

Voting Meeting
February 8, 2021

The regular monthly voting meeting of West Newton Borough Council was held on Monday, February 8, 2021 in 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, George Molovich and Dan Palfey 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.

Delegates: Bryan Backstrom-Mr. Backstrom was present requesting permission to hold an Easter Egg Hunt at Goerhing Park on March 27.

Motion 02-01 was made by Councilman Palfey authorizing permission for Easter Egg Hunt. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Professional and Department Reports:

Engineers Report: Engineer Contestabile reviewed his report.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Dalfonso requested Executive Session.

No Zoning Report:

Mayors Report: Mayor Popovich reviewed quote for surveillance cameras to be installed at Borough building.

Motion 02-02 was made by Councilman Johnson approving purchase and installation of 4 cameras from ADT Security. Second made by Maleski. Motion adopted by roll call vote with Krasnevich, Johnson, Maleski, and Molovich voting yes and Palfey voting no.

Motion 02-03 was made by Councilman Johnson to hire Alex Gillingham as a part time police officer. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Minutes: Motion 02-04 was made by Councilman Palfey approving the minutes of the January meeting as submitted. Second by Molovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Bills: Motion 02-05 was made by Councilman Molovich approving bills for payment as submitted, excluding Georges Auto and Nancy Molovich. Second made by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.


Bills: Motion 02-06 was made by Councilman Palfey approving bills to be paid to George's Auto and Nancy Molovich. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote, with Molovich abstaining.

Treasurers Report: Motion 02-07 was made by Councilwoman Maleski approving the Treasurers Report as submitted. Second by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 02-09 was made by Councilman Johnson approving engagement letter with Cypher & Cypher as the Independent Auditors for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Tax Collectors Report: Secretary Humenik read the Tax Collectors Report stating total collections for 2020 in the amount of \$284,441.92. **Motion 02-08** was made by Councilman Johnson to accept the Tax Collectors Report as submitted. Second by Molovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:


 **Sewage, Recreation**

 **Streets**

 **Insurance, Bridge**


Motion 02-10 was made by Councilman Molovich approving purchase of 2020 Ford Utility police vehicle from C. Harper in the amount of \$42,446.00. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

 **Finance & Budget**

 **Properties:** Councilwoman Maleski stated an Appeal hearing for Charles Quinn was scheduled for this evening, Mr. Quinn was notified via telephone and did not attend. Appeal denied.

Motion 02-11 was made by Councilman Johnson to pay Shawn Kiser \$100.00 for meeting attendance. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 02-12 was made by Councilwoman Maleski authorizing advertising of amendment to blight ordinance. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

 **Sanitation:** Councilman Johnson announced he will be leading the committee for the replacement of the retiring Secretary/Treasurer.

 **Public Safety**

 **Personnel**

Communications:

Motion 02-13 was made by Councilman Palfey authorizing letter to Public Safety giving Chief Craig Sanner permission to designate read outs for fire calls. Second made by Molovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 02-14 was made by Councilman Palfey to adjourn to Executive Session for Personnel matters at 7:45 p.m. Second made by Molovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Back in session at 8:35 p.m.

Motion 02-15 was made by Councilman Johnson to pay Officer Mike Natale One 8-hour shift. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 02-16 was made by Councilman Molovich to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.