

Council President Adam Yoder brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, October 13, 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 absent
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 09/29/22 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.

Mr. Yoder changed the order of the agenda.

Lot Consolidation – 737 E. Third St. Barry Eck

Mr. Gary Knarr stated What I present to you tonight is a request from a Barry Eck to do a log consolidation of three parcels. Partial 60097, 103 and 104, and 114. There located near the 37 East, ninth Ward. He is requesting to consolidate all of these into one parcel in order to do so basically he is requesting that so he can look at a further deponent on the road and clean the area up. Does three nonconforming lots. He's going to add them all as one for future develop end. It was reviewed planning city planning and gave positive recognition for council and I can answer any questions at this time.

Mr. Yoder stated Thank you.. We have a representative hear who can answer any questions for the consolidation. Were there any comments or questions related to the lot consolidation? He asked for a vote.

The lot consolidation was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Resolution #9366

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement by Professional Service with Barry Isett & Assoc.

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. Knarr stated. If you recall back in July 21, 2022 we went into an agreement with them for Barry Isett at a rate of a \$150 / hour someone who issues permanent, permit applications and they can send notification. They signed and issued certificates of occupancy so this is what we went into contract with them. With all the development that the city currently has ongoing now such as the old city as well as the future developments that we have in both East and obviously out in the western part of the city it is becoming quite evident that we need more than just a or BCO service that issues permits and does the certificates of occupancy's. What we are looking for is with this, they are moving on and what we would do is both commercial and residential plan reviews. So when we get a plan development and or when we get a construction permit and for a new building they would review everything. Make sure it is compliant with the code and they also do commercial inspections as we do not have an officer who can do those types of commercial inspections. So the added service that we're looking for this would be a rate of 120 is to add all these disciplines to that and allow the city to move further with the development and the many departments we have currently as well as moving forward. This was reviewed by finance. It was reviewed by the administration. It was also reviewed by the solicitor and I can answer any questions at this time.

Mr. Allison, we did review this in finance. . In and of itself is formal, but it presents a problem as far as certification for these inspections. As Mr. Knarr has said there is some added things - (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC). The scope of inaudible that's going on requires this expansion and certainly we don't want to hinder development. Things are happening already that are going to require different certifications along the way. So this is a (WORD?) solution for the time being, but it's going to be a constant moving forward that enables them to move forward.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you very much, Mr. Allison. Any comments or questions from members of counsel? I have one. Before I do. Yes, I have a couple questions. Number one, are we going to be outsourcing this for forever or are we going to look for a codes administrator? Did that come up in the discussion at all?

Mr. Knarr If I could address that, yes. The city has and has continued to look for a BC oh was certified who can basically do this job and keep it in-house. At this point in time we don't have anybody who is qualified within this geographical area, so we continue to basically put it out in different websites such as indeed. We have obviously listed on the city's website. I've reached out to other third-party cities to discuss some of the avenues that they have used when they have needed a BCL at this time. We are continuing to move forward with that to bring someone in-house

obviously. I would welcome that as well.

Mrs. Katz: Obviously this was not a planned move because this is quite a bit of money and this company would not be aware of everything that goes on in our city. Who would be the point person there is a problem or some of our citizens have questions? Who do they go to get the answers?

Mr. Knarr, what it is as I'm taken over as far as the supervisor for the codes. The thing as far as when we get plans and things of that nature with Matt Walter who is an employee of Barry Isett & Assoc. and that will continue on until we obviously find a replacement and get a BCL in-house take over the coast permit. So I'm taking over the codes as well as the zoning.

Mrs. Katz: That is a lot on your plate, Gary. The other thing I have is who is handling the office? When I say that I mean making sure the employees know what they're doing, what they're supposed to be doing. Who is overseeing that?

Mr. Knarr That is me. What I do is I hold a weekly staff meeting on Mondays. Review their schedules making sure that there are ongoing inspections. I believe in all fairness that we have been running things, I have been running things very smoothly. Obviously I've had experience within the last 11 years to take over when the previous BCO was not available so at this point in time everything basically is run through me. I interact with the staff, again I hold stuff on Mondays. I check in with them throughout the day. First thing in the morning as well as afternoon and we move forward my work and Courtney everything with Barry Isett & Assoc. and Matt Walters.

