

Regular Meeting  
December 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the West Newton Borough Council was held on Monday, December 11, 2017. Council President George Molovich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmembers Tony Berarducci, George Molovich, Dan Palfey, Connie Pollock and Arlene Tomich called present during roll call. Mayor Mary Popovich and Public Works Supervisor Lou Friedemann were present. Dave and David Tamasy arrived at 6:35 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Delegates:**

Paul Williams: Mr. Williams was present to update Council on EMA activities.

**Professional Services and Department Reports:**

- **Engineers Report:** Engineer Dan Jageman reviewed the Engineers Report as presented.
- **Resolution 2017-2-A** Resolution requesting Pa Small Water and Sewer Program Grant.
- **Motion 12-01** was made by Councilman Palfey to adopt Resolution 2017-2 as presented. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote.
- **Supervisors Report:** Supervisor Friedemann reported on current Street Department and Sewer Department projects.
- **Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Dalfonso reported that due to reassignments, Solicitor Boring will no longer be available for West Newton meeting nights and gave the option of using his services. Councilman Tamasy stated the new Council will make that decision.
- **Mayors Report:** Due to Chief Indof's injury no Police and Mayors Report was submitted this month. Mayor Popovich went on to question the inconsistency with the issuance of building permits. It was determined the Zoning Officer will be asked to attend the next work session to address these concerns.
- **Zoning Report:** One demolition permit and three occupancy inspections for month of November.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Streets, Recreation:** Councilman Berarducci stated the 120-day probation period for Supervisor Lou Friedemann is completed and he has proved himself to be a valuable employee.
- **Motion 12-02** was made by Councilman Tamasy Jr. to recognize Lou Friedemann as a full time Borough employee. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.
- **Insurance:** No report
- **Community Revitalization:** No report
- **Sewage:** No report
- **Public Safety:** Councilwoman presented a letter of resignation from Alan Hritz.
- **Motion 12-03** was made by Councilman Tamasy Jr. to accept the resignation of Alan Hritz from the WNPD. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.
- **Sanitation:** No report
- **Finance and Properties:** Councilwoman Tomich presented the 2018 proposed budget as follows.

• General Fund	\$874,975.00
• Sewer System Fund	\$832,237.00
• Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 95,010.00
- **Motion 12-04** was made by Councilman Palfey to accept the 2018 proposed budget as presented. Second made by Tamasy Sr. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.
- Councilwoman Tomich went on to state with the expense of maintaining the Borough, supplementing the employees and the fact that there has been no tax increase since 2003 it is necessary to raise taxes to maintain a healthy fund balance.
- **Motion 12-05** was made by Councilwoman Tomich approving a 2-mill tax increase for 2018. Second made by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

**Minutes:** **Motion 12-06** was made by Councilwoman Tomich to accept the Minutes as presented. Second made by Tamasy Jr. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Bills:** **Motion 12-07** was made by Councilman Tamasy Jr. to approve bills as presented for payment. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Bills: Motion 12-08** was made by Councilwoman Tomich to approve bills to be paid to Georges Auto Center and Nancy Molovich. Second made by Tamasy Sr. Motion adopted by roll call vote with Pollock, Tamasy Sr. Berarducci, Tamasy Jr., Palfey, Tomich voting yes and Molovich abstaining.

**Treasurers Report: Motion 12-09** was made by Councilman Palfey to accept 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 \$236,315.40.

**Motion 12-10** was made by Councilwoman Tomich to accept Tax Collectors Report as presented. Second made by Tamasy Jr. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**No Police & Mayors Report:**

**Ordinance 2017-2**-An Ordinance regulating fees charge for tax certifications by Tax Collector

**Motion 12-11** was made by Councilman Tamasy Jr. to consider Ordinance 2017-2. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Motion 12-12** was made by Councilman Tamasy Jr. to dispense with the second and third reading. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Misc.** Special meeting to be held Thursday December 28, 2017 at 6:30. Reorganization meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

**Motion 12-13** was made by Councilman Tamasy Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Second made by Tamasy Sr. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

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