

**Thursday July 23, 2020
Williamsport, PA**

Council President Randy Allison brought the Williamsport City Council meeting to order on Thursday July 23, 2020 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Chris Cooley did livestream the meeting.

Council members present:

*Randy Allison, President
Elizabeth Miele, Vice President
Bonnie Katz, Councilwoman
Adam Yoder, Councilman
Vince Pulizzi, Councilman
Jon Mackey, Councilman,
David Banks, Councilman*

Absent:

Also, Present:

*Derek Slaughter, Mayor
Mr. Joe Gerardi, absent
Mr. Joe Pawlak
Gary Knarr absent
Mark Killian, Fire Chief,
Damon Hagan, Police Chief absent
Austin White, Sol..
Janice Frank, City Clerk
Adam Winder, S&P absent
Stephanie Young
Nick Grimes,
Jon Sanders, absent*

Approval of the Williamsport City Council minutes for the 07/09/20 were approved upon a motion **Mrs. Katz and a second from Mr. Yoder. All were in favor. The vote was 7 to 0.**

Limited Courtesy of the Floor

There have been no requests.

Mr. Allison changed the order of the agenda.

Resolution# 9054

Resolution of the City Authorizing the Submission of Application for Funding to the Commonwealth of PA for the Development Assistance Capital Program Grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Pajama Factory

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to accept the resolution.

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

Mr. Pawlak stated this resolution is to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Commonwealth of PA for the construction project at the Pajama Factory. In 2019, the Pajama Factory submitted an application and received an award letter for a \$2 million dollar grant. To complete the next step, the City needs to approve this resolution and attached is the cooperation agreement, as part of the full application to release the funds by the commonwealth because the eligibility...the pajama factory is only eligible to participate in the program as a subgrantee, they need a sponsor or grantee, which is a government agency to participate with them. So with that, we need to enter into this resolution on behalf of the pajama factory to submit the application along with approving the agreement to determine the terms that both parties will have during the whole process. The agreement identifies key components as to who is responsible for what and also identifies the project and will be completed there. The agreement identifies the project as parking in accordance with the approved stormwater plan roof work and a high efficiency heating and air conditioning unit for the building. In addition, it identifies who is responsible for the matching funds, reimbursement of ineligible expenditures, refinancing, the grant administration, and all of the stay's compliance obligations, which most of those fall on the pajama factory. Earlier this week, he sent Council the tabs from the application. They provide good information for Council as to what the project entails about the property, the economic impact, and other items. Mark Winkelman, of the pajama factory is here as well as Sid First, the consultant. This was reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Ms. Miele said this was reviewed and we did forward this to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. The elements of the agreement are the \$2 million dollar price tag on the redevelopment in capital assistance funding, and there is a 50% matching requirement, so it needs to be matched by the developer, but he is using the value of the property for the match, which is valued at \$5 million. This is an absolutely gorgeous building and we are fortunate Mr. Winkelman and his group have been stepping up to try to bring this building back to useful life. She congratulated them on the funding to allow infrastructure to improve and without having to invest his own money. She is glad that the City is protected from any financial damages related to passing this money through and the reporting requirements related to it were done by the City as well as administering a handful of grants. Mr. Winkelman will be using Penn Strategies to administer the grant and he might need an extension for funds and get the expenditures approved by the State and then be reimbursed so he has a line of credit. We, the City are acting as a bypass and she thanked Mr. Pawlak for his work done on this. We anticipate the project to go smoothly and this is in the City's best interest and this is something we have done before for Hope Enterprises and Lycoming College.

Mr. Winkelman thanked everyone and stated he hated to do this in the middle of a pandemic, but there is never a good time to do it, so he is excited to get started.

Mr. Yoder thanked Mr. Winkelman and stated for the record he will be abstaining from a connection being that his employer is helping through the back end of this.

Mr. Allison stated he will be abstaining but he'd like to thank Mr. Winkelman and Penn Strategies, it has been a long ongoing process. He also thanked Mr. Pawlak for pulling this together and giving us all what we need, he became the point man and did an excellent job. You made sure the T's were crossed and the I's dotted, it is not an easy task and a lot goes into it with all the entities. It will go to benefit the health and the future of the City going forward.

Mr. Banks stated this is an example of a positive development, we have this other project going in, and he is thankful for this and thanked Mr. Winkelman for this in putting his neck on the line for that over the last years and we are happy to have you here.

Mr. Allison thanked the Mayor and the Codes and Zoning Department who were involved as well, representing the interest of the City and encouraging Economic Development.