Mrs. Katz: Gary you have always done a wonderful job. It just worries me that you have so much on your plate. It's a lot to ask you. You need a lot of downtime after all of this is said and done. This is very disturbing that this is being outsourced. Like I said, I know that I would call the codes office for things if someone does not sweep some of their vestibules downtown from vacant buildings and things like that. We want everything to look presentable and it is a lot of work on your shoulders right now, Gary and I appreciate everything that you're doing. I really do and I think everybody else does because it's a lot of work. I just want to make sure when we look at the numbers - this is a lot of money that we are spending on it being outsourced I think. Did anybody do the numbers on this?

Mr. Knarr Actually I sat down and pulled up last year's budget what we currently have within this year's budget and what I am moving forward with as far as next year's budget to look at that based off of what we have currently taken at this point in time I have exceeded what we were required to take in as far as building code permits so I think we are ahead of the game as far as that. Again, I'm working on - with the administration to develop and update and continue to move forward with the budget. Within the codes department.

Mrs. Katz Okay, fantastic. Thank you very much, Gary. I don't have any other questions.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you, Bonnie. A follow-up question I guess to that, Gary, Mayor Slaughter with Molly I think as well. So what is the barrier or what has been the barrier so far to getting the position failed? What is the network geographically? Is it present that we run in to some presence question before. What are you seeing? Whoever.

Mayor: Did you want me to answer or chime in?

Mr. Knarr Are you directing to me, Mayor?

Mayor: I can answer that and Gary you can chime in if you want to. I think it's accommodation of both. One other thing. We haven't had any wildfire this year. It takes quite a lot to get a BCO. So if you don't have a BCO you have to outsource it to get the work. Obviously there's (WORD?). If we cast a wider net, which we could do, but they are still going to have to come live inside the city, which may or may not happen. If we have a BCO we could (WORD?) quite a while and establish their roots. So I think residency is part of it as well. I think right now the main thing is just the lack of qualified applicants. Gary would you agree with that?

Mr. Knarr Exactly, Mayor. Basically again we keep referring to it as a BCO, what a BCO's title is and what the job it is that they do. Again, what they are permitted to do as they approved building permit test estate sign and issue permits of occupancy. That is what a BCO does under what we call the certification number 29, which is governed by the Pennsylvania labor and industry. So that's the basic essentials of that and there are BCO's out there do that, but with the city also needs and continues to need with the development that we have is someone who has - is able to perform all commercial and residential plan reviews and to hold different certifications. All the disciplines both not only in commercial, but nonresidential construction inspections as well and all of these are governed by the Department of Labor and industry. It is a daunting job task that someone has to do and we do need someone with all of those qualifications. There's no sense bringing someone aboard with limited qualifications such as does being a BCL. While we need all those other aspects of the job governed by the department of labor and industry. So that along with some of it may be geographical, but it's to have all those disciplines so we can function as one individual to do that or basically prospectively look at one or two positions to govern a BCL as well as some of the other disciplines under the department of labor and industries.

Mr. Yoder: I appreciate that. So I guess the thing I would ask is, the big barrier that I think we ourselves control is the residency aspect. We passed that to have years ago at this point? I think it's still a good idea, but maybe the policy doesn't work as its design. Maybe we need to look at redoing that and Mayor or Molly if you're out there. Based on what you're seeing in the labor pool right now. From our recommendations what is it that we need to do to revamp that? Whatever it is let's do that.

Mayor: Some of the other cities, what they've done is they make a preference. Where you prefer that you are a resident here within the city, but with the labor market - you need the most qualified individuals with not finding them right now. So they are going to the most desirable locations. We have restrictions may want to say, okay I can work from home, go to bed or I don't need that residency in the city in order to complete this job.

[INDISCERNIBLE] It could be a barrier. So I think - - I will agree that we should do that and we prefer that people have residency and not require it.

Mr. Knarr If I could add, too, Mayor, again, some of what I was explaining is when you get into - even if someone lives may be in our way and the city looks at employing them. Please be aware that construction starts a lot of times by 7:00 a.m. so it's not just someone being in the office talking to the code officers and things of that nature. Being of the get out there and do those commercial inspections. Meetings that construction supervisors to issue those inspections. Again, there are some other things we need to look at so we're not having someone maybe an hour or hour and 1/2 away traveling to do this and it becomes a burden for them and delays some of the construction moving forward with some of the development. Those are some of the things we want to consider as well.

