

Regular Meeting
June 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of West Newton Borough Council was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in Council Chambers, 112 South Water Street. Council President Charlie Krasnevich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmembers Tony Berarducci, Charlie Krasnevich, Connie Pollock, Charlie Popovich and Arlene Tomich called present during roll call.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delegates:

#1 Matt Krason- Mr. Krason was present along with some members of his troop to report on community activities and to encourage youths to become involved with the Boy Scouts.

Professional and Department Reports:

- **Engineers Report:** Engineer Jageman reviewed the work in progress report and introduced Ryan Contestabile as his replacement.
- **Supervisors Report:** Supervisor Friedemann updated Council on Street Dept projects.
- **Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Dalfonso reviewed work in progress.
Motion 06-01 was made by Councilwoman Tomich authorizing release of Project 70 restrictions on the Plummer House. Second made by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.
- **Mayors Report:** Mayor Popovich read the Police report.
Motion 06-02 was made by Councilwoman Tomich authorizing Mayor Popovich to submit grant application for paint and giving permission for volunteers to paint Library. Second made by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.
- No Zoning Report

Committee Reports:

Properties, Sanitation: Councilwoman Tomich asked Council to consider amending Vacant Registry Ordinance to include properties abandoned by property owners. At present, the Ordinance only addresses foreclosures and there is an abundance of properties deteriorating that do not fall under that category.

Motion 06-03 was made by Councilwoman Tomich to amend Ordinance 2016-2 to include all abandoned properties. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Streets, Recreation, Sewage: Councilman Berarducci reported on RecBoard activities. Berarducci stated on August 18 a Drug/Alcohol Awareness Program will be held at the gym followed by activities at the ballfield.

Motion 06-04 was made by Councilman Berarducci to accept resignation from Bob Heffner as Street Department employee. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 06-05 was made by Councilman Berarducci to make Bob Yuhas a part time Street Department employee. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 06-06 was made by Councilman Berarducci authorizing advertising for Seasonal grass cutter. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 06-07 was made by Councilman Berarducci to accept resignation by Justin Lowanse from the Recreation Board. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Personnel: No report

Public Safety: Councilman Popovich stated the committee would be meeting for contract negotiations.

Motion 06-08 was made by Councilman Popovich authorizing purchase of 2018 Ford Taurus Police Interceptor from Day Ford in the amount of \$37,154.17. Second made by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Reports Submitted for Approval:

- **Minutes:** Councilwoman Tomich made **Motion 06-09** to approve the minutes of the May meeting as presented. Second by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.
- **Bills:** Councilman Berarducci made **Motion 06-10** to approve the bills submitted for payment. Second by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.
- **Treasurers Report:** Councilman Berarducci made **Motion 06-11** approving the Treasurers Report as presented. Second by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.
- **Tax Collectors Report:** Secretary Humenik reported total collections year to date in the amount of \$255,043.67. Councilwoman Tomich made **Motion 06-12** to accept the Tax Collectors Report as submitted. Second by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

- **Police & Mayors Report:** Councilman Berarducci made **Motion 06-13** to approve the Police & Mayors Report as submitted. Second by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Communications: Secretary Humenik stated the Pool received a \$5,000.00 donation from Chevron.

Councilwoman Pollock made **Motion 06-14** to adjourn the meeting at 7.35 p.m. Second made by Tomich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Pamela M. Humenik
Borough Sec./Treas.