

Monthly Voting Meeting  
August 9, 2021

The regular monthly voting meeting of West Newton Borough Council was held on Monday, August 9, 2021 in Council Chambers, 112 South Water Street. Council President Charlie Krasnevech called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmembers Tony Berarducci, Gary Johnson, Charlie Krasnevech, Brenda Maleski, Dan Palfey and Charlie Popovich called present during roll call. Solicitor Sam Dalfonso and Engineer Ryan Contestabile were present. Mayor Mary Popovich to be present later in the evening.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Delegates:**

**#1 Dr. Kondrot, Eye Doctor** - Possibility of AMTRAX stopping in West Newton. Fly fishing and canoeing school.

**#2 Bonnie Flowers, CROWN-Chairwoman of West Newton Festival** - Electric, No charge. Security. Street closures for parade routes. 9/11 Memorial Service.

**#3 Bob Backstrom** - Handicapped Veteran parking space on Second St.-Dan Palfey will look into.

**#4 Dale Kimberly, Kimberly Contracting** - Road repairs in Borough not being done to specs. PA One calls. Shed blocking his entrance, verify who owns or if on Borough property.

**#5 Bob Tarr, Christ Lutheran Church** - Availability of funds under ARPA for distribution to church for paving church parking lot. Borough is waiting for final guidelines.

**#6 Tom Molisee** - Pipe in creek on Westside - Borough to put up barricades. Verify who owns property.

**#7 Eric Letterio** - Filming of Borough meetings.

**#8 Paul Williams** - Possible use of County generator trailer to be used for West Newton Festival. USDA program, grant funding for roads.

**Professional and Department Reports:**

**Engineers Report:** Engineer Contestabile reviewed the monthly report.

**Supervisors Report:** Lou Friedemann – Sale of Street Sweeper to Theron Miles for \$500.00 thru Municibid. Salt shed is full.

**Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Dalfonso-Act 57 and Act 59 for Police Department. Collection of past due sewer accounts.

**Motion 08-01** was made by Councilman Berarducci to enlist Solicitor Sam Dalfonso to obtain information/fees for Collection agency services. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by Krasnevech, Johnson, and Maleski

**No Zoning Report:**

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Popovich, no police report due to vacations. Police radios, 4 units, price \$13,686.00. Body cam Proposal not received yet.

**Motion 08-02** was made by Councilman Palfey to order police radios. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by Krasnevech, Johnson, and Berarducci.

**Motion 08-03** was made by Councilman Palfey to accept Mayors report as presented. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by Krasnevech, Johnson, Berarducci.

**Minutes: Motion 08-04** was made by Councilman Johnson approving the minutes of the July meeting as presented. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by Krasnevech, Berarducci, and Maleski.

**Bills: Motion 08-05** by Councilman Berarducci to approve bills as submitted for payment with the exception of Georges Auto and Nancy Molovich. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by Krasnevech, Maleski, and Palfey.

**Bills: Motion 08-06** was made by Councilman Palfey to approve payment to Georges Auto and Nancy Molovich. Second made by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Berarducci, Johnson, Maleski, Krasnevech and Palfey voting yes.

**Treasurers Report: Motion 08-07** was made by Councilwoman Maleski to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by Krasnevech, Johnson and Berarducci.

**Tax Collectors Report:** Secretary Buza read total tax collections year to date in the amount of \$256,143.22.

**Motion 08-08** was made by Councilman Johnson to accept the Tax Collectors Report as presented. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by Krasnevech, Berarducci, and Maleski.

**Committee Reports**

🗑️ **Streets:** Dumping/littering signage at docks. Easements for boat ramps. Meeting w/conservation district.

🗑️ **Sewage, Recreation-**Second pump is in, the third will be in the week of 8/23. Pay for pumps out of ARPA fund when installation is completed. New motor for compressor is needed in pump station. Dirt will be put on the field between the ball fields and the grass will be removed.

**Motion 08-09** was made by Councilman Berarducci to order new motor for compressor. Second by Palfey. Motion adopted by Krasnevich, Johnson , and Maleski.

✚ **Insurance, Bridge** Higbee Insurance, estimated annual premium including crime bond renewal is \$45,010.00. Flood insurance Bldg. two premiums - \$3,054 or \$2,865.

**Motion 08-10** was made by Councilman Palfey. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by Krasnevich, Johnson, and Berarducci.

**Motion 08-11** was made by Councilman Berarducci to pay flood insurance in the amount of \$2,865.00. Second by Palfey. Motion adopted by Krasnevich, Johnson, and Maleski.

✚ **Finance & Budget:** Payment of 2021 Road Project tabled for further discussion.

**Properties:** GC Murphy Bldg.-Solicitor Sam Dalfonso to check into an administrative warrant. Brenda reaching out to Rostraver Township as to ideas in handling blight. Brenda recognized Robert Kelly as to how many Code Enforcement issues he has done since July, 2021.

**Sanitation:** Lou Friedmann did repairs on N. Fourth St. caused by South Huntingdon Townships garbage truck.

**Public Safety:** Nothing to report

**Personnel:** Nothing to report.

**Ccommunications:** Received road project contract documents

➤ **Adjourn** – Go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Susan E. Buza  
Borough Sec./Treas.