

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE  
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# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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**CONSENT AGENDA (RESOLUTIONS)**

Appointing Dr. Susan Lynn Kaczorowski to the Board of Health.

Appointing Edward Pesotski to the General Municipal Authority.

Authorizing the proper city officials to use the remaining \$6,889.23 of the Hollenback Verizon fund to help offset the cost of installing the netting along Washington Street.

Accept the proposal of the Joyce Insurance Group for an insurance package related to Excess Workers Compensation and to sign any and all necessary documents related to securing the same.

**MINUTES**

Of the Regular Session of City Council of December 20, 2018.

Of the Planning Commission of November 28, 2018.

Of the Planning Commission of December 19, 2018.

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**ORDINANCES**

**FILE OF COUNCIL NO. 1 OF 2019 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2018. (FIRST READING)**

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 10, 2019

The City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre met in Regular Session on January 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, City Hall, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania for the purpose of general business.

The meeting was organized with Chairperson Mike Belusko in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Roll Call:

Brooks	- present
Gilbert	- present
Merritt	- present
Barrett, Vice Chairperson	- present
Belusko, Chairperson	- present

Also Present:

Rick Gazenski, Administrator  
Tim Henry, City Attorney/Deputy Administrator  
Alan Klapat, Deputy Fire Chief  
Cathy Payne, Assistant City Clerk  
Lisa Sanfilippo, Administrative Assistant  
Jim Ryan, City Clerk  
Joyce Zaykowski, Director of OCD

Mr. Gazenski appeared before Council to introduce the following new item:

A Resolution to execute the appropriate agreement with the DEP, along with any and all other project documents, related to the new curbside residential recycling containers and the new leaf vacuum machine.

Mr. Gazenski explained that DEP has awarded the city with a grant \$350,000, with a 10% match from the city, for the purchase of recycling containers for every household in the city and the purchase of a leaf vacuum truck.

City Clerk Jim Ryan read a statement relative to Council's Rules and Procedures.

The City Clerk asked if there was anyone wishing to address Council on pending legislation.

Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, appeared before Council relative to File of Council No. 1 of 2019 (CDBG), the Resolutions accepting the proposal of Joyce Insurance Group and using the remaining balance in the Hollenback Verizon fund for the netting at Hollenback Golf Course.

Mr. Belusko explained that Verizon gave money to the city to be held in an account to be used for recreation.

Attorney Henry said this happened several years ago. He said he wasn't sure of the amount, but the city was ordered by the court to keep it in a separate fund to be used for recreational purposes. Over the years, when various needs arose for different parks, the city would use money from that account.

Ms. Zaykowski explained that the Ordinance is an adjustment to the 2018 OCDB Budget. There is a revolving loan fund that was set up over 20 years ago and that fund was to be used for businesses to come into the city and it provided them low interest loans. That particular program hasn't been used in about 15 – 18 years. The money that goes into that account is actually from a loan that was provided to the city (the most current money) by the parking lot across the street. In order for the city to be able to use that money, the budget has to be revised and the money needs to be allocated somewhere that it can be spent in a very quick timeframe (by October). This will allow the city to add two line items; a ladder truck and an additional fire truck.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No. R0003-19 to and including the Minutes appeared on the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

### **RESOLUTION NO. R0003-19**

Whereas, Section 13-6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Wilkes-Barre authorizes the Mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council, to appoint by resolution members of the Board of Health of the City of Wilkes-Barre;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Wilkes-Barre to appoint the person identified below to the Board of Health of the City of Wilkes-Barre to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Robert Czwalina who resigned;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following person is hereby appointed as a member of the Board of Health:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Dr. Susan Lynn Kaczorowski 20 Lombardo Drive Jenkins Twp., PA 18702	December 31, 2019

