second quarter of next year.. I think this will align possibly very well with the risk assessment is that moves forward and as we try to (INDISCERNIBLE) but, it is exciting and I really want to thank Congressman Keller for taking a week here and devoting all of his community project funding specifically for the levy. I also want to thank Senator Casey and his staff, because they have devoted \$3 million towards the levy. And in the final analysis it looks like everybody is going to agree to that 8 million. So, that is exciting. The third item I want to talk about was the mayor had meetings in Washington in May, May 9 and 10th and we met with the congressional delegation and I thought they were excellent meetings. This is something that we continue to do in Washington, it is very important as these relationships continue and we will have two new members of Congress in the house representing this area. And it will be very important for us to get to those meetings early. And so I'm hoping that when in Washington, I am thinking first quarter of next year. Just in terms of next steps and some of the action items that we are working on over this fall and into that next year, we are going to continue to engage the US Army Corps of Engineers to follow along this risk assessment and it is important that we continue to report the congressional delegation with the progress that we are making. It is very important that we include those federal legislators. We are going to continue to mobilize the congressional delegation to do what they can to push this \$8 million through the appropriations process which is always a crazy process. We do know that at some point probably around December 16 or sometime shortly after that we are going to Washington and hopefully in the president will sign those. We need to prepare for next year in terms of a congressional request and so again early next year we will have the mayor come to Washington and before that, they will be working with the city on what the primary needs will be. And there are a number of federal grants that we are working on on behalf of the state. There is the brick grant will be coming up and that has a due date on it of November 16 and we do have some project ideas for that. We have a DOJ crisis intervention grant that we would like to work on. It seems timely. And there are DOT (INDISCERNIBLE) Cypress security grants coming up and we should be looking at what those requirements are and how to take advantage of them, perhaps budgeting some federal dollars to these grant programs. And that is it. That is all report. I really appreciate your counsel, I appreciate the mayor's great work with us including John Sander and all of the members and I'm happy to entertain any questions.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you very much Mr. Keller, any questions?

Mrs. Katz Just a couple, please. What is>>

Mr. Keller The exact name of that is so everybody knows, it is called building resilient infrastructure (INDISCERNIBLE) that is an infrastructure grant through FEMA and it goes through the state

Mrs. Katz How much are we going after?

Mr. Keller It is typically under \$1 million.

Mrs. Katz Thank you for making (INDISCERNIBLE) our presence known in Washington (INDISCERNIBLE) you all are going to Washington on a regular basis (INDISCERNIBLE) so, I am happy to hear (INDISCERNIBLE) the mayor is going to Washington

Mr. Keller You are exactly right Councilwoman. We have had a number of community members come with us to Washington. We met at the Pentagon and the headquarters with the Army Corps of Engineers, the mayor and I met in Baltimore with (INDISCERNIBLE) of the Army Corps and spent a whole lot of effort (INDISCERNIBLE) White House on behalf of this levy. Thinking that somehow the levy in Pennsylvania, one of the largest, the second largest would be of interest to the White House. And apparently, it is

Mr. Allison Aramark grant (SP?) commented that money come in a lump sum and is a drawdown?

Mr. Keller There is a process as you can imagine and with this particular earmark that will come from FEMA and the way FEMA works is that will trickle down through the state and FEMA will administrate money and there is an application process and once it is approved with the city, they would be approved for that money by law to have the funding, but there is an application process to drawdown that money for the state and sometimes, it depends on the agency, sometimes they will create a bank account for you where you can put the funding in there and you can drawdown based on your invoices and other times since we have to work through the state, we would have to work with them to provide them with the invoices.

Mr. Yoder Any other comments or questions? Maybe (NAME) and just talk briefly about some details

Representative: Good evening councilmembers. So, just briefly, one of the priorities obviously is a community and one of the things we are looking at is a problem called justice and mental health collaboration program. The purpose of the program is to as a pre-diversion program (INDISCERNIBLE) with also the police department (INDISCERNIBLE) police and for serious mental illness and mental health disorders and substance use disorders I have been engaging with the public health workforce, so there are three programs one is called justice and mental health collaboration program, one is called connect and protect which is more specific to the police department and one is called crisis intervention team training and implementation, which is a law enforcement training program and it gives us the ability to potentially embed and be around (INDISCERNIBLE) around please. So, I just wanted to share that, thank you.

