

Council President Adam Yoder brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday, March 14, 2024, 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
Eric Beiter, Vice President
Liz Miele, Councilwoman
Randy Allison, Councilman,
Vincent Pulizzi, Councilman
Jon Mackey, Councilman,
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman

Absent:

Eric Beiter
Jon Mackey
Bonnie Katz

Also, Present:

Derek Slaughter, Mayor,
August Memmi
Sam Aungst, Fire Chief,
Justin Snyder, Police Chief absent
Solicitor Austin White
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Scott Livermore
Kris Black
Bill Scott
Members of the public

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for 02/29/24 were approved upon a motion **by Mr. Pulizzi and a second from Mr. Allison y All were in favor. The vote was 4 to 0**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

There were none.

Appointments

WMWA&WMSA

Nancy Eischeid is appointed to a 5 year term commencing 3/14/24 & ending 1/3/29.

Brandon Park/Shade Tree Commission

Sid Furst is appointed to a 1 year term commencing 03/14/24 & ending 01/01/25.

Mr. Yoder We have Nancy Eischeid or a five-year term commencing today and ending January 2029 and Sid Furst to their Brandon Park/Shade tree commission. A one-year term commencing today and ending January of next year. Mayor . We do have is consideration of appointment is Nancy Eischeid to the water and sanitary authority's board. Nancy was a longtime employee of the chamber, recently retired not too long ago, still very active in our community and has shown interest in joining the board and has spoken with the board and they are very excited to have her, pending of course City Council approval. She was on finance committee on Tuesday. Had a conversation with her and she is unable to be here tonight, but I think we can review in finance. This was reviewed in finance.

Mr. Yoder thank you very much. Sid Furst is here for the Brandon Park/Shade tree commission. We will do these together, but I will turn it over to Ms. Miele for the finance conversation.

Ms. Miele : We had a brief discussion with Nancy on Tuesday in the finance committee. She is eminently qualified to serve on the water Authority board due to her background in finance and business and specifically working with the chamber. Quite familiar with the territory and she said - apparently, she was approached quite a while ago to serve on the water Authority board, but due to her position on the chamber it felt like there might be a level of conflict there. And then get approached again as soon as she left the chamber. So I think I can also say with some certainty that the water authority is eager to have her leadership as well. I know I have heard that on several folks at the water authority. So that is obviously a happy thing when she is interested in serving, the authority is interested in having her and obviously she seems to be a perfect candidate as well. I feel perfectly comfortable voting for her this evening and I think I also speak for Randy, but I think I can let him speak for himself.

Mr. Allison: I think you covered it. I would just - ditto.

Mr. Yoder. That is great. We have said in front of us as well, the Brandon Park/Shade tree commission.

Ms. Miele: Sidt did not make it to the meeting. Sid, I will offer the podium to you if there's anything you would like to say, that s perfectly fine. Does anybody have any questions for id? I can say I know him, I think you will be a great addition. Feel very comparable with his appointment to the sheet tree commission certainly, but if others have questions, by all means feel free to ask away.

Mr. Allison: I don't have any questions, but having known Sid for quite some time now and his involvement with the committee and his involvement with UPMC, he is also eminently qualified to serve on the Brandon Park Shade tree commission. I know the people on the commission are excited to have him as well.

Mr. Yoder: Absolutely.

Mr. Pulizzi: I would also like to add, being fortunate enough to live in the same neighborhood as Mr. Furst, I don't have him far away whenever I have questions about any plant life. I am pretty fortunate. There have been no joke, times where Sid and I walk around the neighborhood and identify vegetation whenever I have questions. I think it will be very helpful and I think he will be a great addition.

Ms. Miele : I am also excited to have Sid on the Brandon Park/Shade tree commission duo, and that is in large part because we have a number of excellent people serving on those two twin commissions, but I felt three years as if most of the people we appointed had a specific interest in Brandon Park and less interest in shade trees. I think Sid is the first person who will switch that dynamic as a master gardener and someone specifically interested in planting things in the city. I'm excited to have a shade tree advocate on the shade tree commission, right, Sid? Excellent.

: Thank you very much. We appreciate your willingness to serve and we are excited to have a new voice and a different perspective on those commissions, I think. Thanks.

Mr. Yoder: Any final questions or comments? Just think both of them for stepping up in advance and thank them for their service and excited to get them on board. Mrs. Frank on the motion, please.