**RESOLUTION NO. R0004-19**

Whereas, Section 5:08 of the City Charter of the City of Wilkes-Barre authorizes the Mayor, with the advice and consent of City Council, to appoint members of Boards, Commissions and Authorities served by the City;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Wilkes-Barre to appoint the person referenced below to the General Municipal Authority of the City of Wilkes-Barre to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of board member Thomas O'Hara;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the following person is hereby reappointed for the term referenced below as a member to the General Municipal Authority:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Begins</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Edward Pesotski 104 Mill Street Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705	January 11, 2019	December 31, 2023

**RESOLUTION NO. R0005-19**

To hereby authorize the proper city officials to use the remaining \$6,889.23 of the Hollenback Verizon fund to help offset the cost of installing the netting along Washington Street.

**RESOLUTION NO. R0006-19**

That, the proper City officials are hereby authorized to accept the attached proposal of the Joyce Insurance Group for an insurance package related to Excess Workers Compensation and to sign any and all necessary documents related to securing the same.

**RESOLUTION NO. R0007-19**

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre has been actively promoting and participating in the recycling of various items throughout the city in order to reduce the amount of municipal waste going into landfills; and

Whereas, the City of Wilkes-Barre has already applied for and has been recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$350,000.00 under the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Act 101 Section 902 program to purchase new curbside residential recycling containers and a new leaf vacuum machine.

Whereas, the grant requires that a local match of 10% be paid by the City; the City has the 10% match budgeted and available in its 2019 General Fund Budget;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Wilkes-Barre that the Mayor, and any other required city officials, are hereby authorized to execute the appropriate agreement with the DEP, along with any and all other project documents, related to the new curbside residential recycling containers and the new leaf vacuum machine.

## **MINUTES**

Of the Regular Session of City Council of December 20, 2018.

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Mr. Belusko moved to adopt the Consent Agenda (Resolutions).

The motion was seconded by Mr. Merritt and adopted by the following yeas and nays vote:

Yeas Brooks, Gilbert, Merritt, Barrett and Belusko (Chairperson) – 5 – being all of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

## ORDINANCE

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Mr. Brooks moved to adopt the Ordinance.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Merritt and adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas Brooks, Gilbert, Merritt, Barrett and Belusko (Chairperson) – 5 – being all of the members elected to City Council.

Nays none.

## PRESENTATIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Gilbert asked if South Sherman Street between East Northampton and South Street is slated to be paved.

Ms. Zaykowski replied that it is on the list for paving.

Ms. Gilbert said that in the meantime, there is a bad pothole on the corner between South Sherman and East Northampton Street by McCarthy's Tavern. She asked that DPW patch it temporarily until it could be paved.

Mr. Belusko told Council that he asked the Mayor to attend Council meetings, which he declined, just as he did in 2016, 2017 and 2018. He said then he asked the Mayor to meet him half-way and come to Work Sessions. The Mayor agreed and will be attending those meeting in the future.

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Greg Griffen, Opioid Citizens Committee, Swoyersville, PA appeared before Council to give an update on the Opioid Committee and a Drug Task Force.

John Suchoski, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the city cemetery (clean up), city golf courses (do they make the city money), Verizon Tower in Hollenback Golf Course and paving Almond Lane (work done by the water company).



Ms. Gilbert said she will follow up with the Water Company on the work done on Almond Lane.

Mr. Belusko told Mr. Suchoski that golf does not make the city any money; it's more recreation for the residents.

Attorney Henry said it is a good idea to get volunteers to clean the cemetery, but it may subject the city to a grievance from the union.

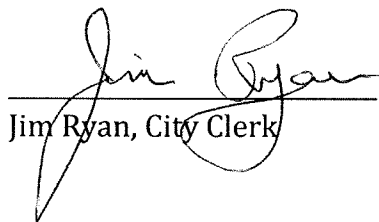
Sam Troy, Wilkes-Barre, PA appeared before Council relative to the newly imposed Stormwater fee (WVSA), budget issues and the Revenue Enhancement Committee.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Mike Belusko, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Jim Ryan, City Clerk