Mr. Yoder : Any other comments or questions? The only other thing I would ask, can you speak a little bit to that cybersecurity grant program, is that a new thing?

Mr. Keller It is a new program, substantially funded. We do anticipate working with the city to go around that funding and obviously we need to have a better idea of what the challenges have been in relation to technology with the city and so we are working with the mayor and his team on identifying with those challenges are.

That is one that will go through the state, as well. It is a federal formula type grant that comes from the federal government and is parceled out to the states and I think in this case it would be through Pima.

Mr. Yoder: As more information is released on that, I would be interested to see what that looks like as far as just you know what that might be able to cover and that kind of thing. I mean just from my experience I'd be interested to compare what I think we might need vs. What it would cover. I would just be curious. I know you mentioned it might help relieve some budgetary things and that is certainly advantageous and I would just like to learn more about like what because we don't know.

Thank you for coming, I know that was a short and sweet report and that is perfectly fine. There is some good stuff going on which I'm glad to see your faces. Anytime you need something from counsel, you know you can reach out to me, if we can be of any support in your efforts down there as well, if it helps the city, I think that we are on board, as well. So, thank you.

Bill #1808

Ordinance ARPA Transfer Ordinance #3(first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion & second.

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

Mr. Slaughter, what you have before you is first reading ordinance transfer for a project that we have been talking about for a while now, the T Ross brothers have a developing on the west end of town and this first reading is from the ARPA funds in the amount of \$62,570 and for your review here are requesting the development for the T Ross brothers development and again in the amount of \$62,570, this was originally brought to ERC back in April I believe this year, it was reviewed by then and then the plans and permits and everything were submitted to the city and were reviewed this summer and approved and now T Ross brothers, they are at a point where they are ready to begin the project and so they did the financial analysis and all of that with updated numbers for review here at city Council. And then it was brought before the finance committee on Tuesday and we do have Mr. Fisher from T Ross brothers here with us tonight who can also answer any questions related to this item, thank you.

Mr. Yoder Thank you mayor Slaughter, this was reviewed in finance missed Miele?

Ms. Miele: (AWAY FROM MIC) it might be wise for us to open (INDISCERNIBLE) at the end of our meeting (INDISCERNIBLE) this project is actually pursued by a company called Woodland -

Mr. Slaughter The main company that will be doing the project and owns the property up there now is Woodland Heights development LLC which consists of several of the principles of T Ross brothers as well as a local contractor from the area. But, obviously T Ross brothers and staff, I am the staff person with T Ross brothers and we are putting it together on behalf of the LLC.

Ms. Miele I guess - important point to be clear about (INDISCERNIBLE) before talking about this (INDISCERNIBLE) this particular LLC. Yes, so we did discuss this in the planning committee and the discussion was overall quite positive. T Ross did come before ERC back in April and the amount of funding they were requesting was a somewhat significant about \$9000 lower and that correlates to an increase (INDISCERNIBLE) so, the specifics cover about half (INDISCERNIBLE) getting water to the 28 structures. And laterals and tap fees etc. And those costs have increased over the course of the year which is the amount of funding that is requested has increased, as well. But, the other numbers that you probably noticed having been submitted demonstrate that pretty much even with the increased amount of funding being requested we are still looking at a return on our investment in the form of taxes which obviously the city will be receiving one way or the other (CHUCKLE) just to be clear (CHUCKLE) but, we will begin

receiving tax revenue from the properties in the fourth year of construction/sale even if the city invests this \$62,000 upfront. This obsolete follows under the blueprint of economic development with American rescue plan (NAME) funds and is helping to build 20 new homes on the western side of the city. All very desirable, I think the only point that I made in finance and I cannot speak (INDISCERNIBLE) if they agreed with me is that this will be I think the second week in a row (INDISCERNIBLE) twice in the last month or so of the city has dispersed ARPA funds to developers in the name of economic development and I would like us perhaps to try to put our heads together and develop an approach that allows for competing applications and a review of those applications moving forward. That is not to say that both of these projects are not deserving, but rather to say that in the grand scheme of things, I would like to see us putting the money where it helps the most and also allowing access to that funding and saying okay (INDISCERNIBLE) this is what we are willing to do with it. So, that was my only comment on this project and (INDISCERNIBLE) but, I would like to see us take a more holistic approach to moving forward and I would be disinclined to support other disbursements of economic development without seeing a little bit more of a plan from the economic development realm moving forward. And I passed the torch to other members of the finance committee in case they have anything else to say.