The appointments were accepted with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor. Mr. Allison voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Mackey, Mr. Beiter and Mrs. Katz were absent.

Mr. Yoder changed the order of the agenda.

Resolution #9750

Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement Between Dewberry & City for Willow St. Subsurface

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. Allison.

Mayor Slaughter is a resolution for Willow Street subsurface with Dewberry engineers as we all know, we had a grant for Willow Street for some time now. We do have a contract with Dewberry and as they started design engineering, talking with PennDOT and other folks in utilities they realized that it was probably best to actually do a full scope subsurface utility exploration prior to - so we know what utilities are where and so on the technical aspect we have Dewberry's on via Zoom and of course we have Bill Scott, our village engineer and this was reviewed in finance. Ms. Miele This was reviewed in finance and I do not think - Randy did not have concerns about the item, but I had several questions, many of which Mayor Slaughter answered in the course of the finance meeting, but there were a couple hanging around. So just to be, I guess, the history of this that we excavated in the finance committee and a little further information I learned today. The original cost estimates for the grant that we received, the \$1 million grant we received to redesign Willow Street as a pedestrian walkway effectively while also maintaining its vehicular accessibility word done in a 2017-2018 and as we are well aware, costs have skyrocketed in the interim. The contract that we executed with Dewberry for the engineering and design of the walkway that runs about four blocks from basin Street to market is the project area, contract with Dewberry was executed in 2021 with in a total of \$169,000 just for design and engineering and now this second contract will be for an additional \$56,000, which means we will have expended, excuse me, about \$225,000 of that \$1 million on it design and engineering services, leaving us \$775,000 for construction. I did not get a sense and part of what is curious about Mr. Scott and I'm not sure how familiar you are with this is, where is Dewberry at with this project that I was surprised three years after we let the original contract with them - they just figured out there was a utility issue underground.

Mayor They are on and they are prepared for those questions.

Ms. Miele: So I guess - - I will address Dewberry. Not sure whether I should look at Bill or the blank screen.

Hi, Michael. Thank you. Can you tell me a little bit about what has happened so far on the project, where we are at with the design and engineering elements of the project?

Michael Dewberry : Yes. I'm sorry. Yes, so the design elements are still in the very preliminary stage. What ended up happening was the grant was calling for a number of green architecture to be put along Willow Street, however, based on the right of way and what we would need to have Willow Street be ADA accessible, but also act as a shared use trail and being able to be used by vehicles as well as pedestrians. They don't really allow room for any green infrastructure along - one of the main issues we were running into is any green infrastructure was going to mess with plowing of Willow Street. So any kind of excess curbs or anything like that, that we could put plantings or anything in, we would not be able to do so we had to go back to the drawing board with our design and look at, especially for stormwater management, look at a more qualitative approach, rather than a quantitative approach. We got the designs back, so the original design was to look at a - kind of like a trench drain down the center of Willow Street to collect water, however by lowering the profile and putting a dip in the center, that was going to most likely end up affecting some of the utilities that is where we started getting into, okay, where are the utilities? We get a basic layout of what the utilities are and they are all going down Willow Street. So seeing that there could potentially be an issue with utility conflicts, that is where we decided that we would need a full investigation to be done.

Ms. Miele: So basic currently, we have made no progress on the design element of Willow Street, in terms of coming up with a feasible option?

Michael: Correct.

Ms. Miele: Okay. When I initially heard talked about when I looked at this is like permeable paving or something like that running down Willow Street and that is what you're telling me is not possible given the right of way? Or is it more like green space/water retention areas?

Michael: At the permeable paver, the permeable pavers is not going to be an option based on utilities. So if we were going to put permeable pavers that was going to be down the center of Willow Street with a inverted crown.

Ms. Miele: So that was the trench drain?

: The trench drain we also know is not possible because of the utilities?

Michael: Correct. Another issue with both of those is that there is really no existing drains along Willow Street as it is. So in order to outlet any of that water we would have to connect to either fourth Street or third Street, which would go outside of the project boundaries right now.

Ms. Miele: Got it. And why are we specifically focusing on stormwater as the green infrastructure element? I only ask because the city does not - in terms of meeting stormwater requirements they don't really apply in that specific area because we have combined sewer system in that part of the city. Right, Wendy? Yeah. So in terms of us - I guess in terms of it being a best management practice that might help us with eligibility for stormwater onset or something, it does not function that way for us. Is there any other element of green architecture that we could seek to incorporate instead?

