

West Newton Borough  
 Regular Meeting  
 April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The regular monthly voting meeting of West Newton Borough Council was held on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, in Council Chambers, 112 South Water Street. Council President Jason Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members Jason Cooper, Dan Palfey, Randy Shincovich, Gary Johnson, Tony Berarducci, and Terri Eckels were called present during roll call. Mayor, Mary Popovich, Solicitor Sam Dalfonso, Engineer Dalton Mack and Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Pergola were also present. Council member Dan Roebuck was not present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Before public comment Council President Jason Cooper thanked the Volunteer Fire Department, Public Works crew, WN Police, Mayor Popovich, EMA and everyone else who had helped out during the flooding on 4/3/2024, there was a great response in taking calls and assisting those in need.

**Delegates:**

Joyce Pawlik was present on behalf of CROWN to update about upcoming events. Ms. Pawlik stated she received a 3<sup>rd</sup> bench; this bench will be placed at 2<sup>nd</sup> street park on the side walk for bus stops and the community.

Diane Kimberly was present to speak to council regarding a complaint about the current garbage company and her properties. Solicitor Dalfonso will be addressing this with her after he reviews the Boroughs contract with Fayette Waste.

Shelly and Billy Rupert were both present on behalf of Bikers Helping Others to request permission from Council to use the pond again this year for their annual fishing derby May 19<sup>th</sup>. Council granted permission. Mr. Rupert will have the pond stocked with warm water fish for this day.

Debbie Gras was present on behalf of the Little House Association. Ms. Gras explained to the community who the Little House Association is where they were built for the girl scouts and this association still acts as a place for the girl scouts to meet along with holding showers and small events. Ms. Gras explained the condition of their building their renovation projects and requested from Council use of ARPA funds.

**Motion 04-01** made by Councilman Palfey to accept the previous minutes. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Engineers report**

Engineer Mack presented the Engineers report

**Motion 04-02** made by Councilman Berarducci to authorize LSSE to advertise bid opening May 10<sup>th</sup> for CCTV of the Borough. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Motion 04-03** made by Councilman Berarducci to authorize LSSE to advertise bid opening May 10<sup>th</sup> for cleaning of Tank No. 1. Second made by Shincovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Supervisors Report** – Supervisor Chad Shincovich presented Supervisors report to Council.

**Solicitors Report** – Solicitor Dalfonso reported on Building code complaint at the Mantle House, Zoning Officer Mark Cypher met with the owners and inspected the new build stating it is in compliance per permit.

**Code Enforcement/Zoning Report** – Jason Humenik started up with Courtesy Notices for code enforcement. Mark Cypher submitted his zoning report for the first quarter.

**Mayors Report/Police Report** – Mayor Popovich reported Mayor/Police report for February and March.

**Emergency Management:** Paul Williams was present this evening, to report updates.

**Motion 04-04** made by Councilman Johnson to amend the agenda to add the Declaration of Emergency Event – Flooding. Second made by Palfey. No public comment. Motion adopted unanimous.

**Bills** – **Motion 04-05** was made by Councilman Palfey to pay all unpaid bills. Second by Eckels. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Treasurers Report** – **Motion 04-06** was made by Councilman Shincovich to accept Treasurer's report. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Tax Collectors Report** – Tax Collectors Report was presented by Secretary Pergola on behalf of Nicole Humenik, Tax Collector. Year to date report - \$77,417.63.

**Committee Reports:**

✚ **Finance & Budget:** Nothing to report.

✚ **Streets:**

**Motion 04-07** made by Councilman Palfey to hire Bryce Martino as a part time grass cutter at the agreed rate of \$14/hour. Second made by Shincovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote. **Motion 04-08** made by Councilman Palfey to hire Zachary Bender as another part time grass cutter at the agreed rate of \$14/hour. Second made by Shincovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote. **Motion 04-09** made by Councilman Palfey to authorize Street Supervisor Shincovich to order building material for both pavilions that would come out of ARPA funding. Second made by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.

✚ **Sewage:** Covered in Engineers report.

✚ **Recreation:** Nothing to report.

✚ **Insurance:** Nothing to report.

✚ **Personnel:** Nothing to report.

✚ **Public Safety:** **Motion 04-10** made by Councilman Shincovich to send 5 employees for confined space training and PennDOT flagger training through Keystone Insurance Group. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.

✚ **Properties & Code Enforcement:** Nothing to report, requested executive session.

✚ **Sanitation:** Nothing to report.

✚ **Bridge River & Trail:** Nothing to report.

**Communications:**

Secretary/Treasurer clarified both training descriptions through Keystone Insurance Group. Ms. Pergola also thanked all personnel and Council members who assisted during the flooding. Electronic waste day is in the works, will hopefully have something setup by next meeting.

**Councilman Requests:**

**Adjournment**

**Motion 04-11** made by Councilman Johnson to adjourn the regular meeting in to executive session. Second made by Eckels. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

West Newton Borough  
 Special Meeting  
 April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Special meeting of West Newton Borough Council was held on Monday, April 15th, 2024 in Council Chambers, 112 South Water Street. Council President Jason Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Council members Tony Berarducci, Gary Johnson, Dan Palfey, Brenda Maleski, and Terri Eckels, called present during roll call. Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Pergola were also present. The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss and take action on the following: Purchase of a new paint machine, accept quote for Fire Department doors, and accept the bid for South 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

This meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion 04-01** made by Councilman Johnson to purchase a new line painting machine utilizing the Maintenance budget from General Funds. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote. - 4,9

**Motion 04-02** made by Councilwoman Eckels to accept the quote for West Newton Vol. Fire Company doors in the amount of \$4,940.00, utilizing ARPA Funds. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous vote. - 4,940

**Motion 04-03** made by Councilman Palfey to repair and replace 6" sewage line on South 5<sup>th</sup> Street per bid awarded to Kimberly Contracting. Second made by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous vote. - 580

**Motion 04-04** made by Councilman Berarducci to adjourn this special meeting at 6:11PM. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Ashley Pergola Secretary/Treasurer