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Mrs. Katz said she thinks people should know the blood, sweat, and tears that was put into this. She doesn't know how many ulcers they have, but to bring that building to where it is. It has been a constant chore and constant job and she wanted the public to be aware as to how much work you have done. You have 135 tenants and that's a lot of space and a lot of work to sustain a building like that. We are very thankful for all that has been done and will be done.

Mr. Winkleman thanked her and said the project had come from a movie, the Pajama Game with Doris Day and Rock Hudson.

There was additional discussion about the movie and the history.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

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

Mr. Yoder voted abstained, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison vote abstained.

Ordinance #6394

An Ordinance Adopting a six-year Capital Project Budget for City for Fiscal Years 6/30/21 to 6/30/26 (final reading) Bill #1760-20

The City Clerk read the ordinance.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance in final reading.

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

Mr. Pawlak stated this is the six year capital budget for the fiscal years starting 2021 through 2026. We discussed the budget at the previous council meeting and I think there was a discussion on most of the parts at the Finance Committee. We discussed additional items further going into tonight's meeting in discussion with the Mayor. He said today after having discussions with the Chief that one of the items in Public Safety Bureau of Police, the administration is going to request that Council make a motion to remove at this time and we want to look at it in the future, but feel right now it's just easier to remove. That item is the Bearcat Tactical vehicle.

Ms. Miele stated we reviewed this in Finance and at our last Council meeting, and we reviewed the other two page, police and fire, so there were some questions about the bearcat vehicle, that is built into the capital budget last year, but the spending got deferred. But just because it is in the Capital Budget does not necessarily mean we are going to invest. She would not be comfortable using that financing and we would have to find another means of funding or some sort or partner with other municipalities. If the administration would like to see it removed or moved down a couple of years, she would certainly support that and I think next year in particular will be a difficult year for the City financially and we don't know the impact COVID 19 will have on the businesses in the City or damage to homeowners, which my reduce our property tax income, and so clearly, it's not an expenditure we will be in a position to make over the next couple of years. I don't know if the administration wants to do this, but she would be happy to make the motion.

Mr. Yoder stated since this was submitted, its not a priority anymore, or is it simply just we are not comfortable over the next couple of years. If it's something that we see that we may need in the next five years. I don't know that its necessarily we remove it, so is there any clarity you want to provide, Derek. As with every department, its just a list of possibilities over the next five years, so, at this point it can be removed over the next couple of years. It could always be added back in, but at this point, it is to explore grants or other counties, (impact from COVID) who knows how long that's going to go out for. He stated it

Mayor Slaughter stated it is fine to just remove it.

Ms. Miele made the motion to remove the line for the bearcat tactical vehicle from the capital budget. Mr. Banks seconded it.

Mr. Pulizzi wanted to add before COVID ever started, he looked into some programs for the City specifically for our police department to try and acquire one of these vehicles through a government program as much as he feels our CERT team needs one for the safety and well being of our officers, our CERT team serves eight different counties within our immediate area, he thinks we really need one, however, he agrees with the Mayor and some other Council members, due to COVID right now, it doesn't seem that we are going to be able to acquire one. We certainly should have help from some of our surrounding counties and municipalities.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the motion to amend.

The ordinance was amended with six yes roll call votes. The vote was 6 to 1. All were in favor.

Mr. Yoder voted no, Mr. Mackey voted yes, Mr. Pulizzi voted yes, Mrs. Katz voted yes, Mr. Banks voted yes, Ms. Miele voted yes and Mr. Allison vote yes.

Mr. Allison stated back to the Capital Budget, would Council like to review some of the things that we haven't reviewed here yet?

Ms. Miele stated we traditionally have gone over this in Council Chambers and it is placed on the wall, she asked for a way to display this on zoon. So it was displayed during this meeting.

Mr. Pawlak continued on page three on the second part under public safety, is the first two years for the priorities and the police cars are in year one, 190,000 in year two \$145,00 that plans for four vehicles, and to add cameras for the cars and provide additional maintenance for security system and firearms in year one, \$30,000 in year two and the \$27,000 represents pistols which were pushed back from the current year. Long term evidence storage facility is \$100,000 each year, and portable radios to replace all mobile radios and in year two, 15 million dollars for a public safety building for a total in year one of \$502,000 and a total in year two of \$15,460,000. Under Bureau of Codes in year two, \$40,000 for vehicle replacements for a total of \$40,000. The Bureau of Fire in year one and two \$275,000 for a new pumper, for support vehicles, \$39,000 in year one and \$42,000 in year two under facility improvements for headquarters, \$50,000 for maintenance of all. He continued to speak about breathing apparatus, and computer software upgrades and personal protective equipment. Under the 4th page, under general government, supper equipment various upgrades for departments, such as copiers computers and miscellaneous items and well as software and hardware. Also Council packet digitization and building access control system and camera securities, with a city hall server. There was also a discussion on City Hall improvements, renovations, moving expenses, or acquisition expenses depending on the direction that the AD HOC committee determines is the best option. He continued on with the plan to build house buses and support vehicles, buses and transit vehicles and a possible transit renovation to the Trade & Transit Center to obtain a new tenant in the current unoccupied space. So the total six year capital budget is \$79,169,172.