Michael: No. There is no room along Willow Street to incorporate that. From a stormwater standpoint I believe the grant was looking at it more as a quality treatment, versus a volume treatment.

Ms. Miele: Okay. Got it. Got it. Okay. Sorry, this is the first time I think we have heard anything about this project since 21 so I'm trying to get a sense of where we are at in terms of development on it.

: It sounds like what you're telling me right now is it meeting the requirements of the grant funding that we received for this project are not currently feasible as far as the investigations you conducted so far?

Michael : Yes. To me the letter of the grant we are not going to be able to meet it 100%. We discussed this with

PennDOT and they are agreeable to our - the ideas that we put forth to do our designs for Willow Street. Letting them know the issues that we are running into versus what the grant was proposing.

Ms. Miele: Okay. PennDOT was the granting agency? I do not remember honestly.

Michael Transportation alternatives step aside grant. TASA.

Ms. Miele : Correct me if I'm wrong, we were looking at the streets keeping on at Willow and that was the only elements of the design? Right?

: Okay. So knowing the utilities will allow us to figure out, I guess you're telling me currently we have no good options in the hope is that by spending more money to figure out where the utilities are we will figure out an option?

Michael: We have options right now, but we need to know the exact locations of the utilities to determine whether we can push either of those options forward.

Ms. Miele: Got it, okay. Do we have a timeline to finish up the work on the utility investigations and then finish up the engineering? I know given that we don't currently have any good options in mind, that will not be a firm timeline, but any idea when we might be done?

Michael: For the utilities we have a company already slated and ready to go. So once the funding comes in for that they should be able to get out there relatively soon to get that finished and then once that information comes we will have a better idea as to how long the design will take.

Ms. Miele: Got it. Okay. And we anticipate this being the last expenditure before we have design documents in hand, right?

Michael I cannot say for certain. We obviously hope that we can get the project finished within the remaining budget, but we need to see what the (WORD?) comes back as and go from there. We are of course trying to keep it within the original budget and we don't want to have any additional change orders that we don't need.

Ms. Miele: Additional change orders, what would those be anticipated as? Not sure what kind of findings would come back that would necessitate additional work.

Michael: I'm not entirely sure, but I cannot say for certain that nothing is going to keep that from happening.

Ms. Miele: Okay. Got it. I think the mayor answered this question, but I still have the notes just in case. This contract, the \$169,000 does not include any administration or construction?

Mayor : It does. 40 hours.

Ms. Miele: Construction admin? Okay. Everything down there is intimately tied to one another and so I understand, but in some ways it seems like sometimes the entire project always extends because were not moving on something or another. So the issue that the city has routinely, Michael, and I'm sure you understand it because you have seen elsewhere is that we receive a grant and by the time we expend the grant the grant is no longer sufficient to cover the cost of the thing we received a grant for. I don't know, Mayor Slaughter to what extent it would be possible for us to do outreach. I know technically speaking the Willow Street intersection at market where does fully cross market is not considered to be an intersection by PennDOT. Because it is not a signalized intersection, but yeah, I know. I have been given to understand that. But I do think that there are a handful of other elements that might combine to create the possible application for another grant related to this project that would give us enough money to complete the project is what I'm getting at. One of those would be tying in the rest of Willow Street via a crosswalk that creates a truly accessible pedestrian corridor all the way down into downtown and out to the east third area and I think that becomes then an excellent argument for creating or also putting more money into a pedestrian friendly space that runs down Willow and I think that we have the potential to leverage a significant amount of investment with properties bordering Willow Street. John Ryan has arty put quite a bit of money into a piece of property there. Lycoming college and their private partner will be putting money as well as into that corridor area. So the funds that we stand to leverage I think would also make this a possible argument for additional funding. I'm concerned by the time we get these designs we will not have the money to do the project and that will be, you know.

Michael : I'm sorry, but correct me if I'm wrong, I believe the grant money is only for construction services.

Ms. Miele: That was not my understanding, but that would add a interesting wrinkle. Where are we get in this money from?

Mayor: I think this is FCP's portion.

