



Luzerne County Council
October 29, 2019
Council Meeting Room
Luzerne County Courthouse
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Minutes
October 29, 2019 Special Voting Session

Call to Order

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Special Voting Session in the Council Meeting Room of the Luzerne County Courthouse on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at 5:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Tim McGinley.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Roll Call

Present

Patrick M. Bilbow
Harry Haas
Linda McClosky Houck
Tim McGinley
Rick Morelli
Chris Perry
Sheila Saidman, Esq.
Robert Schnee
Matthew Vough
Jane Walsh Waitkus

Also Present

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager
Shannon Crake-Lapsansky, Assistant County Solicitor
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Absent

Stephen A. Urban

Adoption of Special Voting Session Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Mr. Schnee

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes – Unanimous

The Special Voting Session Agenda is Adopted (10-0)

Public Comment on Special Voting Session Agenda Item

The following citizens spoke in opposition of closing the White Haven and Polk Centers.

Jim Clark (Plymouth)

Judith Clark (Plymouth)

Tom Kashatus (Glen Lyon)

They asked Council to support Senate Bill 906 and House Bill 1918 calling for a moratorium on the closing of Polk and White Haven State Centers. A handout was provided with a list of legislators names and addresses as well as copies of the Bills. The citizens spoke about their personal experiences and ties with the White Haven Center and asked Council for help and support.

Agenda Item

1. Motion to adopt resolution in Support of House Bill 1918 of 2019

Motion by: Mr. Bilbow

Second: Mr. Schnee

Mr. McGinley would like to see an amendment to add Senate Bill 906 to the resolution.

Motion to add Senate Bill 906 to the resolution: Mr. Bilbow

Second: Mr. Morelli

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Amended

Motion to adopt Resolution as Amended: Mr. Bilbow

Second: Mr. Schnee

Roll Call Vote:

Ten (10) Yes - Unanimous

Motion Passed (10-0)

Resolution is Adopted

Public Comment

Jim Clark (Plymouth) spoke about the White Haven Center residents and private facilities.

Brian Shiner (Kingston) spoke about the Plains Township TIF.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Waitkus

Second: Ms. Saidman

Vote:

Ten (10) Ayes - Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 5:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Lawrence
Clerk of Council

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<http://www.luzernecounty.org/county/luzerne-county-council> or by contacting the Office of the
Clerk of Council at (570) 825-1634 or via email to sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org