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Ms. Miele wanted to comment on the council item for digitizing council packets stating it might behoove us to try and make that happen at some point relatively soon or at least develop a system that makes the organization and assembly of the packet simpler, even if we don't necessarily go the route this year of purchasing mobile work stations, we could find a mechanism that would allow anyone to access it from any computer.

Mr. Allison agreed saying that gets us through what we needed to look at and we have shared as much as we could with the public and have a plan for moving forward. It is posted on our website now. He asked for a vote on ordinance in final reading.

The ordinance was carried in final reading with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9055

Resolution to Approve a State Historic Preservation Office Certified Local Government Contract between the City & PA Historical & Museum Commission

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to accept the resolution.

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

Ms. Young stated the City is a certified local government, or CLG which makes us eligible to apply for Grants and scholarships for projects an training programs related to historic preservation. They ar requesting all CLG to execute a master contract that will hep to streamline the process for any future grants. Execution of the master contract is also a requirement for the next resolution, which allow the City to apply for scholarship training funds. The master contract extends through December 31, 2024 and this contract was reviewed by the City Solicitor and also by Finance Committee.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed in Finance and forwarded to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. There was very little discussion aside from all the paperwork intensive process and this will benefit us all.

Mr. Slaughter stated that this is Ms. Young's final Council meeting and she is going to be leaving at the end of next week, so he wanted to thank her. She originally planned to leave in March and we pled with her to stay throughout COVID or a portion of it. She gracefully accepted and did that so I wanted to thank her and all of her work. She got the COVID small business up and running along with Mr. Pawlak. I just wanted to thank her, and this is not an ideal way, to send her off, but nonetheless, I did want to still thank her and acknowledge her final meeting and her long career of serving the City.

Mr. Allison thanked Mr. Slaughter and said there is not much to say about the resolution itself. But we do have a lot of comments about Ms. Young. But he wanted to address the next resolution. In doing so, he asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Resolution #9056

Resolution to Approve Submission of a Certified Local Government Education Scholarship APP for FORUM-2020 at Home

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to accept the resolution.

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

Ms. Young stated this resolution allows us to submit a CLG scholarship application to the State Historic Preservation office for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions forum. A series of over 20 live educational sessions on a variety of preservation topics as a CLG members are required to have at least four hours of training and participation which will meet the 2020 training requirement and the scholarship office is open to Historic Preservation, Planning, and elected officials and the registration cost is \$100 per person and the City is responsible for paying for attendees. The scholarship funds will be reimbursed to the City for the full cost of the registration upon approval of this resolution. The scholarship request form will be submitted and this was reviewed by Finance.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by finance and sent to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. Ms. Rucinski who is also retiring shortly asked that any members of Council who might be interested in attending the online forum, let her know by tomorrow so that she can submit. The materials will be interesting and it's a pretty rare occurrence that we are able to access this kind of information, that person would have to go to some other city to attend, so if you are able to attend, please do so.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Mr. Allison stated we could all sit here and talk for an hour about all that Ms. Young has meant to this City over the years, especially those of us who have had the pleasure of working with her, she has been with the City a long time and is one of those people that does a lot of important work behind the scenes. She is not the kind of person that is striving to be out front or want the recognition, but she does deserve it because she is a greata resource for this City. She has been a great asset for the City and we have lost a lot of constitutional knowledge and expertise over the last few year and you can't make that up overnight. You can hire new people and move ahead, but you can not replace that kind of experience and we are poorer for it. We will definitely mis her and we have been richer for having knowing her and having had the opportunity to work with her over these past several years and it is his intention that when we can get out of this format, we could coerce her into coming back to honor her in a formal way that others have been and recognize those things that are usually done at a council meeting. Our City has benefited immensely and we don't want to just say bye bye to people like her.

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Mr. Banks stated as a member of the freshman class, who has asked her a lot of questions, on very basic topics, over the past few months, she has been very patient with him and he wanted to thank her for bringing all of them along and she has helped to flatten the curve. Thank you for your work.

Mrs. Katz said what she has loved about Stephanie is that every time she has presented something, she was cool, calm, and collected. She presented it in a language at times we could all understand, because some of the things were complicated issues because of grants, etc. She will miss her presence and she too would like Ms. Young to come back so we can honor her.