Ms. Miele: That was the one thing that did not occur to me to ask in the finance committee. So we will still have \$1 million and this is coming out of other funding that we received, but I think nonetheless my understanding is the \$1 million is not likely to do the job, especially if we are looking at complex utility work, unless of course the job is significantly reduced by the scope of the work that we can do. That is good to know. Thank you, Michael. I apologize for not being aware of that. I think, yeah. I think that is all - those were all the questions I had. I was not sure where the project was and it did not seem like there was general certainty there. So I figured we may as well sort it out. Thank you.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you. Any additional comments or questions on the item?

Mr. Allison: Just one. This is not anybody's particular fault. It just seems like this section of the whole development, we kind of have the cart before the horse because I think some of these things - we are going back several years now should have been researched first before we got the grant so that we would have an idea. It is like we are in the discovery phase now. I think things got flip-flopped there or maybe it slipped through the cracks because they may have been considered just - that is just an alley basically.

How hard is it to make an alley?

Like how hard could this be? I think that is our conundrum at this point, but I think we have to work through it.

Mayor: With PennDOT being involved, to Councilwoman Miele's point, we can check with them - - see if there's additional. Chris Crozier reached out to me and said PennDOT refuse the idea of a crosswalk there. I think PennDOT has also transitioned a little bit in the intervening years. Like our sector of PennDOT so I think there's possibility for movement there. They have been open, Mayor Slaughter you said to the crosswalk at Washington Boulevard that is not a signalized intersection and it seems as though if they had \$1 million in creating a pedestrian alley, it seems as if they have \$1 million in creating a pedestrian walkway there they would probably interested in having the pedestrian people have somewhere to go once they got to market Street. Hopefully. To me that would kind of be the capper on the whole thing. Anyway. You know. I would agree with you, Randy, it would have been nice to know what the possibilities of turning into a green alley, but I am excited at the prospect to think of a predominantly pedestrian space

downtown and this has the possibility to create that for so I continue to be excited about the Willow Street project, whatever form it takes and if it cannot take what is considered by PennDOT to be a green format, I hope we can get approval for some other investment in the area that makes it at least pedestrian friendly, to me that is a relatively green activity. Thanks.

The resolution 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, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Mackey, Mr. Beiter and Mrs. Katz were absent

Resolution #9756

Resolution to Appoint Certified Officer for Community Development

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. Allison.

Mr. Memmi this is a resolution to appointed the city engineer, Bill Scott as the officer r for environmental matters as they relate to the community development Block Grant program, the home program, the emergency solutions grant program, and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Pennsylvania Department of community and economic development funded projects. The certifying officer will assure that all procedural and records are properly satisfied. This position was filled by John Sander previously as the city engineer this requirement is contained in the policy and procedure documents as supplied by CEDCOG to keep the city in compliance, this was reviewed by Austin Scott, and it is not at any, Austin White, excuse me. I am changing your name, Austin. I apologize. Then Jimmy Schroeder is available on the Zoom link and to answer any technical questions. This is a procedural issue we are dealing with. That John has left the city for other employment.

Mr. Yoder: Alright. thank you, Skip. This did not go to a committee. Any questions or comments from members?

The resolution 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, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Mackey, Mr. Beiter and Mrs. Katz were absent

Ordinance # 6481

Ordinance MS4 Stormwater Update (Final reading)

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second.

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

Mr. Scott, if you recall last Council meeting, you had a redlined markup of the stormwater draft ordinance in front of you. Just to refresh, U.S. EPA, Environmental Protection Agency is requiring all municipalities to update their stormwater ordinance to be consistent with the model ordinance that was developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for municipal separate storm sewer systems. The MS4. I have been working with colleagues at the sanitary Authority Mark Kilmer, November, December 2 draft ordinance, as well as Mike Wiley, the attorney. It was all reviewed and we sent that ordinance he EPA and on January 19 we received favorable response without any comments, which is a pleasant surprise. So we have until the end of this month to get that resubmitted back to the EPA and I have asked Wendy and Cheryl to be here tonight to answer any questions that you may have.

Mr. Yoder: Alright. Thank you, Mr. Scott. This is final reading, we went through this two weeks ago and had a discussion about this probably six or so weeks ago in public works. Any final comments or questions on the final reading of the ordinance? Just appreciate the water Authority support and work on this. Sorry, it did not click to me that you are here to support this. Otherwise I would have knocked this out sooner. Appreciate you being here nonetheless. Thank you. Hearing and seeing then, Mrs. Frank on item 6, please.

The Ordinance was carried in final reading with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9751

Resolution Acknowledging & Accepting County of Lycoming's Contribution to Brandon Park Bandshell

The City Clerk read the resolution..