Mayor: Incentives as well. Maybe if you have residency, like Councilwoman Miele was talking out. If we have incentives for residency. We will not require it, but we will provide some incentives.

Mr. Yoder: As you work through that I think we would be anxious to see what you can put together and bring forward for recommendations. I think that would be great. Excellent.

Mrs. Katz Can I address I quickly?

Mr. Yoder: Yes and then we will go to (WORD?).

Mrs. Katz: This is about the residency. Now, the mayor and I and a couple other people worked on the residency in order to maintain salaries that are paid by our taxpayers that people living in the city, but this is proving itself that several of our directors and administration people do not live in the city. It has continuously been just the resolution has been continuously ignored, okay? So something has either got to be done. We have to address the situation. We put something on the books and is not doing anything. Everybody is doing as they please and is not working. So something has got to be done. That's all I have to say.

Mayor stated Skip doesn't live in the City, but we talked about that situation. . Molly is in the city. Scott lives in the City and the ones that were grandfathered in obviously. All the new ones are in the city.

Mr. Pulizzi: My two questions are going to be directed towards you, sir. The first question I have is, do we have any of our current code inspectors that live close or the qualifications to become a BCO?

Mr. Knarr One of our senior officers, Dean Severson has all the disciplines except for the commercial aspect of it and he has been studying in order to basically take that commercial license so that he has the ability to do inspections. As far as commercial inspections, but it's also dealing with one of the disciplines is plan review those types of natures and I don't think of anyone who is close to meeting those disciplines on the department of labor and industry guidelines.

Mr. Pulizzi: I understand that we currently don't have somebody that is qualified in all the disciplines. I guess what I'm trying to get out is, the contract services here with Barry Isett & Assoc.. It's a temporary means to an end. At the meantime it isn't the current codes also that we have working towards getting licenses or certificates for those disciplines to potentially fill that position.

Mr. Knarr His discipline would actually allow him to go out and just perform commercial inspections. He would have to take completely additional training under the Department of Labor and industry to review the plans and things of that nature and those other disciplines. So that's where Barry Isaac comes in because they have the ability to have those other reviewers that can review plans when a construction permit comes in that nature.

Mr. Pulizzi: Do we have any idea what that would cost to the city to send our officer out to acquire this training?

Mr. Knarr At this time I don't have that. We are piecing it together again so that we look at it for the future budget as far as training were not just one code officer, but for several of them that may need that training in order to keep everything within house have an assistant BCO within the system here in the city so that when we do hire someone who has always disciplines that assistant can basically cover when that BCO is either on vacation or something happens medically or is out of the office for a certain period of time.

Mr. Pulizzi: The second question I have for you Mr. Knarr is, do we have any estimates on how many hours annually that we would be retaining services based on the workload that we've had in the past? Quick math, worst case scenario - the higher the rates average annual hours. If they were 2080 hours. That math puts us at \$240,000. That's a lot of money.

Mr. Knarr Correct and again what I'm doing is putting a package together so that we bring before with the administration 's far as what we need to do to move forward to have everything kept within house as well as stay within the budget that we do have plan for the future.

Mr. Yoder Are there any projects on hold right now?

Mr. Knarr Believe it or not we are on track with everything. Moving forward as far as the city. Some of the deponent that T Ross brothers is coming forward, West pharmaceuticals has not slowed down so at this point in time we have run everything smoothly. We are up to date with all of our inspections and getting out and making sure all the plan reviews are done we are issuing permits within - well within the 14 days required.

Mr. Yoder I think there's a couple things we can look at tackle to make sure that we can get the position filled diligently and effectively so that we don't run into a situation or we might lose or holder projects. None of us want that.

