

Monthly Voting Meeting

April 12, 2021

The regular monthly voting meeting of West Newton Borough Council was held on Monday, April 12, 2021 in the social quarters of the Presbyterian Church. Council President Charlie Krasnevich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmembers Tony Berarducci, Gary Johnson, Charlie Krasnevich, Brenda Maleski and Charlie Popovich called present during roll call. Councilman Palfey arrived at 6:40 p.m. Mayor Mary Popovich, Solicitor Sam Dalfonso and Engineer Ryan Contestabile were present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delegates:

Justin Lowanse-Representing Waypoint—Announced Community Clean up Day on May 15.

Dale Kimberly-Mr. Kimberly present to voice his concern in regards to the street opening repair work being performed in the Borough. Engineer Contestabile will draft a letter to refresh the utility companies involved on the specs of Borough Ordinance.

Bryan Backstrom-Mr. Backstrom present representing CROWN, requesting approval for various activities at Vine Street Park and gym. No objections raised. Mr Backstrom went on to discuss the placement of military remembrance flags on utility poles in specific areas of Borough. He was instructed all utility guidelines must be followed and a letter of approval from utility company when received must be submitted to Borough office.

Jason Cooper-Yough HS Band-Mr. Cooper was present requesting permission to use Vine Street Park for a fundraising event for the Yough Band on May 15 from 2-6. No objections raised.

Paul Williams-WNEMA-Mr. Williams was present to update Council on WNEMA activities.

Professional and Department Reports:

Engineers Report: Engineer Contestabile reviewed the Engineers Report. Contestabile did report WayPoint has agreed to submission of a letter stating the container placed on Collinsburg Road will be removed in the event of flooding.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Dalfonso reported on ongoing business

Resolution 2021-A Resolution adopting Westmoreland County Hazard Mitigation Plan. **Motion 04-01** was made by Councilman Popovich to adopt as presented. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 04-02 was made by Councilman Johnson authorizing Solicitor to prepare Ordinance for Borough Manager. Second made by Maleski. Motion adopted by roll call vote with Johnson, Maleski, Krasnevich and Popovich voting yes and Berarducci and Palfey voting no.

No Zoning Report:

Mayors Report: Mayor Popovich read the March Police & Mayors Report. **Motion 04-03** was made by Councilman Palfey accepting the Police & Mayors Report as presented. Second made by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Minutes: Motion 04-04 was made by Councilwoman Maleski accepting the minutes of the March meeting as presented. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.


Bills: Motion 04-05 was made by Councilman Berarducci approving the bills as presented for payment with the exception of Georges Auto and Nancy Molovich. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.


Bills: Motion 04-06 was made by Councilman Berarducci approving the bills as presented for payment to Georges Auto and Nancy Molovich. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Treasurers Report: Motion 04-07 was made by Councilman Johnson accepting the Treasurers Report as presented. Second made by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.


Tax Collectors Report: Secretary Humenik presented the Tax Collectors Report stating a collection year to date in the amount of \$61,991.67. **Motion 04-08** was made by Councilman Berarducci accepting the Tax Collectors Report as presented. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

 **Sewage, Recreation**


 **Streets: Motion 04-09** was made by Councilman Popovich approving the volunteer use of Street department crew and equipment to assist with Avenue of Flags. Second made by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.


 **Insurance, Bridge**

 **Finance & Budget**

 **Properties**

 **Sanitation**

 **Public Safety: Motion 04-10** was made by Councilman Berarducci authorizing electrical repair at the gym by Barbera Electric at an approximate cost of \$6,500.00. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

 **Motion 04-11** was made by Councilman Palfey authorizing electrical repair at the Police station by Barbera Electric at an approximate cost of \$1,800.00. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

 **Personnel: At the request of Secretary Humenik:**

Motion 04-12 was made by Councilman Berarducci aproving an exit audit upon Secretary Humenik's retirement. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 04-13 was made by Councilman Berarducci to pay Pamela Humenik for 5 weeks vacation and unused sick days. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Communications: Motion 04-14 was made by Councilwoman Maleski approving easement to MAWC for vault work being performed on Borough property. Second by made Berarducci. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion 04-15 was made by Councilwoman Maleski to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Second by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.