

Monthly Voting Meeting
June 14, 2021

The regular monthly voting meeting of West Newton Borough Council was held on Monday, June 14, 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, 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 Eric Letterio-Mr. Letterio was present to request information from Council regarding a comprehensive plan for the Borough. Mr. Letterio suggested public forums. Council suggested distributing a survey. This item tabled for further Discussion.

#2 Christine Novacik-representing **Mission One Productions**-Ms. Novacik was present requesting permit information to have a Freedom Rally Event, with the assistance of **CROWN**, at Vine St. Park the end of August.

#3 Barb LaFace- representing **DWNI**-Ms. La FaFace Requested Letter of Support for placement of boat docks on Youghiogheny River. DWNI Moving into State Farm Building-wants to hang sign above parking lot-Sam Dalfonso will look at Ordinance.

#4 Brian Backstrom-representing **CROWN**-Thanked Council for use of park June 12th weekend. Veterans Banners-No response from West Penn Power regarding liability insurance.

Professional and Department Reports:

Engineers Report: Engineer Contestabile reviewed the monthly report. Introduced Don Hixson, Greensburg office.

Motion 06-01 was made by Councilman Berarducci approving Base Bid options 1 and 2 for Roadway Milling Project, Estimated cost \$236,706.80. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 06-02 was made by Councilman Berarducci to advertise Roadway Milling Project. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Supervisors Report: Lou Friedemann-Grass to be cut at 220 N. Fifth St. this coming week. Lou Friedemann and Engineer Contestabile to look at metal tanks in creek on West Side. Bid out old street sweeper.

Motion 06-03 was made by Council President Krasnevich to bid out old street sweeper. Second made by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

No Solicitors Report:

No Zoning Report:

Mayors Report: Mayor Popovich reviewed the Police and Mayors Report. Mayor went on to state she received information on Body Cams and I-Pads tabled until quotes are received. Mayor stated the police officers want to have The new police car lettered.

Motion 06-04 was made by Councilman Berarducci to have police cars lettered. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by Unanimous vote.

Minutes: **Motion 06-05** was made by Councilman Johnson approving the minutes of the May meeting as presented. Second made by Krasnevich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Bills: **Motion 06-06** by Councilman Johnson to approve bills as submitted for payment with the exception of Georges Auto and Nancy Molovich. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Bills: **Motion 06-07** was made by Councilman Berarducci to approve payment to Georges Auto and Nancy Molovich. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Berarducci, Johnson, Popovich, Maleski, Krasnevich voting yes.

Treasurers Report: **Motion 06-08** 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 \$242,980.93.

Motion 06-09 was made by Councilman Johnson to accept the Tax Collectors Report as presented. Second made by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports:

- ✦ **Sewage, Recreation:** Two \$50,000.00 pumps ordered. Mark Mesiarik will finish sewage school in November. Councilman Berarducci informed that new nets purchased for 1st and 3rd base sides at Goehring Park.
- ✦ **Streets:** One new hire, Scott Berkshire.
- ✦ **Insurance, Bridge**

↓ **Finance & Budget: Motion 06-10** was made by Councilman Popovich to approve **Resolution 2021-2** designating Charles Krasnevich, Charles Popovich and Susan Buza as signers of Borough accounts used for daily operation procedures. Second made by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 06-11 was made by Councilman Popovich to establish a new account for the ARP Funds. Second by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Properties: Councilwoman Maleski stated there would be a meeting with Landbank on Thursday regarding The GC Murphy Building.

Sanitation

Public Safety: Motion 06-12 was made by Councilwoman Maleski to hire Robert Kelly as Ordinance Officer. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 06-13 was made by Councilwoman Maleski regarding the salary of Robert Kelly to be \$1,200.00 monthly. Second by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Personnel

Ccommunications: Motion 06-14 was made by Councilman Berarducci to pay for tents, tables and chairs for **CROWN** festival in September. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 06-15 was made by Councilman Berarducci to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Second made by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Susan E. Buza
Borough Sec./Treas.