Mr. Yoder: Members of the finance committee, anything?

Mr. Beiter: If I could add one thing, the only other thing that Councilwoman Miele didn't mention.

Ms. Miele: Oh yes, I didn't remember that from earlier.

Mr. Beiter: So we did look into that (INDISCERNIBLE) the current one does not include residential and so T Ross was not looking at anything for this one, but we are looking to bring obviously to have conversations with city Council, school district and the County and we have been talking for a little while now at ERC, previously and currently with folks in the community about the citywide - industrial and commercial, so this current project that they are conducting would not qualify, but at sunset we are looking at starting those conversations soon and what that might look like.

Ms. Miele: Just remind me again Derek, when is it appropriate? I was under the impression we can apply for LERTA at any point.

Mr. Slaughter: I believe so, but LERTA so, if we pass (INDISCERNIBLE).

Ms. Miele: Since we are looking (CHUCKLE).

Mr. Slaughter: If they want phase 2 for example to apply for LERTA from my understanding.

Ms. Miele: That was my point, that we were looking at the return of investment (INDISCERNIBLE) full tax value being paid on these properties from the moment of construction/sale. Obviously there is already some gray area there) full tax value, but that is a big wrench in the works.

Mr. Slaughter: And Mr. Fisher did mention during Tuesday's meeting that they have had conversation and I don't want to put words in his mouth, but with some potential buyers and they are optimistic that some may potentially be under contract during construction.

Ms. Miele: We need the housing.

Mr. Yoder: We need the housing and people in the city. Absolutely. Mr. Beiter, this was reviewed in ERC, anything to add, it has been a number of months.

Mr. Beiter: It was reviewed in ERC, actually in February will refer to talking about the project, so it just shows you how long some of these processes can take, but I appreciate that we are here at this point to see the development going on I think it has been 10 years where it just sat inside and sat and now there are two homes there that are occupied and to see this happen potentially with the other phases that you talked about, it is a great addition to see more residents, because without residence we will not see any other growth and we will continue (INDISCERNIBLE) .

Mr. Allison: To Councilwoman Miele's point on the financing the Redevelopment Authority and having a plan going forward, I think it would be wise if we found a mechanism whereby when we are recouping the return on that investment, that some or all of that money can be replaced out of the increase revenue coming in to the development to keep that funded at some substantial level.

Ms. Miele: That is exactly what I was going to say Randy, that money will not just go into the general fund for the city.

Mr. Yoder: I would agree, we would get some benefit from the general fund, also, but part of the redevelopments scope is that they would recoup some of the also and theoretically as they are able to continue to grow it continues to compound and we don't run into a situation (INDISCERNIBLE) that is the goal. That is the goal.

Ms. Miele: What, what is (INDISCERNIBLE) the legal mechanism passing through funding and they are dispersing it (INDISCERNIBLE) correct? From the cities ARPA funds and the redevelopment authority to be paying that funding back from (INDISCERNIBLE) in the form of taxes, correct?

Mr. Slaughter: It would depend on if there are conditions tied to the funding. If there are not and it is just provided, the reinvestment and return on investment (INDISCERNIBLE) it is possible for there to be some mechanism to be paid back to actually be dispersed, but that is something that would be agreed upon as a condition of the dispersion.

Ms. Miele: I guess that is kind of what I am asking. (INDISCERNIBLE) That the city would pay the redevelopment Authority. Do you understand what I'm saying? I don't know what sort of agreement we have (INDISCERNIBLE) redevelopment Authority disbursement.

Mayor: So, we are working on it right now, Austin and Skip, myself and the RDA, between the redevelopment Authority and the land bank in the city, so hopefully here in October, that will be before city Council for your review to sort of at that point right are not necessarily for this project, but projects moving forward without agreement might look like and how does the redevelopment Authority and land bank as the land bank redevelopment Authority are doing projects and we start to recoup some of those funds, whether it is tax revenue, whatever the case may be to then come back into the redeveloping authority or a combination of the redevelopment Authority and tax with the general fund/real estate tax and then in order to continue to rehab or redevelop or remediate all of the policies. So, we are working to the agreement. We have had some other agreements that we have looked at that did not really fit. We do not believe what we needed here and so we are working through that right now. Austin and Skip and I and so hopefully in October we will have something to bring for the RDA, landing, city Council and then of course at that time we can tweak after you all have made changes etc. I know exactly what you are saying and I think that is a good point.

