



**Luzerne County Council
Voting Session
February 14, 2023
Council Meeting Room
Luzerne County Court House
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701
AND
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on February 14, 2023 at 6:01 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kendra Radle.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

Carl Bienias
Kevin Lescavage
John Lombardo
Lee Ann McDermott (virtually)
Tim McGinley
Matt Mitchell
Chris Perry
Kendra M. Radle
Brian Thornton
Stephen J. Urban
Gregory S. Wolovich, Jr.

Also Present

Brian Swetz, Acting County Manager
Harry Skene, Chief County Solicitor
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Attorney Skene announced Council held an Executive Session before the meeting concerning personnel matters. One matter having to do with the contracts for the District Attorney's Office and the ADA's Office and the other one had to do with a personnel matter relating to emails received by Council this week.

Recognitions and Ceremonial Proclamations

NONE

Deletions from Voting Session Agenda

Mr. McGinley would like to remove Item 10 (regarding the ARPA Grants) from the Voting Session and move it to the Work Session.

Motion by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Item 10 was removed from the Voting Session Agenda and was added to the Work Session Agenda as Item 1.

Mr. Wolovich would like to remove Item 8d (regarding the Redevelopment Authority Appointment) from the Voting Session Agenda. The only applicant for that Board will be moving out of the area.

Motion by: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Item 8d was removed from the Voting Session Agenda.

Adoption of Voting Session Agenda

Motion by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

The Voting Session Agenda is Adopted

Public Comment on Agenda Items

WRITTEN comments are submitted electronically via EMAIL or ZOOM. A copy of the full written comment for each speaker is posted under the corresponding meeting agenda. VERBAL comments can be heard in their entirety by accessing the public comment portion of the meeting recording posted next to the meeting agenda.

Mark Rabo (Hazleton) commented Verbally regarding the Joint Transportation Study, CBA contracts and the Keystone Grant.

Chair Radle read Public Comment Emails from:
Walter and Robyn Kochan (Dallas Township)

AGENDA ITEMS – CLERK OF COUNCIL

Motion to approve minutes of the January 24, 2023 Voting Session

Motion by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes by Mr. Bienias, Mr. Lescavage, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. McGinley, Ms. McDermott, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Mr. Thornton and Mr. Wolovich

One (1) Nay by Mr. SJ Urban

Motion Passed (10-1)

The January 24, 2023 Voting Session Minutes are Approved

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Motion to adopt resolution Approving a Contract with Excalibur Insurance Management Services, LLC as Third Party Administrator for Luzerne County's Worker's Compensation Insurance for Fiscal Years 2023-2025

Motion by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Mitchell

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

2. Motion to introduce ordinance Amending the Luzerne County Zoning Map to Re-Zone One Parcel of Property totaling 0.827 acres in Hughestown Borough from LI, Light Industrial District Zone to R-2, Two Family Residence District Zone

Motion by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Ordinance is Introduced

3. Motion to adopt resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Lackawanna County to Produce Joint Transportation Studies; and Authorizing a \$150,000 Total Budget Over Two Years for a Project Consultant

Motion by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

4. Motion to introduce Ordinance Amending the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County (opioid)

Motion by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Ordinance is Introduced

5. Motion to introduce Ordinance Amending the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County (election integrity grant)

Motion by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Ordinance is Introduced

6. Motion to approve resolution Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Luzerne County and Teamsters Local Union No. 401

Motion by: Mr. Lescavage

Second: Mr. Bienias

Roll Call Vote:

Nine (9) Yes by Bienias, Lescavage, Lombardo, McDermott, McGinley, Mitchell, Perry, Radle and Wolovich

Two (2) No by Thornton and SJ Urban

Motion Passed (9-2)

Resolution is Adopted

7. Motion to approve resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Apply for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Keystone Grant

Motion by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Bienias

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

8. Nominations and Appointments to Authorities

8a. Luzerne County Convention Center Authority - (3) terms ending 12/31/2027

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Bienias

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Lombardo nominated: Donna Cupinski

