

West Newton Borough  
 Regular Meeting  
 September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The regular monthly voting meeting of West Newton Borough Council was held on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, in Council Chambers, 112 South Water Street. Council Vice President Dan Palfey called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Council members, Gary Johnson, Tony Berarducci, Randy Shincovich, Dan Palfey and Terri Eckels were all present during roll call. Mayor Mary Popovich, Dodaro, Matta & Cambest Solicitor was present of solicitor Dalfonso, Engineer Dalton Mack and Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Pergola were also present. Council member Dan Roebuck and Solicitor Sam Dalfonso were not present. Council President Jason Cooper arrived at 6:31pm.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Delegates:**

Joyce Pawlik was present the thank all members of the Borough who helped during the fall festival. Ms. Pawlik and CROWN came to a decision to no longer handle the festival. Looking for a new committee to take over this festival. CROWN would like to eventually expand their fall event if no one takes over the festival. Ms. Pawlik asked for Councils blessing to host scarecrow building and pumpkin race October 12<sup>th</sup> at Cort Street.

**Previous Minutes:** Motion 09-01 made by Councilman Palfey to accept both last months regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes. Second made by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.

**Engineers Report:**

Engineer Mack presented the Engineers report. Dalton will be taking care of putting together CDBG Grant.

**Motion 09-02** made by Councilman Berarducci to adopt Resolution 2024-12 requesting a Category 4 facilities Local Share Assessment grant in the amount of \$324,733.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Phase II Long Term Control Plan Improvements – Forcemain Replacement Project. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.

**Supervisors Report:**

Presented by Chad Shincovich

Mr. Shincovich will touch base with Solicitor in regards to bidding on bucket truck.

**Solicitors Report:**

Presented on behalf of Sam Dalfonso, stating funding for the sewage plant upgrades has been approved by Commercial Bank and Trust, PA.

**Motion 09-03** made by Councilman Berarducci to adopt Ordinance 2024-6, authorizing the issuance of \$143,663.48, principal amount, General Obligation Loan, at private sale. Second made by Johnosn. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.

**Zoning/Code Report:**

Presented by Secretary/Treasurer Pergola

**Mayors Report/Police Report:**

Presented by Mayor Popovich. Mayor Popovich requested executive session with no legal action needed.

**Emergency Management:**

Presented by Paul Williams, EMA Director. Mr. Williams stated the Hazard Mitigation report has been turned in. Mr. Williams reported where they house their generator currently will need to find a new home and was looking for options. Mayor Popovich offered her garage if someone would tear it down and could move it to a new location where this could be used for the generator. EMA Trailer will be done soon. Insurance will need to be placed on this as well.

**Motion 09-04** Motion made by Councilman Johnson to pay all unpaid bills. Second by Eckels. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Treasurers Report:** Presented by Secretary/Treasurer Pergola

**Tax Collectors Report:** Year to date balance was presented by Secretary/Treasurer Pergola on behalf of Tax Collector.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance & Budget:** Budget meeting dates have been set for the third Monday in October and November at 5:30PM, October 21<sup>st</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Streets:** **Motion 09-05** made by Councilman Johnson to amend Ordinance 2027-4 to include ADA requirements on sidewalks. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Sewage:** Nothing to report at this time (updates in Engineers Report)

**Recreation:** Mr. Berarducci reported a fishing tournament will be held September 21<sup>st</sup> and ballfields will be rented out October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> for a tournament.

**Insurance:** Nothing to report at this time

**Personnel:** A letter will be sent by Council President to Councilman Roebuck requesting a resignation letter or letter of intent moving forward with his chair. **Motion 09-06** made by Councilman Berarducci to purchase a new bike rack for the e-bike grant received that will be placed at the library, not exceeding \$250.00. Second made by Shincovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Public Safety:**

**Motion 09-07** made by Councilman Johnson to advertise to amend Ordinance 2024-2 and Resolution 2024-6. Second made by Eckels. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Properties & Code Enforcement:** Code Enforcement is actively working with the magistrate's office on nuisance properties within the borough.

**Sanitation:** Nothing to report at this time

**Bridge, River and Trail:** Nothing to report at this time

**Communications:**

- **Motion 09-08** made by Councilman Berarducci to adopt Resolution 2024-11 authorizing West Newton Borough to be a Broadband Ready Community. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.
- Broadband ready community flyer will be advertised in the Borough office for review.
- Mayor, Mary Popovich was recognized as an Outstanding Government Honoree by the Greater Westmoreland County Labor Council. This recognition will take place October 18<sup>th</sup> at Ferranti's Lakeview Restaurant in Greensburg, PA.
- September 25<sup>th</sup> Mon Yough Planning Board Commission meeting will be held at the GAP Trail September 25<sup>th</sup>

**Adjournment:**

**Motion 09-09** made by Councilman Palfey to adjourn into executive session. Second by Eckels. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.

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