

Monthly Voting Meeting
September 13, 2021

The regular monthly voting meeting of West Newton Borough Council was held on Monday, September 13, 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, Charlie Popovich and George Molovich called present during roll call. Mayor Mary Popovich, Solicitor Sam Dalfonso and Engineer Donald Hixson were present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delegates:

#1 Dr. Kondrot - Thanks Council. Bicycle lanes and hotel chain. Invite State and Federal Representatives to Borough.

#2 Sherry Yannaci - Donated Concrete benches to be placed at Vine St. Park and possibly at 2nd St.

Motion 09-01 made by Councilman Molovich to place concrete benches at Vine St. Park. Second by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

#3 Steve Holliday – Boat ramp ruined by trucks doing paving project. Sam Dalfonso to work with Steve Holliday.

#4 Keith Frid, President, Westmoreland Yough Trail Chapter – Variance for pavilion. Sam Dalfonso to check UCC requirement and waiver of variance.

#5 Patti Hesson – Her property is next to a chicken coop and wants to keep no farm animals ordinance in effect.

#6 Scott Hunt – Milling on Fourth St. – Garbage truck for South Huntingdon ruining road. Engineer will have site observer take a look.

#7 Paul Williams – Emergency Management Agency – Present report. Council to review and approve draft copy of New 2021 Emergency Operations Plan.

#8 Alta Little – Flooding on Allison St. Mayor Popovich documented the flooding on Allison St. Engineer to look into.

Dale Kimberly, Kimberly Contracting – Generator back in storage. House on Allison Street is down. Two holes in alley behind Hi-Rise. Man holes on Collinsburg Road paved over.

#6 Tom Molisee – Alley. Engineer to look at alley.

Professional and Department Reports:

Engineers Report: 2021 Road project update. MAWC Broadway & Locust Roadway repair/restoration. Sampson St. culvert update. Sewage plant chlorination system-emergency repairs

Motion 09-02 made by Councilman Berarducci to replace chlorination system price \$9,439.00. Second by Palfey. Motion Adopted by unanimous vote

Supervisors Report: Lou Friedemann – Street repairs, sewage plant maintenance, signage. Hepatitis B Shot.

Solicitors Report: Solicitor Dalfonso-Shed, to determine if on our property or on private road.

Zoning Report: August invoice from Mike Stack.

Mayors Report: Mayor Popovich presented police report. Flooding event and West side flooding areas. Flood mitigation grants. Taser Resolution. Epson inkjet printer/Back up battery for Borough Office when power goes out.

Motion 09-03 made by Councilwoman Maleski to order inkjet printer and back up battery. Second by Molovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 09-04 made by Councilman Popovich to accept Taser Resolution 2021-6. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 09-05 made by Councilman Molovich to accept Mayors report as presented. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Minutes: Motion 09-06 made by Councilman Palfey approving the minutes of the August meeting as presented. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Bills: Motion 09-07 by Councilman Molovich to approve bills as submitted for payment with the exception of Georges Auto and Nancy Molovich. Second made by Maleschi. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Bills: Motion 09-08 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, Popovich and Palfey voting yes. George Molovich Abstained.

Treasurers Report: Motion 09-09 was made by Councilman Popovich to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by Unanimous vote,

Tax Collectors Report: Secretary Buza read total tax collections year to date in the amount of \$258,990.07.

Motion 09-10 made by Councilman Molovich to accept the Tax Collectors Report as presented. Second made by Maleschi. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

✚ **Streets:** Payment options road project - Option 1 and 2 no financing, Option 3 financing \$60,000.00 with Commercial Bank & Trust of PA. Hepatitis B shot for public works.

Motion 09-11 made by Councilman Molovich to accept Option 3. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by Molovich, Berarducci, Maleski, Popovich, Krasnevich, and Johnson. Palfey rejected.

Motion 09-12 made by Councilman Palfey for Public Works to receive hepatitis B shot. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

✚ **Sewage, Recreation** - Chlorine room, holes in pipe. Quote for two pumps totaling \$105,000.00. Chop pumps installed, release payment. Ball fields look good.

Motion 09-13 made by Councilman Berarducci for the two pumps, 1/2 payment each from sewer and ARPA accounts. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by Maleski, Johnson, Berarducci, Molovich, Krasnevich, and Palfey. Popovich rejected.

✚ **Finance & Budget:** Payment of 2021 Road Project.

✚ **Properties** - Beechwood update - Sam Dalfonso talked to owner of property. Ordinance 2007-3.

Motion 09-14 made by Councilwoman Maleski to uphold ordinance 2007-3. Second by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Sanitation: Garbage has to be in bags.

Public Safety: Police car to be decaled this week.

Personnel: Nothing to report.

Communications: Contract proposal from Hoffman Boarding Kennels. Trick or treat to be held the last Saturday in October during the day 1pm to 5pm.

Motion 09-15 made by Councilman Popovich to accept Hoffman Kennels proposal subject to Sam Dalfonso's approval. Second by Maleski. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion 09-16 made by Councilman Molovich to adjourn the meeting. Second by Popovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Susan E. Buza
Borough Sec./Treas.