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second

Mr. Allison made the motion and it was seconded by Ms. Miele..

Mayor, this is another long-standing item that we have had for quite a while. That is the Brandon Park bandshell improvements and money related to that. The county originally committed a \$20,000 and now that we are moving forward with the bandshell we wanted to make sure that the body was still on board because it was a number of years since we got the grant. They genuinely said yes, Austin thought it was appropriate to reiterate that the funding is still in place from the county as well given that it has been such a long time so that is all this resolution is doing is acknowledging and accepting the counties contribution towards the bandshell.

Mr. Yoder Thank you, Mayor Slaughter. Any questions or comments on this item? Thank the county again for their support on this. We've had a good partnership with them including things like this, but a lot of other things going on in the area and city so grateful for it. Absolutely.

The resolution 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, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Mackey, Mr. Beiter and Mrs. Katz were absent

Resolution # 9752

Resolution Renewal of Anti-Virus Software

The City Clerk read the resolution..

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second

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

Mr. Black . What you have before you is resolution approval for the software we have on our antivirus city systems. It is for a five-year term. The cost for all the computers and endpoints is \$7332.42 and for the servers is \$1453.63 for a total of \$8776. That is for the entire length of the contract of five years. This will come out of my contracted services budget.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you, Mr. Black. This is the final thing on the agenda that went to finance. Anything to add?

Ms. Miele : Nothing in particular. Mr. Black did say he was not able to ascertain what we paid for this last time. At the price compared well to the other two products.

Mr. Black: For me it is by far the easiest solution because it is copy and pasted.

Mr. Yoder: Excellent. Any other comments or questions? Okay. Hearing and seeing none, Mrs. Frank on item 9.

The resolution 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, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Mackey, Mr. Beiter and Mrs. Katz were absent

Resolution #9753
Resolution Estate Interim Reduction

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. Allison.

Mr. Yoder Items 10, 11, 12 are real estate reductions. I will take a motion and a second to open the floor for discussion for those three items.

Mr. Yoder At motion and a second. Mr. Mackey, walk us through the three real estate reductions on the agenda.

Mr. Kevin Mackey : We have three up here right now, one is for order, one is for veterans exception and - -

Mr. Yoder: I believe it is also a veterans one.

Mr. Kevin Mackey I think it was a interim assessment, which means basically they finished a property in the county assessment said they owe a little more. With the veterans assessment, again, I think this was 1/2/double duplex so they get half of the assessment based on that and the other half of the property remained taxable. We don't really get a choice on the interim assessments because the county assessment is all of that in the last one is to LORDA update. Anybody have any questions?

Mr. Yoder: Any comments or questions on these three? Pretty straightforward.

Mr. Mackey If not I would like to make a comment.

Do you guys remember your LERTA approval last year? I want to make a note that we have not received any new LERTA and applications are still being worked on so we can get those online, but for all businesses that are listening and doing new construction in the city the LURDA's are open in the city and you can get in contact with community development for that.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you very much, Kevin. The other final comments or questions? Okay. Hearing and seeing then, Mrs. Frank on the motion for items 10, 11, and 12.

The resolution 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, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Mackey, Mr. Beiter and Mrs. Katz were absent

.Resolution #9754
Resolution Real Estate Reduction

The City Clerk read the resolution..

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second

Resolution #9755
Real Estate Reduction

The City Clerk read the resolution..

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and a second

Resolution #9757
Resolution to Authorize Installation of a Directional Sign within the City's Right-of-Way & Grant

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. Allison.

Mr. Knarr this is a resolution, a city resolution between fanfare 16, Maynard, LLC and owner of the property located at 106 Maynard St., which is the Wawa project. What they are requesting to do is relocating a Florida style directional sign and related electrical facilities and apparatuses within the city's right-of-way at the southern area of 104 Maynard St. This was reviewed by Austin and instead of going before an easement process he thought it was more prudent to have a resolution on that way. There is no discrepancies later down the road as far as than obtaining that property based off of easement or having that become an issue. It was reviewed by Austin and it did go through finance. What they are requesting to do is add the southern portion, there is a light there. Right below doubt - above Sheets, envelope pen college. This is one of the entrances into Wawa.

Mr. Yoder: This went to finance.