Mr. Allison. I think we need to be realistic about the situation. It is vacant now because of a long-standing person held the qualifications and like so many others we have seen over the past dozen years those people have left for one reason or another and that extremes and training qualifications. They had that with them and I think we have to be realistic about recruiting someone with those qualifications. It is costing us more money than we are used to spending. I think our geographical location makes it a little bit harder because we are a city, but we are surrounded by the (WORD?) area. My vision is as I want the best (WORD?) possible that we can get. That's one of the goals for me. We want to maintain the best level of excellence that we can. I think we have that, but maybe we should make the search longer because -

Mr. Yoder: Appreciate that, Mr. Allison. Any other comments or questions I have one other quick question, okay? Mayor, was an RFP sent out to seek out these companies for this? The reason - I'm going to tell you why I'm asking this. It was like three or four years ago there was another company and I don't remember the name that approached the city that they wanted to do the same exact thing.

Mayor: Barry Isett & Assoc. came highly recommended from a number of meanness body so we went with them.

Mr. Yoder: It has been affirmed. This is a permitting term.

Mrs.Katz: Exactly, exactly.

Mr. Yoder : I think the firm from a few years ago was all-encompassing. It is not only permits, but inspections and it was contracting a hold apartment instead of a sliver or a specific operating within the department.

Mrs. Katz I thought there were a lot more involved with those other comely. I don't remember the name. I don't know if you do Adam or Randy. I just don't remember right now. I just wanted to make sure our bases were covered.

Mr. Allison: I forget the names, but what they wanted is they wanted to basically - -

Mr. Yoder: I have the proposal summer. I can pick it up and send it to you if you are interested, Bonnie. That sounds right. Nonetheless, thank you, Bonnie. Mr. Mackey?

Mr. Mackey: What I was curious about is - - maybe some answers. Where does this celery wind up as compared to other cities of our size? Are we competitive? In that regard?

Mayor: I haven't actually looked into that the salary to see if we're competitive there. We are going off our budget for this year, but I can do that research. Doing it right now for (WORD?) actually. So we can do that moving forward I can do that with this position as well.

Mr. Mackey: I think \$63,000 a year is reasonable.

Mayor I would guess is pretty competitive.

Mr. Mackey: We could have qualified people - they could be right here. We expect someone to move from there to here. So I will agree that we need to take out residency and ask ourselves if we are doing what we intended. Or are we just putting up a barrier.

Mayor: I think COVID highlighted some of it and some of the things that were not initially there. Some of the work in the labor market that we're dealing with at the moment that we were not dealing with years ago. I think it has changed and we need to change with it potentially. Spilled a lot of good questions and discussion. Any other comments or questions?

The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Resolution #9370

. Resolution Accepting a Contract with Next Request to Purchase Right to Know Software

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. Allison: We have a contract agreement with next request to purchase right to know software. During our discussions about the need for this - we - - the amount of right to know request have increased in the city. For a number of reasons. There are a number of range requests and they all have to be processed under the right to know law. Bench requests with the software that is specifically here and targeted towards right to know.

[INDISCERNIBLE] That's important to get a right to know request, which have a time limit on them. There is research and then presenting. Everybody is talking about the same subject at the same time. It needs to be - a lot of it deals with the police department. Fire department. It touches a lot of different areas. Finance department. So this is a mechanism to fill the request and it manages the request, but also - - doing all of this. It keeps track and allows us to (WORD?) and it provides a detailed trail of all actions, which is also important because - they demand to know at times where those are met. So this is a request to have a line item in the city budget - - \$4644 per year and the company would start this in October and - - no cost under the contract.

Mr. Yoder mean, that was one of the most eye-opening things of moving into this position is here is the amount of right to know in the process we have. It's a substantial amount of work that our city does and it could be much more efficient and it could be much more transparent. This does that for I think a very reasonable price point and this is really going to enable her to be able to keep up with the other scopes of her job and take a lot of stress off of her as well. This is a really important tool I think that will help us bring that process into the 21st century.

Mr. Allison: It's not just the process itself. We need accurate times. This helps to avoid (WORD?). One place at one time.

Mr. Yoder: There is a representative from next request if anybody has any questions. Are there any comments or questions?

The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Ordinance# 6442

Ordinance ARPA Transfer Ordinance #3 (final reading) Bill #1808-22

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

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

Mayor. What you have before you is the final reading for the transfer ordinance related to the town hall on the west end of town. - - Discussed two weeks ago. If there are any questions I'm here for the final rating.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you Mayor Slaughter. Any questions or comes on the second rating?