Ms. Miele: I would prefer to in the future on this one, so I would say that it is in the best interest rate by the RDA (INDISCERNIBLE) in the form of basically a return from the city on the generated taxes, that seems to me, unless we

can think of another mechanism, otherwise (INDISCERNIBLE) (CHUCKLE).

Mayor: Which is has been the case for a long time and the second piece -

Ms. Miele: Then it won't happen.

Mayor: And a second piece of that is to also, of course our RDA and land bank do not have any employees and to utilize some of our community development in a very minor role for example some of this paperwork that might be associated with either acquisition or whatever the case may be to utilize our community development office RDA would reimburse them which would be great of course, because it would not take much time (INDISCERNIBLE) currently do not have any employees, so that is another piece of this, but more importantly the financial peace as far as we can continue (INDISCERNIBLE) move the projects going forward.

Ms. Miele Got it. And I'm not exactly sure how we deal with this current (INDISCERNIBLE) better than future projects (INDISCERNIBLE) to commit some of the funding over the next couple of years and taxes, I would feel better about that, but -

Mr. Yoder: I don't mean to go down the rabbit hole that we are talking about the RDA and this is not a part of it, but I'll ask it anyway. So, has been any interest from the RDA/land bank to hire their own staff, one or two? I mean, there is plenty of money there to do that I think when you talk about a self-sustaining RDA, that would be I think a part of the equation, as well.

Mayor: So, I cannot speak - I would have two ask the landing, but the discussion currently because they do not have any money was how they could utilize the staff that we have at least initially and then if they build up to a point where they're able to have funds for staff, maybe part-time, again I cannot speak for them, that might be of interest to them. Right now and historically they have not been able to acquire properties or anything along those lines (INDISCERNIBLE) but, now of course with the rescue plan funding that will go to them once we have these agreements and such. I think it might be something that they would entertain even if it is only part-time, because it is not like they will be doing acquisitions each day. So, possibly it is something Skip and I could offer up at the next RDA meeting, but in the interim and for this agreement, to move some of these projects forward, to have our staff until they get to a point where they may be able to have their own staff or part-time staff.

Ms. Miele Yes, I would say to Derek!, much like what we are looking at)finance department, there is a time - if the landing/ redevelopment Authority is to become the cities economic development, it would be appropriate for them to have staff (INDISCERNIBLE) but, in the interim. Which could be several year thing rather than paying somebody who does not necessarily (INDISCERNIBLE) all of the time (INDISCERNIBLE) and I'm assuming if that is no longer working to the RDA or the city's advantage (INDISCERNIBLE) we want our own people (CHUCKLE).

Mayor: Yes, and also at least in the initial phases allowing the city and the administration and counsel to sort of dictate where some of these funds are going, I think that is a part of the agreement, too. Not just to say hey, here is \$1 million) we will still have some say in it and that is like 1/3 part of the agreement where (INDISCERNIBLE) between the administration, city council to say okay, you have \$500,000 in the RDA, but we still want to have a little say in how that is appropriated.

Ms. Miele: Right. We need to have a relationship amongst them (INDISCERNIBLE) because you will be appointing them.

Mayor: We will still have a relationship and (INDISCERNIBLE) they are good people (INDISCERNIBLE) they are not just going to take the money and run. But, I cannot speak 20 years now I know Vince (INDISCERNIBLE) in the future so hopefully we can guarantee some of that return on investment is in good hands for years to come.

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

Bill #

Ordinance Transfer Ordinance (first reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

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

Mr. Mackey, So, what I'm doing here is I have a transfer from an equipment fund owing to my part-time position into my automation - automation area of \$12,000 coming from equipment be dispersed, 10,000 part-time, 2000 automation. So for the part-time position, this would cover somebody full-time for the rest of the year, I will be including this in my budget for next year that we make my part-time a full-time, this should be shared with finance department so that we can have some shared duties and they can take some of the load off of them as we currently only have one person in the finance department. And this would also help in increasing the efficiency that we collect taxes in the MVP and LST areas. The automation is for 18 hundred letters being sent out the beginning of October. Those are about - for 1800 different accounts that have a letter outstanding that we are hoping to find out what is going on with that.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Mackey, this was reviewed in finance?