Second: Mr. Bienias

Mr. Wolovich nominated: Dino Galella

Second: Mr. Perry

Mr. Thornton nominated: Patrick Patte

Second: Mr. Lescavage

Ms. McDermott nominated: Lynn Bartz

Second: Mr. SJ Urban

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Bienias: Cupinski
Mr. Lescavage: Cupinski
Mr. Lombardo: Cupinski
Ms. McDermott: Cupinski
Mr. McGinley: Galella
Mr. Mitchell: Cupinski
Mr. Perry: Cupinski
Ms. Radle: Cupinski
Mr. Thornton: Cupinski
Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Bartz
Mr. Wolovich: Cupinski

Results:

Cupinski 9

Bartz 1

Galella 1

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Bienias: Galella
Mr. Lescavage: Bartz
Mr. Lombardo: Galella
Ms. McDermott: Bartz
Mr. McGinley: Galella
Mr. Mitchell: Bartz
Mr. Perry: Galella
Ms. Radle: Galella
Mr. Thornton: Galella
Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Bartz
Mr. Wolovich: Galella

Results:

Galella 7

Bartz 4

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Bienias: Bartz
Mr. Lescavage: Bartz
Mr. Lombardo: Patte
Ms. McDermott: Bartz
Mr. McGinley: Patte
Mr. Mitchell: Bartz
Mr. Perry: Patte
Ms. Radle: Patte
Mr. Thornton: Patte
Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Bartz
Mr. Wolovich: Patte

Results:

Patte 6

Bartz 5

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Donna Cupinski to the Luzerne County Convention

Center Authority by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Bienias

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Dino Galella to the Luzerne County Convention

Center Authority by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Patrick Patte to the Luzerne County Convention

Center Authority by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

8b. Luzern County Flood Protection Authority - (1) term ending 12/31/2027

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Thornton nominated: James Delaney

Second: Ms. McDermott

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Bienias

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing James Delaney to the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority by: Mr. Lombardo
Second: Mr. Thornton
Roll Call Vote:
Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous
Motion Passed (11-0)
Resolution is Adopted

8c. Luzerne County Housing Authority
(1) regular term ending 12/31/2027 and (1) resident term ending 12/31/2027
REGULAR TERM

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. McGinley
Second: Mr. Lombardo
Vote:
Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous
Motion Passed (11-0)
Nominations Open
Mr. McGinley nominated: Rose Yarmel
Second: Mr. Bienias
Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. Lombardo
Second: Mr. Wolovich
Vote:
Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous
Motion Passed (11-0)
Nominations Closed

RESIDENT TERM

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Wolovich
Second: Mr. Lombardo
Vote:
Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous
Motion Passed (11-0)
Nominations Open
Mr. McGinley nominated: Robert Wanyo
Second: Mr. Lombardo
Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. Bienias
Second: Mr. Lombardo
Vote:
Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous
Motion Passed (11-0)
Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Rose Yarmel to the Luzerne County Housing

Authority by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. SJ Urban

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Robert Wanyo to the Luzerne County Housing

Authority by: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

8d. Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority (1) term ending 12/31/2027

REMOVED

8e. Luzerne County Transportation Authority - (1) term ending 12/31/2027

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. McGinley

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. McGinley nominated: Michael Cefalo

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Michael Cefalo to the Luzerne County

Transportation Authority by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. SJ Urban

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

9. Nominations and Appointments to Boards and Commissions

9a. Luzerne Conservation District Board of Directors – (2) terms ending 12/31/2026

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. SJ Urban

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Wolovich nominated: John Wilkes

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Ms. McDermott nominated: Leonard Burger

Second: Mr. SJ Urban

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. SJ Urban

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt both resolutions Appointing John Wilkes and Leonard Burger to the Luzerne Conservation District Board of Directors by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Bienias