Ms. Young thanked everyone.

Ms. Miele stated yes, we should honor her at a council meeting and when this whole thing is over, have a party for her and she'd be happy to have the party and bake a cake.

Ms. Young stated only if Ms. Miele would bake the cake.

Ms. Miele stated that over the last couple of years, we will be missing both Ms. Young and Ms. Rucinski because they have really held together the historic kind of arm of City government and both of them have been the rock for the City. When John left, you made sure that all T's were crossed and all I's dotted and she appreciates that...we love her and have enjoyed working with her these last couple of years and the City has been fortunate to benefit from the expertise and commitment you have given the City since you were hired, as with your father, Dr. Hipple, your family has done a lot for the City of Williamsport and don't think that we are not grateful, because we are. Thank you.

Ms. Young stated thank you so much for your kind words and it's a little bit overwhelming. She has really enjoyed working with everyone and she knows that everyone has the best interest at heart and yes, she is just a phone call away.

Resolution #9057

Resolution To Approve Department of Justice Coronavirus Relief for the City of Williamsport

The City Clerk read the resolution.

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to accept the resolution.

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

Chief Killian stated this resolution to get a grant awarded in the amount of \$33,425 from the Department of Justice for coronavirus relief. This grant will be open over a two year time frame to help offset the costs of personal protective equipment used by City employees and any overtime associated with employees being off sick and other associated expenditures. Mr. Pawlak and he have been working since the beginning of the pandemic with the other City department heads to track expenses related to COVID 19. We currently have our list in place and we are continuing to incur those expenses on a relatively regular basis, so this grant will be drawn down as needed over the course of two years.

Ms. Miele stated this was reviewed by Finance and forwarded to the full body of Council with a positive recommendation. Most of our conversation centered around whether this would be an adequate amount of PPE and over time needs related to the virus and Chief Killian said that it looked like it would be more than enough. The reporting reimbursement requirements are not onerous and we don't need to submit receipts, within a certain time frame. So we are grateful for this grant and hopefully this will offset the impacts of COVID as well.

Mrs. Katz wanted to thank some of the businesses that did give us some of the hand sanitizers and she didn't know what else was given, but thanked all who stepped forward.

Chief Killian answered yes, especially Lanza who donated some concentrated hand sanitizer to the City and to some other volunteer departments around the City. We were pretty fortunate to have a significant amount of PPE and we didn't have a large amount of expenditures.

Mr. Allison asked for a vote on the resolution.

The resolution was carried with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Accept for Filing:

Finance Committee Minutes 05/12/20 & 6/23/20
Public Safety Minutes 05/12/20 & 06/23/20
Veteran's Memorial Park 01/06/20
Codes Report March, May, June 2020
Financial Reports 2nd quarter

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to accept the minutes for filing.

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

The minutes were accepted for filing with seven yes roll call votes. The vote was 7 to 0. All were in favor.

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

Announcements

There will be a Police Pension Board Meeting immediately following this City Council meeting.
The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2020 a 6:30 PM, TBA

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, July 28	11:00 AM	Historic Perseveration
Wednesday, July 29	7:00 PM	Citizen's Corp (council chambers)
Friday, July 31	11:00 AM	ERC
	12:00 PM	Housing Needs
Tuesday, August 4	11:30 AM	Public Safety
	1:00 PM	Finance Meeting
	2:30 PM	Public Works Meeting
Thursday, August 6	6:30 PM	City Council meeting

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[Meetings Held in Trade & Transit, Unless Otherwise Noted – [scr] = William Sechler Community Room]

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for questions or comments from City Council.

Mr. Allison announced an executive session following this Council meeting in the matter of personnel.

Mr. Allison asked for questions or comments from the administration.

Mr. Allison asked for questions or comments from the general public.

President Council Allison,

The passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was a watershed event in the history of disability rights. In the weeks leading up to its passage, members of ADAPT used the power of our collective strength and organizing to help push it across the finish line. ADAPT acted out the injustices facing disabled people by crawling up the stairs to the Capitol building.

When the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed, it was meant to make our communities inclusive of all people. We expected the ADA to make accessibility available in all kinds of buildings. We expected the ADA to encourage service providers to make their programs open for all people. We expected the ADA to enable us to move freely in our communities. We expected the ADA to clear a path so we could work, play, and live with non-disabled neighbors, friends, and family members.

Since the signing of the ADA 30 years ago, the law has helped many people get jobs, move around in our communities, go to stores and use services, communicate, and participate in community life. On this 30th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, join us by committing in word and actions to providing safe and accessible access to City Hall for the 4,667 citizens of Williamsport with disabilities who do not have access today. After all, the elevator and access ramp cost less than half of a percent, of your Capital Budget!

