

Regular Meeting
April 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the West Newton Borough Council was held on Monday, April 11, 2016 in Council Chambers. Council President George Molovich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmembers Tony Berarducci, George Molovich, Daniel Palfey, Connie Pollock, David Tamasy, Dave Tamasy and Arlene Tomich called present. Mayor Mary Popovich, Solicitor Nate Boring, Chief Gary Indof and Public Works Supervisor Randy Shincovich were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delegates: Craig Sanner—Chief of WNVFD—Chief Sanner was present upon Council’s request to discuss the preparation of the fire codes required to be submitted to County Public Safety—It was determined that Chief Sanner, Mayor Popovich, EMA Director Williams and Council members will meet to get this matter resolved in a timely fashion.

Engineers Report: Engineer Stanton reviewed the Engineers Report. Discussion was held relative to Forced Main Project costs, financing and permitting. It was determined additional discussion will be held after additional information is received from PA DEP and PennVest.

Supervisors Report: Supervisor Shincovich reported on current projects in the Borough and Sewer Department. Secretary Humenik presented financing options for the purchase of a skid loader.

Motion 04-01 was made by Councilman Berarducci authorizing purchase of mulch for playgrounds. Second made by Tamasy Jr. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 04-02 was made by Councilwoman Tomich authorizing the purchase of a skid loader from Groff Equipment in the amount of \$47,300.00, financing \$17,300.00 for 36 months at 2.5% interest. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Boring reported on current projects. President Molovich reminded the Solicitor that in the future a vote must come across the table prior to the drafting of any ordinances. It is a Council decision, not a single individual’s preferences.

Mayors Report: Mayor Popovich presented the Police & Mayors report. Mayor Popovich reported the 4 bke racks donated by the Trail Town organization will be delivered soon and must be installed by May 31.

Zoning Report: Secretary Humenik reported 2 demolition permits, 1 carport permit and 7 occupancy inspections for the month of March. President Molovich distributed copies of Monongahela’s sign ordinance for Council’s review.

Committee Reports:

Streets & Recreation: No

Public Safety: No

Finance & Properties: Councilwoman Tomich reported the 1st quarter profit and loss has been distributed and requested committee chairpersons review their department expenses. Discussion was also held relative to proposed ordinance changes regarding blighted properties and vegetation. President Molovich stated a special work session will be held for these discussion of these matters only to achieve an agreeable enforcement tool.

Sanitation: No

Sewage: No

Insurance: No

Minutes: Councilman Tamasy Jr. made **Motion 04-03** to approve the minutes as submitted. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Bills: Councilwoman Tomich made **Motion 04-04** to approve the bills as submitted for payment with the exception of George’s Auto Center and Nancy Molovich. Second made by Pollock. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Bills: Councilman Palfey made **Motion 04-05** to approve the payments made to George’s Auto Center and Nancy Molovich as submitted. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Pollock, Tamasy Jr., Tamasy Sr., Berarducci, Tomich and Palfey voting yes and Molovich abstaining.

Treasurers Report: Councilman Tamasy Jr. made **Motion 04-06** to approve the Treasurers Report as submitted. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Tax Collectors Report: Secretary Humenik reported total collections year to date in the amount of \$72,441.78 Councilman Tamasy Jr. made **Motion 04-07** to approve the Tax Collectors Report as submitted. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Police & Mayors Report: Councilman Tamasy Jr. made **Motion 04-08** to approve the Police & Mayors Report as submitted. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Communications: Secretary Humenik presented a letter of interest from Heather Fitzgibbons for a seat on the Recreation Board, an invitation for Council members to attend a meeting for the formation of a Watershed Planning Advisory Committee for the Westmoreland County Integrated Water Resources Plan—Councilwomen Tomich and Pollock will attend.

Motion 04-9 was made by Councilwoman Tomich appointing Heather Fitzgibbons to a term on the Recreation Board. Second made by Tamasy Jr. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolution 2016-4--A Resolution appointing Pamela Humenik as the designated agent for snow reimbursement application.

Motion 04-10 was made by Councilwoman Tomich to adopt Resolution 2016-4 as presented. Second made by Pollock. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion 04-11 was made by Councilman Berarducci to appoint Armand Luzi to the Vacancy Board. Second made by Tamasy Jr. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 04-12 was made by Councilman Tamasy Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.