

Regular Meeting  
August 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the West Newton Borough Council was held on Monday, August 8, 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. Solicitor Nate Boring and Public Works Supervisor Randy Shincovich were present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Delegates:**

Steven Cypher and Cheryl Rockovich—Representing the accounting firm of Cypher & Cypher, Mr. Cypher gave a presentation of the 2015 audit report. Mr. Cypher reported the Borough is in sound financial condition and pointed out some housekeeping items to be addressed.

Paul Williams-WNEMA-Mr. Williams was present to give Council EMA updates.

Armand Luzi-Mr. Luzi commended Council on the Vine Street Park improvements and the sound state of the fund balance as disclosed in the audit report. Mr. Luzi went on to state he would like to see more police visibility on Main Street in and around the trail area.

**Engineers Report:** Engineer Stanton reviewed the engineers report.

**Motion 08-01** was made by Councilman Tamasy Jr. authorizing Jason Stanton to act as agent of West Newton Borough to obtain Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDot. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Supervisors Report:** Supervisor Shincovich reported on work activities.

**Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Boring reported on the progress of condemned properties in the Borough.

**Mayors Report:** Mayor was not present

**Zoning Report:** Secretary Humenik reported 8 occupancy inspections for the month of July.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance & Properties:** Councilwoman Tomich presented a letter drafted by herself expressing her disappointment in the progress so far this year and asking everyone to work together to move forward in the future for the good of the community.

**Insurance:** Councilman Tamasy said he will bring up the Vacant Registry Ordinance at next months meeting.

**Streets & Recreation:** **Motion 08-02** was made by Councilman Berarducci to authorize Solicitor to draft an updated Solicitation Ordinance. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Sewage:** Councilman Tamasy questioned the grant application for the Forced Main project. Engineer Stanton stated it will be presented at the September meeting.

**Public Safety:** Councilwoman Pollock reported on interviews held for part time police officers.

**Motion 08-03** was made by Councilwoman Pollock to hire Dave Mclaughlin as a part time police officer under the current wage rates. Second made by Tamasy Sr. Motion passed.

**Motion 08-04** was made by Councilwoman Pollock to hire Joseph Campbell as a part time police officer under the current wage rates. Second made by Tamasy Jr. Motion passed.

**Motion 08-05** was made by Councilwoman Pollock to hire Stefano Fina as a part time police officer under the current wage rates. Second made by Palfey. Motion passed.

**Motion 08-06** was made by Councilwoman Pollock to hire Gerrge Daniels as a part time police officer under the current wage rates. Second made by Tamasy Jr. Motion passed.

**Sanitation:** Councilman Palfey stated he would be reviewing garbage contract prior to his recommendation for exercising second year option.

**Minutes:** Councilman Tamasy Jr. made **Motion 08-07** to approve the minutes as submitted. Second made by Tamsy Sr. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Bills:** Councilwoman Tomich made **Motion 08-08** to approve the bills as submitted for payment with the exception of George's Auto Center and Nancy Molovich. Second made by Tamasy Jr. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Bills:** Councilwoman Tomich made **Motion 08-09** to approve the payments made to George's Auto Center and Nancy Molovich as submitted. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Pollock, Tomich, Berarducci, Palfey, Tamasy Sr. and Tamasy Jr. voting yes and Molovich abstaining.

**Treasurers Report:** Councilman Tamasy Jr. made **Motion 08-10** to approve the Treasurers Report as submitted. Second made by Tamasy Sr. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Tax Collectors Report:** Secretary Humenik reported total collections year to date in the amount of \$232,566.45. Councilwoman Tomich made **Motion 08-11** to approve the Tax Collectors Report as submitted. Second made by Tamasy Jr. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**No Police & Mayors Report**

**Motion 08-12** was made by Councilman Tamasy Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Second made by Pollock. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.