

**RESOLUTION R-2022-68
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

*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.

ROLL CALL VOTE (8-1)

YES: Bienias, Lombardo, McDermott, McGinley, Perry, Radle, Schnee and Wolovich

NO: SJ Urban

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

Attest: 
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

By: 
Kendra Radle, Chair

By: 
John Lombardo, Vice-Chair