NCPA ADAPT demands City Hall for ALL!

Shaylin Sluzalis

North Central PA ADAPT The 30th year anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act is July 26th 2020. What does this mean for the citizens of Williamsport? A lack of access to their city, segregated entrances, and a feeling of neglect! This is the truth for 4,667 residents of the city of Williamsport. You are only one accident, one medical emergency, one weather disaster, away from joining those citizens. The CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT has knowingly disregarded its obligations under federal accessibility laws, like the REHAB ACT of '73 and the ADA, requiring access to a safe, unencumbered path of travel into and throughout its City Hall building. The CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT has intentionally discriminated against residents and acted with deliberate indifference to their rights under Section 504 and the ADA. The city of Williamsport continues to delay any progress in making the proper motions to correct this Injustice! Keep in mind most of all these repairs are only 0.476%, of the City's current five-year capital budget. Do what's right for ALL residents of Williamsport! Disabled citizens are STILL citizens! We vote for you, we pay your taxes, we are part of your economy and a big part of our city!! The City has for many years known that a federally protected right is substantially likely to be violated and failed to act despite that knowledge. The City has made deliberate choices. Its time to correct this pressing issue and do right by your constituents!! ITS TIME TO MAKE CITY HALL ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL!!!!!!

Regina Wright

President Allison and City Council Members,

I understand that since the beginning of the year the following important City positions have been publicly advertised and posted with job descriptions:

Fire Chief, City Engineer, Recreation Coordinator, and Director of Community and Economic Development.

I further understand that three of these positions went through a formal interview process prior to a candidate being selected. I believe the C&ED Director position has not yet reached that stage.

I am perplexed as to why the same advertising, posting, and interview process was not done for the Bureau of Transportation/RVT General Manager position?!

Bruce Huffman
1000 Cherry St.

President Council Allison

I am a resident of the city, a tax payer, and a person who uses a wheelchair. I do not have the same access to city hall as those without physical challenges. I was promised proper access for several years. With the ADA reaching its 30th anniversary, I believe that's more than enough to comply with ADA. I don't understand the hold up and delay. I was told I would have the honors of cutting the ribbon at the reveal of the ramp ceremony. This has not taken place. Please do your part to make sure you stay true to your promise and obey the ADA.

Tima Cummings
505 Center apt. 42
Williamsport PA 17701

President of Council, the COW (City of Williamsport) has accepted Federal resources for longer than the ADA has been a law. Administration after administration, nothing was done to create a 504 Compliance Plan. This plan required showing how each year a project would be completed that would lead to a compliant, safe, accessible City Hall. Wow, that sounds like a reasonable expectation of the Federal Government! Not for the COW. The COW continued to put its hand out for federal resources while

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ignoring the need to comply with federal laws. 47 years after the Rehabilitation Act, 30 years after the passage of the ADA (you do realize we're not talking about the dental people?) you need to spend less than one half of one percent of your Capital Budget to provide access to City Hall. Instead you opt to waste more money on legal fees. Disabilities don't discriminate. Any one of you could join the club at any time. If you're in the COW, say good bye to **YOUR** Civil Rights.

Karen S. Koch
24 East Third St.
City

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Misty Dion

24 East Third Street

Williamsport, PA 17701

President Council Allison,
July 26th 2020 marks the 30th year anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the city of Williamsport is not accessible to residents. Think about that statement and ask yourself how you would feel tomorrow if suddenly you developed a disability and didn't have access to your OWN city? That's what it is like for 4,667 residents of the city of Williamsport. The CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT for decades has knowingly disregarded its obligations under federal accessibility laws requiring access to a safe, unencumbered path of travel into and throughout its City Hall building. The CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT has intentionally discriminated against residents and acted with deliberate indifference to their rights under Section 504 and the ADA. The City has for many years known that a federally protected right is substantially likely to be violated and failed to act despite that knowledge. The City has made deliberate choices. The failures here are not the result of negligence, oversight, or bureaucratic inaction. The City's approach has been to delay, dodge, deflect and defer. Don't forget most of all these repairs are only 0.476%, of the City's current five-year capital budget. Do what's right for ALL residents of Williamsport. CITY HALL FOR ALL how will you be celebrating the anniversary still in violation?

Jodie Baney
24 East Third Street
Williamsport PA 17701

Respectfully,
Jodie Baney

Adjournment

Mr. Allison asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Katz made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Mackey. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM with unanimous ayes.

Respectfully submitted by

Janice M. Frank
City Clerk