Ms. Miele: This went to finance and while we had a handful of questions, you know, I think they were all perfectly well satisfied. Obviously any, you know, we would have the right to remove the sign if it were damaged, even if the permit had not yet expired we would - if it were significantly damaged and the company were not keeping it up. We are not responsible for damage to this sign. Anyway. This does seem like the cleanest way to do this and to make certain that the sign stays in good repair and that we have continued oversight. So we have no issues with this at this time.

Mr. Yoder: Thank you, Miss Miele. Any other comments or questions on this item? Hearing and seeing none, Mrs. Frank on the motion.

The resolution 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, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Mackey, Mr. Beiter and Mrs. Katz were absent

Subdivision – Williamsport Area School District – W. Third St.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second.

Mr. Pulizzi made the motion and it was seconded Mr. Alison.

Mr. Knarr Williamsport school district is requesting to create a one lot subdivision. One lot will have 2.3 acres and lot number two will have 2.678 acres and they will have access off of third Street and there are currently commercial

structures on them and there is easement that goes through that, that is tied into and will be deeded as such, this was reviewed by both city planning, County planning, as well as Eric Smith at the storm water Authority and I can answer any questions.

The subdivision 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, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Yoder voted yes. Mr. Mackey, Mr. Beiter and Mrs. Katz were absent

Certificate of Appropriateness – 425 Market St.

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion and second

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

Mr. Knarr this is certificate of appropriateness for Decca beauty company and it will be at 427 Market St. and its within the central business district and it does meet the zoning requirements. The sign will be 4 x 8' and it will have black acrylic with white channel lettering's and you have an image of what is as well as what the material will be made of. I can answer any questions.

Any questions or comments on item 16? Okay. Hearing and seeing none, Mrs. Frank on item 16.

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

Accept for filing

WMWA & WMSA Meeting Minutes 01/24/24

Veterans Memorial Park Commission 01/08/24

Public Works Minutes 08/01/ 23 & 09/12/23

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

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

The minutes were accepted for filing with four yes roll call votes. The vote was 4 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Announcements

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday March 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM, Trade & Transit II, 144 West Third St. 3rd Floor, Williamsport, PA. There will be an executive session immediately following this City Council meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, March 19	6:30 PM	HARB meeting
Wednesday, Marh 20	10:00 AM	Blighted Property
Thursday, March 21	10:30 AM	Zoning Hearing Board
Tuesday, March 26	11:30 AM	Public Safety Committee
	1:00 PM	Finance Committee
	2:30 PM	Public Works Committee
Wednesday, March 27	9:00 AM	ERC
Thursday, March 28	7:00 PM	City Council Meeting

Comments:

a. City Council

Mr. Yoder I will make one quick. Nobody that was paying attention last week there was an interesting debate/conversation at the commissioners meeting about Lycoming County and the city being a sanctuary county and city. I applaud the commissioners for putting that to bed and I will reiterate what was said and what is the truth. Lycoming County is not a sanctuary county. Williamsport city is not a sanctuary city, neither body has passed any kind of legislation to the contrary. There is a language thing with the present board as to why it was on a nongovernment website, but a website nonetheless. If anybody has any kind of questions and wants to understand a little bit more I prefer them - last Thursdays commissioners meeting there was a great outline as to what happened. They are working through mediating that. There is a lot of good information there related to a lot of the rumors that were brought up. The ICE facility does not house any illegal immigrants. That is administrative and processing only I believe. Anyone that needs to be held is not held anywhere in the area, in the county. Nobody is staying in hotels. Nobody is being released anywhere. Nobody is being flown into the airport. I've had conversations with a number of people over the past few days that I have verified that that is not happening. So there is no basis for anything kind of floating around and I have heard a handful of things myself over the past 24 hours that are growing a leg. Nothing is going on. I truly believe that. Those are the facts. If anybody does have questions or concerns, reach out to the county. Reach out to the city. We would be happy to have a conversation about what actually happened. Any other comments?

b. Administration

Mr. Knarr The zoning hearing board was scheduled to meet on the 21st and one of the items on the agenda was for the LGN at 10 homes in Newberry, the police, and - - it was scheduled for the 21st at this point it has been tabled and will go before April zoning hearing board, which is the third Thursday of the month.

c. Members of the Public

d. News Media

Adjournment

Mr. Yoder asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by Mr. Pulizzi and a second by Mr. Allison Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM with unanimous ayes.

Submitted by:

**Janice M. Frank
City Clerk**