

Special Meeting
January 25, 2016

A Special meeting of Council was held on Monday, January 26, 2016 in Council Chambers. President George Molovich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmembers Tony Berarducci, George Molovich, Connie Pollock, Dave Tamasy, David Tamasy and Arlene Tomich called present during roll call. Mayor Mary Popovich was present as well as a legal representative from Dodaro, Matta and Cambest.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the meeting was to accept public input relative to the open budget and the review and revision of same.

Delegates:

1. LouAnn Petronick—West Newton Community Festival Committee—Ms. Petronick opened by thanking Borough for past assistance with the festival preparation and clean up. Due to the change of COG's, the free tents, table and chairs are no longer available for festival—it was understood Borough will incur cost of rental of these items for this years festival. Ms. Petronick went on to ask for Council's assistance in the repair of the light posts at the festival area and the cost of insurance for the event.

2. Dustin Sanner—Mr. Sanner was present on behalf of WNVFD to update Council on the cost of gear for each individual fireman and the cost of training required. The gear and suiting for one firefighter amounts to approximately \$2,200 and the training \$900. Mr. Sanner asked Council's for any assistance they could provide.

3. Aaron Nelson—Mr. Nelson was present on behalf of DWNl to ask Council's consideration in a partnership for 2016-2017 Main Street beautification projects. Project is broken into four categories: 5 planters at an approximate cost of \$3,000, 9-10 trash cans at an approximate cost of \$450-\$850 each, replacement of 12-14 snow flakes on East and West Main Street at an approximate cost of \$350-\$500 each and replacement of the 15 banners at an approximate cost of \$3000. In addition, Mr. Nelson asked for a \$2,500 stipend for Simeral Square.

4. Nancy Molovich—Mrs. Molovich was present on behalf of West Newton Pool Board to thank Borough for all its assistance and contributions to keep the pool an active part of the community.

5. Paul Williams—Mr. Williams was present to request funding for various EMA projects: \$500 for binder upgrades, a mobile storage trailer, a Hazard Mitigation Fund, a river flood gauge at the cost of \$25,000 plus \$5,000 annual maintenance cost , a notification siren and a mobile generator.

President Molovich asked Council's pleasure on addressing these requests. Councilman David Tamasy suggested that all councilmembers absorb this information individually. It was determined no action would be taken at this meeting on the requests.

President Molovich went on to inquire about the status of an auditor. Councilman David Tamasy stated he thought it would be advertised. No direction was given to advertise and professional services are not required to be advertised.

Councilman David Tamasy asked legal representative to provide him with names of auditors and accounting firm. It was noted that the annual audit must be submitted to DCED by April 1.

Motion 01-16 was made by Tomich to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Second by Tamasy. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Pamela M. Humenik
Borough Sec./Treas.