Mr. Yoder: I do have one. This relates to another item on the agenda. I think with the (WORD?) grant for services. There were one of those that we were potentially looking at using ARPA money to do a (WORD?). During the second reading I don't know if we are prepared to - I give the administration wants to do that. If they have a proposition and we will make that transfer during the second rating. That's the only question that I would offer.

Mayor That is correct. \$230,000. The - - cover that for us.

Mr. Yoder: That's great news and thank you publicly to water authority. It is very kind and we are very grateful for that. Thank you for that, Job Those are my questions. I don't know if anybody else has any.

Mr. Beiter The question I have is something that we touched on at the last meeting. We were talking about T Ross. This is actually being done by (WORD?), is that correct?

Mayor It is partners from T Ross partners.

Mr. Yoder Is that something we should be changing the description on?

Mayor: We can change that. Yeah. (If we could change it from T Ross develop meant to. Woodlands Heights group developing, LLC.

Mr. Yoder: Change that to Woodland Heights group, LLC.

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

The amendment to the ordinance was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on ordinance in final reading.

The ordinance was carried in final reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Ordinance #6443

Ordinance Transfer Ordinance (final reading) Bill #1809-22

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

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

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

Mr. Kevin Mackey this is the second reading for - the final rating for the transfer authorizing about 10,000 - 12,000 from the budget going over to 10,000 to a part-time position and 2000 over to the automation portion and are there any other questions about this

The ordinance was carried in final reading with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Resolution #9368

Resolution Setting City Council Meetings for Year 2023

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. Yoder So what you have before you is a review. There's not much to it. This is a resolution setting meeting dates for next year. A couple things to note this line that pretty much with our normal operating structure with city Council meetings. They're going to happen at the same time in January. The same structure flows through. We have some time off in August with the things we normally do. Then we are seeing the budget process in the structure that we're doing this year. So potential change. So this is for the November date. So Thursday November ninth is an odd year. That would help. . So the only other thing that we may want to talk about changing is changing Thursday, November 9. That's a resolution in front of us. Any questions or comments and accepting the changes. Any changes people want to make? Pretty straightforward

The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Resolution #9369

Resolution Authorizing City of Williamsport's IT personnel to Purchase Laptops for City Clerk & City Council

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. Yoder What you have before you as a resolution to purchase some digital equipment for dust digitization efforts for city Council and more importantly our city clerk. Over the last couple years council got laptops, iPads, or something. We have the mechanism in place for digital packets now and we certainly need to refine it, but we don't have a consistent mechanism of access for councilmembers to access those and certainly now that we have times where we vote people in due to excruciating circumstances. Also bigger picture that Council members have a reliable, up to date platform to execute that as well. More importantly, this is important also. We are looking to get our city clerk a laptop. Her computer is way beyond ancient. You know, I don't know what version those are running off the top of my head. It is at least a couple versions old. Yeah, yeah. Outside of the cybersecurity risks that imposes does not run very fast, right? So there's a couple different things. It could definitely use an update. It gives her some flexibility to take it home with her a lot easier if she needs to work from home, bring it from home. She doesn't have to put a bunch of stuff on the thumb drive and that sort of thing. We also have a little bit of money in here to give her a couple new monitors so she can maybe see those little bit better. We can find her a reasonable docking station. I have one from Best Buy and I paid \$100 for it. It works perfectly. So we're not breaking the bank here by any means. They're coming in under budget - way under budget of what we have in here. I salute you and I want to thank Kris Black. He put together a few different options for us the just so happen that the most effective one was a (WORD?). So getting an actual laptop vs. an iPad. So that will work very well. that's what we have in front of us. If I missed anything by all means.

Mr. Allison. One of the issues was paper production. (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC). These are our personal laptops. It's not really ideal for us to use our own personal equipment - our own personal information and deal with city things as well. So these laptops that we're talking about belong to the city so they will stay with whoever is on Council. That to me is the big thing. That's the difference between (WORD?). So you have all of the city stuff in one place.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Resolution #9371

Resolution to Commit Funding for a DCNR C2P2 Grant for Williamsport's Chesapeake Bay Pollution Plan

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. Sander . We have before you is a the city is going after a DCNR C2P2 grant for an amount of \$32,000. - - We have two or three years to build physical items - - (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC). This grant will only satisfy our Chesapeake Bay pollution plan. Let me know if there are any questions.

