



COUNTY of LUZERNE  
PENNSYLVANIA  
ESTABLISHED 1786

**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
March 14, 2022  
Council Meeting Room  
Luzerne County Courthouse  
200 N. River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701  
AND  
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM  
12:00 PM**

**12:00 PM CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**AGENDA ITEM**

1. Motion to adopt resolution Approving a Budget Transfer to Allot Funds Related to the Settlement of Litigation

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM**

*This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Council on the matter listed on the Agenda. Each speaker shall have three (3) minutes to address Council. Speakers may not yield or transfer their time to another speaker.*

*Those attending in person are asked to complete and submit a Speaker Card to the Clerk of Council before the first speaker is called.*

*Those attending virtually are asked to refer to the Public Meetings Online page of County's Website at <https://www.luzernecounty.org/1279/Public-Meetings-Online> for more information on how to participate in Public Comment via technology.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

No. 2022-\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION**

***A Resolution of Luzerne County Council Approving Payment of Funds From Community Development Related to the Settlement of Litigation***

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County, County Council adopted the 2022 Fiscal Year Budget which accounted for anticipated revenue and expenses; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution 2021-123, Luzerne County Council approved the settlement of litigation in the matter of Hazzouri v. Luzerne County, et al., which contemplated the purchase of the Hazzouri residence for \$650,000.00 with contributions from West Pittston Borough's insurance carrier in the amount of \$15,000.00 and Luzerne County's insurance carrier in the amount of \$50,000.00; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the purchase price of the Hazzouri residence, there are associated closing costs of \$17,188.97; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County is required to fund the previously approved settlement contemplated by Resolution 2021-123 and County Council desires to make payment from Community Development funds to comply with the settlement agreement in the above referenced matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Luzerne County Council:

**SECTION ONE. Incorporation of Preamble.**

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

**SECTION TWO. Payment of Litigation Funds from Community Development.**

BE IT RESOLVED, County Council hereby authorizes the payment of \$585,000.00 towards the settlement of the Hazzouri v. Luzerne County, et. al. litigation from Community Development at line item 560.30.4650.590.32 for direct distribution to the title company for payment to the Plaintiffs in compliance with the terms of the settlement agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, County Council hereby authorizes an additional distribution from line item 560.30.4650.590.32 in the amount of \$17,188.97 to cover closing costs associated with the above transaction.

**SECTION THREE. Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

Adopted by County Council, this 14th day of March 2022.

**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

AYES:

NAYS:

Attest:

---

Kendra Radle, Chair

---

Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of County Council

---

John Lombardo, Vice-Chair