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Both Resolutions are Adopted

9b. Luzerne County Arts Advisory Board

(1) term ending 12/31/2024 and (1) term ending 12/31/2026

TERM ENDING 12/31/2024

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Thornton nominated: Donald Armstrong

Second: Mr. Bienias

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

TERM ENDING 12/31/2026

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Bienias

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Ms. McDermott nominated: Colleen Logan

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. SJ Urban

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

TERM ENDING 12/31/2024

Motion to adopt resolution Appointing Donald Armstrong to the Luzerne County Arts Advisory Board by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

TERM ENDING 12/31/2026

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Colleen Logan to the Luzerne County Arts Advisory Board by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. McGinley

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

9c. Luzerne County Children & Youth Advisory Board - (3) terms ending 12/31/2025

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Wolovich nominated: Robert Childs and Amy Lowell Hart

Second: Mr. Lescavage

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt both resolutions Appointing Robert Childs and Amy Lowell Hart to the Luzerne County Children & Youth Advisory Board by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Both Resolutions are Adopted

POINT OF ORDER

Chair Radle stated Walter Griffith texted her and called Point of Order stating that each nominee must be stated by each Council Member and Council can't go directly to the resolution. She clarified it further that when there is only one nominee each council member must state his name. Attorney Skene stated it was the Bylaws of the group would apply. Mr. Thornton asked how it has been done in the past. Mr. McGinley confirmed that when there was only one nominee and one opening there was no need to re-state the name. Council agreed to continue to follow the procedure that has been followed to date.

9d. Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees – (1) term ending 12/31/2028

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Lombardo nominated: George Brown

Second: Mr. Mitchell

Mr. Wolovich nominated: William Lewis

Second: Mr. Perry

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Roll Call Vote (1 name):

Mr. Bienias: Brown

Mr. Lescavage: Lewis

Mr. Lombardo: Brown

Ms. McDermott: Brown

Mr. McGinley: Brown

Mr. Mitchell: Brown

Mr. Perry: Lewis

Ms. Radle: Brown

Mr. Thornton: Lewis

Mr. Stephen J. Urban: Lewis

Mr. Wolovich: Lewis

Results:

Brown 6

Lewis 5

Motion to adopt resolution appointing George Brown to the Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

9e. Luzerne County Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors
(4) terms ending 12/31/2026

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. McGinley nominated: Brian Fischer

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Mr. Lombardo nominated: Bob Borwick

Second: Mr. Thornton

Mr. Lescavage nominated: Michael Ward

Second: Mr. Bienias

Mr. Thornton nominated: Carla Thaller

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. SJ Urban

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Brian Fischer to the Luzerne County Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Bob Borwick to the Luzerne County Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Michael Ward to the Luzerne County Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Carla Thaller to the Luzerne County Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

9f. Luzerne County Farmland Preservation Board - (2) terms ending 12/31/2025

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Lombardo nominated: Blakslee Masters

Second: Mr. Thornton

Mr. Wolovich nominated: Bryan McManus

Second: Mr. Thornton

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. SJ Urban

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Blakslee Masters to the Luzerne County Farmland Preservation Board by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Bienias

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Bryan McManus to the Luzerne County Farmland Preservation Board by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

9g. Luzerne County Forty-Fort Airport Advisory Board - (2) terms ending 12/31/2025

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Bienias

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Wolovich nominated: Michael Berish

Second: Mr. Mitchell

Mr. Lombardo nominated: David Sieminski

Second: Mr. Thornton

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Michael Berish to the Luzerne County Forty-Fort Airport Advisory Board by: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing David Sieminski to the Luzerne County Forty-Fort Airport Advisory Board by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

9h. Luzerne County Planning Commission - (4) terms ending 12/31/2026

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Bienias nominated: William Kane

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Mr. Lombardo nominated: Salvatore Marsico