Ms. Miele: It was reviewed in finance. I think to a general approval, sorry it is a little hard to gauge the temperature in finance (INDISCERNIBLE) anymore) but, I think all of us have in some way or another been touched by the labor shortage going on right now in the Treasurer's office is having much of the same issue. This is part-time and no benefits and having a hard time to drawing a sufficient employee which means training somebody and (INDISCERNIBLE) we are relying (INDISCERNIBLE) for a period of time (INDISCERNIBLE) between finance in the Treasurer's office allows us to make the best use of a full-time employee that is but simultaneously and hopefully a quick solution to some of our shortage of labor in the finance department (INDISCERNIBLE) as time goes on.

Mr. Mackey Just to give you an idea, we've had five people in this position in the past two years.

Mr. Yoder: Got you. Okay, thank you Ms. Miele, any other comments or questions related to this item for members of Council, hearing and seeing none, Mrs. Frank on the motion?

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

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

Resolution #9359
Resolution Real Estate Exoneration

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

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

Mr. Mackey This is for 151 E. third year, this is exonerating the interim bill for nine months, it was going from 1400 down to zero dollars and I believe this is the last release for the rest of the year and this is LERTA.

Mr. Yoder Thank you Mr. Mackey, this did not go to a committee, so I will just open the floor for any comments or questions on this item from members of counsel. Ms. Miele?

Ms. Miele My sentiment would be this property is operating is a 10 year LERTA anyway, they have done a multiyear tax payment, but - was truly a labor of love that they undertook down there on East third Street and I think it qualifies quite well for economic developer.

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

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

Resolution #9360
Resolution to Commit to Funding for the Greenways Trails & Recreation Program for the Basin St. Riverwalk Connection

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

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

Mayor, : What you have before you is actually a resolution that we have previously already passed. DCD came back and it appears as though we are going to get this grant award, but they wanted it to be clear in the initial resolution that Peg Woodring and myself and the City Clerk need to execute the document which we are of course (INDISCERNIBLE) resolution, but they wanted that spelled out specifically. So, there's nothing that changed with any part of the resolution or any of the figures or anything like that. DCD just asked if we could essentially add that one paragraph of their and the cover page so other than that nothing has changed. And of course - I'm sorry - DCD, so anyway - that is the only thing that is changed.

Mr. Yoder: thank you Mayor Slaughter, again, this did not go to a committee, it was a pretty simple change, any comments or questions? From members of Council? Hearing and seeing none, Mrs. Frank on the motion.

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

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

Resolution #9361
Resolution Modifying the 2021 CDBG – CV Action Plan

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

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

Mr. Memmi I am back before you again talking about doing the substantial amendment and before you tonight is one for the CV funds that the city received with the assistance of Seda Cog and a representative of Seda Cog is on zoom if you have any questions for Mr. Dombroski, otherwise it is pretty simple. We have allocated the same amount of funds and pulled most of it through recreational activities for two basketball courts and a recreation project in the Newberry Park area or elsewhere and it was advertised and posted for 30 days for review, no comments were received from the public and I am here to answer any questions and so is Tyler.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you very much, this was reviewed in finance?

Ms. Miele: It was reviewed in finance and the city has obviously allocated the vast majority (INDISCERNIBLE) community development to outdoor recreation the funding will be restricted to (INDISCERNIBLE) areas of the city which is consistent with all community development funding. The only question that came out of finance was why we were not committing this \$180,000 to the park that we are currently constructing. this funding obviously has many more strings attached to it. So, with that said the splash park activity called out in this form (INDISCERNIBLE) a bit of a placeholder (INDISCERNIBLE) it does not need to be utilized as a splash park (INDISCERNIBLE) can be utilized for multiple other things, I would assume even potentially improvements to the existing swimming pool or something like that. Presumably for new construction Mr. Memmi?

Ms. Miele: We have determined that (NAME) Park is the only one that is not (INDISCERNIBLE).

Mr. Memmi I believe there is one other park? Shaw Place

Ms. Miele: got ya okay. Yes so that was pretty much the discussion.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Miss Miele, any other comments or questions from other members of counsel? Okay, hearing and seeing none Mrs. Frank on the motion.

