

Monthly Voting Meeting
July 12, 2021

The regular monthly voting meeting of West Newton Borough Council was held on Monday, July 12, 2021 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, 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.

Delegates:

#1 Keith Frid, President, Yough Trail, Westmoreland Chapter-Permit for bench, brick memorial and 10x12 pavilion.

Engineer Ryan Contestabile stated that all paperwork/documents are with Mike Stack, Zoning Officer.

#2 Arlene Tomich-Large trees across the street and ivy across wires. Follow proper channels. Robert Kelly to look into.

#3 Harry Glasser, Crown-Turned in electric bills/checking account information for Vine St. Park so that West Newton Community Festival can be reimbursed and have the electric bills taken out of their name.

#4 Steve Holiday-vehicles parked in boat ramp area. Louis Friedemann to check on new signage.

Professional and Department Reports:

Engineers Report: Engineer Contestabile reviewed the monthly report.

Motion 07-01 was made by Councilman Palfey approving El Grande Industries, Inc. bid for Roadway Milling Project, cost \$209,991.25. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Supervisors Report: Lou Friedemann-Road repairs on Poplar. Catch basin on N Fourth. Sink Hole on Sampson and Allison. No information from Municibid on second bidder for street sweeper.

Motion 07-02 was made by Councilman Palfey to find out who owns property on Sampson and Allison. Second by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Dalfonso-Ratify Resolution No. 2021-5 for street sweeper sale. New Requirements For Meeting Agendas.

No Zoning Report:

Mayors Report: Mayor Popovich, no police report due to vacations. Complaint about chickens at 4 to 5 locations, Robert Kelly, Ordinance Officer to check on. Price for radio communications equipment for the Borough's Emergency Management Agency is \$5,477.70. Price for two tasers is \$3,780.72. Tablets and body cams tabled until more information is received.

Motion 07-03 was made by Councilman Berarducci to order radio communications equipment. Second by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Minutes: Motion 07-04 was made by Councilwoman Maleski approving the minutes of the July meeting as presented. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Bills: Motion 07-05 by Councilman Popovich 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 07-06 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, Popovich, Maleski, Krasnevich and Palfey voting yes.

Treasurers Report: Motion 07-07 was made by Councilman Johnson to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Second made by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Tax Collectors Report: Secretary Buza read total tax collections year to date in the amount of \$254,351.71.

Motion 07-08 was made by Councilman Popovich to accept the Tax Collectors Report as presented. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 07-09 was made by Councilman Johnson to purchase Tasers. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by Unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

- ↓ **Streets:** Councilman Palfey called for Executive Session – Ordinance in 2007 regarding grass cutting, due process is required, potential litigation.

Motion 07-10 was made by Councilman Popovich to continue regular session. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by Unanimous vote.

- ↓ **Sewage, Recreation-**Tony Berarducci -Dale Lyles retiring, Pumps are in, Need DO Probe & PH Probe.

Motion 07-11 was made by Councilman Berarducci to hire a temporary lab company. Second by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 07-12 was made by Councilman Berarducci to advertise Special Meeting on July 20, 2021 at 6:00pm to Look at bids for the sewage treatment plant operations. Second by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 07-13 was made by Councilman Berarducci to purchase a DO Probe not to exceed \$1,500.00. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 07-14 was made by Councilman Berarducci to purchase PH probe in the amount of \$547.70. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

📌 **Insurance, Bridge**

📌 **Finance & Budget:** RESOLUTION 2021-3 for authorized signers on new account for Covid-19 recovery funds.

Properties: Brenda Maleski-GC Murphy building – Landbank to do title search, cost \$500.00.

Sanitation: Gary Johnson informed another dumpster will be brought in for First St.

Public Safety: Charles Krasnevich , thank you to Paul Williams

Personnel: Need to hire person for grass cutting.

Ccommunications: Fire Department insurance proposal, estimated annual premium \$12,859.00. RESOLUTION 2021-4 Appointing Susan Buza as authorized representative to receive all tax information and records from Berkheimer.

Motion 07-15 was made by Councilman Berarducci to pay fire insurance. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 07-16 was made by Councilman Berarducci to accept RESOLUTION 2021-3. Second by Maleski. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion 07-17 was made by Councilwoman Maleski to do title search of GC Murphy building for \$500.00. Second By Palfey. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Motion 07-18 was made by Councilman Popovich to accept RESOLUTION 2021-4

Motion 07-19 was made by Councilman Johnson to adjourn to Executive Session. Second by Berarducci.

Susan E. Buza
Borough Sec./Treas.