Second: Mr. Thornton

Mr. Wolovich nominated: Karen Fleisher

Second: Mr. Lescavage

Ms. McDermott nominated: Gary Swartz

Second: Mr. Thornton

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing William Kane to the Luzerne County Planning Commission by: Mr. Bienias

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Salvatore Marsico to the Luzerne County Planning Commission by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. McGinley

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Karen Fleisher to the Luzerne County Planning

Commission by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Gary Swartz to the Luzerne County Planning

Commission by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

9i. Luzerne County Zoning Hearing Board - (1) term ending 12/31/2025

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Bienias

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Wolovich nominated: Dave Williams

Second: Mr. Bienias

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. McGinley

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Dave Williams to the Luzerne County Zoning Hearing Board by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

9j. Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board - (2) terms ending 12/31/2026

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Lombardo nominated: Michelle Mikitish

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Mr. Wolovich nominated: William Schabener

Second: Mr. Bienias

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. SJ Urban

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Michelle Mikitish to the Luzerne/Schuylkill

Workforce Investment Board by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing William Schabener to the Luzerne/Schuylkill

Workforce Investment Board by: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

9k. Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board

(3) terms ending 12/31/2025

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Lombardo nominated: Joseph Yozviak

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Mr. Wolovich nominated: Deborah Walsh

Second: Mr. Bienias

Mr. Wolovich nominated: Mildred Passeri

Second: Me. Lombardo

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. SJ Urban

Second: Mr. Thornton

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Joseph Yozviak to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Deborah Walsh to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Mildred Passeri to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

9l. Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Executive Commission
(1) Student term ending 12/31/2025

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Lombardo nominated: Tyler Meyers

Second: Mr. Bienias

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Mitchell

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

Motion to adopt resolution appointing Tyler Meyers to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Executive Commission by: Mr. Lombardo

Second: Mr. Bienias

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

**9m. Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Mental Health & Developmental Services Program
Advisory Board - (2) terms ending 12/31/2025**

EDUCATION

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Wolovich nominated: Raelene Daring

Second: Mr. Mitchell

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. SJ Urban

Second: Mr. Mitchell

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Raelene Daring to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties
Mental Health & Developmental Services Program Advisory Board by:** Mr. Thornton

Second: Mr. Wolovich

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

HEALTH & WELFARE

Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. SJ Urban

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Open

Mr. Wolovich nominated: Melisa Littleton

Second: Mr. Bienias

Motion to Close Nominations: Mr. Wolovich

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Nominations Closed

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Melisa Littleton to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties
Mental Health & Developmental Services Program Advisory Board by:** Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Thornton

Roll Call Vote:

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Resolution is Adopted

10. Motion to adopt resolution Awarding American Rescue Plan Act Grant Monies
REMOVED

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

WRITTEN comments are submitted electronically via **EMAIL** or **ZOOM**. A copy of the full written comment for each speaker is posted under the corresponding meeting agenda. **VERBAL** comments, in their entirety, can be heard by accessing the public comment portion of the meeting recording posted next to the meeting agenda.

Greg Griffin (Swoyersville) commented Verbally regarding the ARP Money.

Diane Cowman (Kingston) commented Verbally regarding ARP Grants and Process.

Joe Granteed (Plains) commented Verbally regarding ARP Grants.

Mark Rabo (Hazleton) commented Verbally regarding ARP Grants and Process.

Vivian Kreidler-Lucina (Nescopeck) commented Verbally regarding ARP List, Process and Scores.

Walter Griffith (Trucksville) commented Verbally regarding ARP Money, List and Applications.

Chair Radle read Public Comment Emails from:

Walter and Robyn Kochan (Dallas Township)

Pamela Heard (Wright Township)

Mike and Cindy Brannan (Wright Township)

Laura Pinero (Wyoming)

Ron Knapp (Nanticoke)

Motion to adjourn: Mr. McGinley

Second: Mr. Lombardo

Vote:

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

Motion Passed (11-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Lawrence

Clerk of Council

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