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

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

Resolution #9362
Resolution to Amend the Contract Between the City of Williamsport & Seda-Council of Governments

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded

Mr. Memmi This is for the city (INDISCERNIBLE) which was outside the original scope for Seda-Council and they were requesting an increase of funding in the amount of (INDISCERNIBLE) is all comes out of CDBG funds.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Skip, this was also reviewed in finance?

Ms. Miele: Yes, and it was not all that much discussion, I think the only item that was brought up was our relationship with Seda-CoG has been about nine months I think and at the year mark (INDISCERNIBLE) it would be nice to understand a little bit more of the financial community development office and how it is working out through the city and all reports of it is that it is working out well.

Mr. Memmi: It is working out well) how we can work potentially

Ms. Miele: I think that is (INDISCERNIBLE) supposed to be, how we can maximize the efficiency of our community development in Seda-CoG

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

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

Resolution # 9363

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Municipal Winter Traffic Service Agreement between the Commonwealth & Pennsylvania, Dept. of Transportation and the City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

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

Mr. Scott Livermore, what you have is a resolution authorizing the execution of municipal winter traffic service agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of transportation in the city of Williamsport. So, basically what this is something we do every year. PennDOT gives us money to plow some of their - take care of some of their PennDOT roads with the city. This year's dollar amount is \$7668.42. For the 2022/2023 snow season. Like you said, it is something we do every year, there is a few roads about the city that PennDOT own, but we maintain and take care of. This was reviewed in public works. Any questions?

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Livermore, this was reviewed. In Public Works

Mrs. Katz: Yes it was, Scott, is this the same dollar amount that we get every year?

Mr. Livermore No, it fluctuates, I don't have last years, it goes up, it depends on the miles of road we do which is not the real miles, but in the back of the packet it shows the rows that we do. It is a few hundred feet here in a few hundred feet on (NAME).

Mrs. Katz : I thought it would be the same every year.

Mr. Livermore Well, it costs more to do it, so it fluctuates a little bit. Salt cost more every year, obviously the allocation will go up slowly, not a whole, not a big dollar amount.

Mrs. Katz : We go through this every year. But, it is an amicable situation that we have, it is a working situation.

Mr. Livermore yes.

Mr. Allison asked about streets.

Mr. Livermore: Fourth Street, Basin Street).

Mr. Allison: So, if we have a particularly bad winter and there is more plowing, is there a mechanism to get more?

Mr. Livermore: No. This is just their allegation that they help us with. A lot of times, if they are coming up the road and we have not got there yet, they will hit it, this is just to help them out so it is not our responsibility, it is still there road, they still take care of it, but no.

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

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

Resolution # 9364

Resolution Executing Agreement between Lycoming County & City of Williamsport for Act 13 Funding

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

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

Mr. Sander This is another agreement that is before my time, I think it was 2018 amended in December 2021. This is for old city funding where the county was gracious enough to pick up the tab for our local share. This was written, this agreement done before it was written by the county and reviewed by the city. The county updated the agreement and it is before you, like I said it expired in December 2021. Most notable projects funding - the county is paying the match on the (NAME) as I call it that was awarded a couple weeks ago and also the Riverwalk connector that we alluded to earlier. This was reviewed in finance on Tuesday.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mr. Sander, this was reviewed in finance?

Ms. Miele: This was reviewed in finance. Nothing terribly exciting. We do currently have the funding to return it to the county, so there would be no hold up or a new larger amount of funding which I think is about the only question that we really asked. Perhaps an unusual situation, but understanding Act 13, thank you for the generosity on this continued project. We are seeing a lot of very positive things happening down there. Some of them with some

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote.

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

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

Resolution #9365

Resolution Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Year 2023

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

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

Ms. Steele-Schrimp I am presenting to you a request to find the minimum municipal obligation for the cities three pension funds. We have the firefighters pension fund, the police pension fund and the officers and employees pension fund. This should be funding them for 2023, it would be built into the 2023 budget and the total MMO for 2023 would be 4,381,000 dollars (INDISCERNIBLE) and the company is on the call tonight if you have any questions.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Molly, this was agreed in finance, also Ms. Miele?

Ms. Miele: This was reviewed in finance and as you can see in the documentation (INDISCERNIBLE) benefiting from a bit of a drop in the O&E pension obligation which I would imagine (INDISCERNIBLE) I have already forgotten why RVT employees which is the obligation.