Mr. Yoder stated thank you Mr. Sander This was reviewed in public works.

Mrs. Katz It was reviewed at public works and this has been an ongoing - this is another mandate that has to be done and that \$234,000 I think was a little bit of a surprise from the standpoint of we have been collecting debris and everything else that we possibly can for the Chesapeake Bay reduction, pollution reduction plan, but like I said it's another mandate and Jon has been doing a very good job in terms of keeping on top of all of these things and making sure there are people out there going for funding for all of this. It is what it is. We've been working on the Chesapeake Bay pollution reduction plan. I don't even know how many years at this point, but it has been a long time. The city is very conscious of what we are doing with it. Other than that I think John said it all.

.Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Resolution #9371

Resolution Awarding Construction Inspection Services for the 4th St. Improvement Project to Larson Design

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. Sander A few weeks ago we awarded this project to (NAME?) construction. It came back in 2021 to Larson and design. It goes to proposals in which two had construction inspections. Overlooking the do is higher turn of design group for \$9090 to inspect the construction rated the funding for this would, from the state grant or the local (WORD?) that is being held by the red comments. The other firm that provided a proposal for the construction inspection came in at \$72,000. .

Mr. Yoder stated this was reviewed in Public Works

Mrs. Katz This did come the public works. As Jon said there's nothing more I can add to it.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Resolution #9372

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Bomag BF 200 Path Paver Utilizing ARPA Funds

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. Livermore. Yes so I come to you tonight for - to purchase a paper to start - to start repairing some of our roads. What this paper will provide for us is the ability to - (SPEAKER AWAY FROM MIC). Right now we don't have the ability to do so. It's still gets it done. We keep having to go back year after year to faces. The other thing this paper will do is give us the ability to pave some of our parks come out walking paths. A lot of the papers you get now are too big, but I found a lot of research doing this one this will do a lot - a lot more stuff for us and what we need to do throughout the city. This paver is three and half feet wide out until 10. So we will be able to repair black top, too.

Obviously this is very expensive. \$225,000 For this piece of equipment. I looked into renting it. If we rent it is around \$700 a day. Anticipate running this equipment 20 weeks out of the year. - - We would have this paid off in two years and it would be profitable on our end. The other cost - the material - we could lay this material down for \$5.60 per square yard. Other competitors or construction contractors are eight dollars a square yard. I do want to fund this through ARPA, Pub. Works and future projects fund. Also it was reviewed by solicitor. This ran through public works. Mrs. Katz : This was reviewed by public works in this piece of equipment is going to save us a lot of money and a lot of frustration. This could be used for so many things. Scott said, the alleys, the parks. Things that the piece of equipment we have right now is too big for any of this. The only question that we had public works was that this was not budgeted in the ARPA funds and that is one of the things that has to be addressed. That we are taking trash that Scott wants to take out of ARPA funds for this equipment, but it would behoove us to go after this equipment since there is money available for. Like I said, to save us time, money, and frustration. I have no other comments.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you, Mrs. Katz. I asked about the Chesapeake Bay thing, but - - it would be good to move some money around.

Mr. Yoder: If you get this would you purchase it like tomorrow? So the answer is yes?

: With the resolution you are pulling it from a line item. That item is budgeted and I'm assuming it did not raise a red flag with you?

Mr. Livermore Now. With future projects I thought that was - was not allocated for certain things or was it just extra money to Mac.

Mr. Yoder: I think the intent of that was saying, hey, we wanted to see this money for future projects, initiatives, and when we identify what they are we will move that to a particular project. For me personally I will say - my generally comfortable spending money out of this that is not put out on a line item. No I'm not, but given the circumstances you are pulling out of one particular line item. I think we are okay there. I think the next time we go through it we do some more changes and we need to make sure that we catch that, right? So - may tell me I'm completely wrong.

Mr. Lubin What you could do is make a motion to reconsider a transfer ordinance.

