

Monthly Voting Meeting  
December 13, 2021

The regular monthly voting meeting of West Newton Borough Council was held on Monday, December 13, 2021 in Council Chambers, 112 South Water Street. Council President Charlie Krasnevich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members Gary Johnson, Charlie Krasnevich, Brenda Maleski, Dan Palfey, and Tony Berarducci called present during roll call. Council members George Molovich and Charles Popovich were not available. Mayor Mary Popovich, Solicitor Sam Dalfonso, and Engineer Don Hixson were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Delegates:**

**#1 Pamela Humenik** - Finance matters

**#2 Dale Kimberly** – Property on West side, shed not moved. Holes in asphalt.

**Professional and Department Reports:**

**Engineers Report:** Monthly Engineers Report-updates - 2021 Road Program; PennDOT bridge relocation; STP chlorination system; FEMA/PEMA grants; Main Street sanitary sewer, Columbia Gas Project, Railroad utility agreement.

**Motion 12-01** made by Councilman Berarducci authorizing \$3,380.00 West Newtons 10% match for grant application. Second by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Motion 12-02** made by Councilman Berarducci for LSSE to conduct utility coordination with Columbia Gas. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Supervisors Report:** Lou Friedemann – Main St. Sewer issue. Picking up street sweeper December 14, 2021. Placement of visual barrier on Sampson Street.

**Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Dalfonso-Right to Know information. CCTV, no dye test for 1st & 2nd ward. No response from Conte. Executive session after meeting.

**Zoning Report:** Mike stacks report for Sept./Oct. 2021 - collected \$804.50 permit fees.

**Mayors Report:** Monthly update. Free parking the month of December, 2021.

**Motion 12-3** made by Councilman Palfey approving Mayors report. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Minutes:** **Motion 12-4** made by Councilman Berarducci approving the minutes of the November meeting as presented. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Bills:** **Motion 12-5** by Councilman Palfey to approve bills as submitted for payment with the exception of Georges Auto and Nancy Molovich. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Bills:** **Motion 12-6** made by Councilman Palfey to approve payment to Georges Auto and Nancy Molovich. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Berarducci, Johnson, Maleski, Krasnevich, and Palfey voting yes.

**Treasurers Report:** **Motion 12-7** was made by Councilman Palfey to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Second made by Berarducci. Motion adopted by Unanimous vote.

**Tax Collectors Report:** Secretary Buza read total tax collections year to date in the amount of \$286,859.15.

**Motion 12-8** made by Councilwoman Palfey to accept the Tax Collectors Report as presented. Second made by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Committee Reports**

- **Streets:** Nothing to report

- **Sewage, Recreation** - Sewer Plant update. Increase sewer rates from \$32.00 to \$35.00

**Motion 12-9** made by Councilman Berarducci to increase sewer rates to \$35.00 effective January 1, 2022.

- **Finance & Budget:** Workers compensation renewal for 2022-23, \$33,850.00 premium. FEMA Grant and Main Street sewer-ARPA Fund or Sewer Fund for payment of engineering fees. Appoint auditor for 2022. Finalize 2022 budget.

**Motion 12-10** made by Councilman Berarducci to approving workers compensation renewal. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Motion 12-11** made by Councilman Berarducci to pay engineering fees, 50/50 out of both ARPA and Sewer accounts. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Motion 12-12** made by Councilwoman Maleski to appoint Cypher & Cypher as auditor for 2022. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Motion 12-13** made by Councilman Palfey to pass the 2022 proposed budget. Second by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Berarducci, Johnson, Maleski, Krasnevich, and Palfey voting yes.

**Insurance/Bridge:** Power plant in Smithdale, letter from Borough opposing.

**Motion 12-14** made by Councilman Berarducci to send letter opposing power plant. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Properties:** Huge holes on Harris Street - Lou Friedemann to take care of.

**Sanitation:** Nothing to report.

**Public Safety:**

**Personnel:** Nothing to report

**Communications:** LSSE 2022 proposal for engineering services. Millage rate letter due by 12/20/21. Special Meeting to be held on December 28, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

**Motion 12-15** made by Councilman Palfey to accept LSSE proposal for 2022. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Motion 12-16** made by Councilwoman Maleski to adjourn to executive session. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:00pm.

Susan E. Buza  
Borough Sec./Treas.