Ms. Miele But the MMO has increased and we are still basing this year's MMO on the 2021 evaluation and there is a chance I would be basing the 2024 MMO on the 2023 evaluation, but according to Ms. Trout, hopefully we will not., Because things are probably not going to be looking pretty good (INDISCERNIBLE) we do evaluation every two years and from then on predicate (INDISCERNIBLE), the snapshot on 1/1 2023 (INDISCERNIBLE) not quite as rosy as the

one on 1/1/2019 so with that said I would just say (INDISCERNIBLE) I feel sort of obligated to say (INDISCERNIBLE) a good chunk of this money, the \$4 million that we are committing plus whatever the state contribution is (INDISCERNIBLE) 1.3 million, so we are looking at about \$3 million for next year's budget (INDISCERNIBLE) and next year's budget is 27) so keep that in mind in about 10% of this goes to pension obligation. Much of which is a direct result of prior generations not setting aside funding to pay for the pensions that they were handing out to prior employees. Which is why I think so many of us argue so strenuously for setting aside funding to pay for maintenance on things when we begin the process (INDISCERNIBLE) why I say to the police (INDISCERNIBLE) to replace the body cameras into next year's budget so that way when we need to replace the audit cameras in five years we have the money there, because I don't want to stick my kid or somebody else's kid on Council, in 20 years with their obligation anyway it is not a huge chunk of money but it is 10% of our budget and hopefully at some point that will be paid down and the city will be operating) which will be substantially lower that is all. We cannot say no, so.

Mr. Yoder Thank you Ms. Miele, any comments or questions from members of Council? All right, hearing and seeing none, Mrs. Frank on the motion?

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

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

Certificates of Appropriateness - HARB

Item 1. 427 W 4th St – Replace steep roof sections between dormers with new flashing over gutter, Seal gutter seams and fix downspouts, Repair & paint damaged soffit – paint to match existing, Repair side (east access) entrance roof with rubber and half round gutters – Stephan & Karl Matz

Item 2. 730-732 W 3rd St – Replace 3-tab asphalt shingles on mansard roof w/architectural shingles, Remove & replace sheathing on roof ledge at bottom of mansard roof, demolish garage at rear of property to create off-street parking, Repair existing masonry as needed in prep for painting, Coat metal roof w/elastomeric roof coating – Mirabito Properties Inc.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Memmi the description of all of the work presented to you, nothing unusual there except for the demolition of the garage on the third Street property, but it is a newer garage, it is not a historic building and it is in total decay and falling down and we will rebuild it for (INDISCERNIBLE) street parking and other than that I will answer any specific questions you may have.

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

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

Accept for filing::

Finance Committee Meeting 08/09/22

Transit Oversight Committee 03/29/22 & 4/26/22

Veteran's Memorial Park 07/11/22

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

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

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

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

Announcements

. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, October 3	12:00 PM	Planning Commission*
Monday, October 10	4:00 PM	Recreation Commission
Tuesday, October 11	1:00 PM	Finance Committee
	2:30 PM	Public Works
Wednesday, October 12	9:00 AM	Economic Revitalization Committee
	11:30 AM	Public Safety
Thursday, October. 13	7:00 PM	City Council Meeting*

- **Indicates in person meetings**

Comments:

a. City Council

Mr. Yoder stated I just wanted to say Kudos to our city clerk I got a phone call today from a constituent and was really happy with the customer service that Janice gave and I get those calls pretty consistent basis, so you do a good job and we are lucky to have you, thank you very much for helping with our constituents, so - it has been pretty crazy and you are really helpful, so thank you. Mr. Beiter?

Mr. Beiter: I just have a question Mr. Livermore if you don't mind stepping up and if you could let us know when fall cleanup starts? Thank you.

Mr. Livermore: We have not put it out yet, but it will start on 24 October and I know questions will start coming in so I thought I would get ahead of it now, we'll play release out and let everybody know when we will start and when we will be back. So, I know the leaves are flying now, so I thought I would say something.

Mr. Beiter stated I got two questions on my walk this morning. I have one more., it is about the sidewalks.& trees.

Mr. Livermore answered Sidewalk is done, we finished our top zone and seed and mulch today, the trees will be put in once we get those in in the first or second week of November if I'm not mistaken. (.

b. Administration

c. Members of the Public

d. News Media

Adjournment

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Allison and a second by Mr. Mackey/ Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM
PM with unanimous ayes.**

Submitted by:

**Janice M. Frank
City Clerk**