Mr. Pulizzi: Regarding this purchase I share your sentiments regarding moving the fund - however like you said - - with line items. The one thing I would also like to mention that we discussed at public works is for this piece of equipment also could be an asset to the city and when we are not using it we would have the ability to contract out this equipment and - - and boroughs and the charge for those services. To further expedite

Mr. Livermore Obviously that's an option, but that would go (WORD?). I know how people treat equipment so it is an option. If we have to do an emergency job - -

Mr. Yoder: Duly noted. We should certainly help our neighbors, but.

The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Resolution #9373

Resolution for Global Data Consultants, LLC to Provide Information Technologies Services

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. Black What we have here is a resolution to contract out professional services or a phone system that was bought six years ago at this point. It is no longer supported by the manufacturer. They say go back to the dealer. The dealer says we do not support that order so these people have the knowledge to help us out with that. Basically a time and material basis. Thank you.

Mr. Yoder: This was reviewed in finance.

Mr. Allison stated It is basically - if we sign a contract with them for a book purchase of 50 or 100 hours - - even if we bought 100 hours we would only save five dollars an hour.

Mr. Black stated They may use them for a total of 10 hours, total.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you, Mr. Allison. Any questions or comments from other members of Council? I have a technical question. Not with the funds, but this odd arrangement we are in between ourselves and RVTA, So who owns the phones?

Mr. Black We do. this is a phone system that was put in for City Hall.

Mr. Yoder asked for a vote.

The resolution was carried with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Accept for filing::

Controllers Report 07/31/22

Transit Oversight Committee 06/27/22 & 8/30/22

Finance Minutes 08/30/22

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second to accept the minutes for filing.

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

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

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

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion to go back to the ARPA transfer ordinance to add in a line item for the Path Paver.

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

The ordinance was amended. with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 0.

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

Announcements

. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, October 18	6:30 PM	HARB*
Wednesday, October 19	10:00 AM	Blighted Property*
Thursday, October 20	10:30 AM	Zoning Hearing Board*
Tuesday, October 25	1:00 PM	Finance
	2:30 PM	Public Works
Wednesday, October 26	9:00 AM	ERC
	11:30 AM	Public Safety
	11:30 AM	Redevelopment Authority*
Thursday, October. 27	7:00 PM	City Council Meeting*

- **Indicates in person meetings**

Comments:

- City Council
- Administration
- Members of the Public

Mr. Stucco). I have an ongoing problem with the city office. I cannot get all the details because it's a legal issue. I had to file a private complaint with the County against city of Williamsport. Since then things have rolled on and now I'm in discussions with one of the top officers at the county level. My opinion I think I'm still allowed is it is obstruction of justice, which is a criminal offense. I called officer bolted twice and he won't return. I called the Mary couple times and said he was out of town, no return. Not exactly sure what I have to do next. I would like somebody from this department to contact me so I don't - I don't know if I need to go to the Attorney General's office or what, but to be honest - - so we understand each other. You know, it was just me talking, okay. Who am I, nobody. When the leading officials in the county courthouse tells me it's obstruction of duty. I would think all of these people would be coming right now. Not running away, but talking me right now, right here to get some detail on this. Let's see if they do. Do not hold your breath. That's my experience. Another question, too. This pavement machine. I came down and talked about the schoolhouse alley between Gamble and Maynard and the second and third there is an alley, okay? Just curious of the department or whatever, when they go uses to repave egg, the brush and debris in the trees have grown 15 feet beyond the line of the original alley. I have owned properties down there for 30 years. The alley - I think last time they pivoted actually paved around this price. If anybody in here from codes that we don't have any buddy from codes and more. There familiar with the law can't have any pressure etc. go across a public tropic, which is. If you don't let me go look at it, but - - it is a pretty common alley. You can inspect it at Gamble and mentor. It's most ridiculous thing I've seen. It shows, you know, the city is being Ms. run in some way. Not talking about Mr. Slaughter or Mr. Ney might be firm. You don't have an alley that goes from me to their going out 15 feet because I don't go gray land lord to clean up his brush. It's an alley when of the most thorough fairs of the time. Some kid walked reminder - - he's going to get

killed. Tell me why, Mr. Yoder. I did it once before you have not done anything about it. I was over a year ago. Yes of course my treatments

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 8:19 PM with unanimous ayes.**

Submitted by:

**Janice M. Frank
City Clerk**