

Regular Meeting  
February 11, 2020

The regular monthly voting meeting of West Newton Borough Council was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 in Council Chambers, 112 South Water Street. Council President Charlie Krasnevich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Councilmembers Tony Berarducci, Gary Johnson, Charlie Krasnevich, Brenda Maleski, George Molovich, Dan Palfey and Charlie Popovich called present during roll call. Mayor Mary Popovich, Solicitor Sam Dalfonso and Engineer Ryan Contestabile were present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion 02-01** was made by Councilman Palfey to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:30 for Personnel matters. Second made by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Returned to open session at 6:44 p.m.

**Delegates:**

**#1 Justin Lowanse**-Mr. Lowanse reported to Council on a proposed Waypoint project. The proposed project includes a concession/information structure to be erected on Collinsburg Road, a location in the Flood Zone. It was suggested to Mr. Lowanse that they contact Mike Stack, Zoning Officer and Ryan Contestabile, Borough Engineer before they proceed.

**#2 Kevin Keith**-Mr. Keith was present to request a handicap parking sign in front of his dwelling at 168 N. Second St.

**Motion 02-02** was made by Councilman Popovich to install a handicap parking sign in front of 168 N. Second St. Second made by Molovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Professional and Department Reports:**

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

**Motion 02-03** was made by Councilman Berarducci to authorize transfer of flow meter to Sewage Plant, \$7,000.00 to be paid by Kappe, remaining balance Sewer System. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Motion 02-04** was made by Councilman Berarducci to authorize advertising for 2020 Paving Project. Second made by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Solicitors Report:** Solicitor Dalfonso stated he will be following up with the Pollo property.

**No Zoning Report**

**Mayors Report:** Mayor Popovich read the December and January report.

**Motion 02-05** was made by Councilman Molovich to accept the Police & Mayors Report as submitted. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Minutes:** **Motion 02-06** was made by Councilman Palfey to accept the Minutes as submitted. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.


**Bills:** **Motion 02-07** was made by Councilman Popovich to accept the Bills as submitted. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Treasurers Report:** **Motion 02-08** was made by Councilman Johnson to accept the Treasurers Report as submitted. Second made by Molovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**NO Tax Collectors Report**


**Committee Reports:**

 **Sewage, Recreation:** Councilman Berarducci reported on Sewage Plant business.


 **Streets:** **Motion 02-09** was made by Councilman Palfey authorizing purchase of 2020 Ford F350 from C. Harper Ford in the amount of \$32,150.00. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.


**Motion 02-10** was made by Councilman Palfey authorizing purchase of snow plow from Push n Pull in the amount of \$5,607.00 plus a \$100 rubber deflector. Second made by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.


 **Insurance, Bridge:** Nothing report

 **Finance & Budget:** Nothing to report

 **Properties:** Councilwoman Maleski reported on a meeting with Code Enforcement Officer.

 **Sanitation:** Councilman Johnson reported on the new garbage hauler.

 **Public Safety:** Councilman Popovich reported on legislation regarding municipal requirements for supplementing Commonwealth for PSP coverage. He will keep Council updated as this progresses.

 **Personnel:** **Motion 02-11** was made by Councilman Palfey to enter a contract with Non-Union employees for a period of three years awarding a .60 increase to supervisors, .55 cent increase for operators, and a .50 increase

for laborers. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by majority roll call vote with Berarducci, Palfey, Popovich, Maleski, Krasnevich and Molovich voting yes and Johnson voting no.

**Motion 02-12** was made by Councilman Berarducci awarding Pamela Humenik a .75 increase per hour, same to be awarded for next four years. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

**Communications:**

**Motion 02-13** was made by Councilman Palfey authorizing a loan for 2020 Ford F350 from Commercial Bank & Trust of Pa. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Motion 02-14** was made by Councilman Johnson authorizing Kim Indof to substitute for Secretary Humenik February 19-21. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Motion 02-15** was made by Councilman Popovich to serve as grant sponsor for West Newton Cemetery. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Motion 02-16** was made by Councilman Berarducci appointing Bryan Backstrom to a term on the Recreation Board. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Motion 02-17** was made by Councilman Johnson approving a ¼ page ad in the WCBA banquet program book. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Motion 02-18** was made by Councilman Popovich to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Second made by Molovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Pamela M. Humenik  
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