

West Newton Borough  
Regular Meeting  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The regular monthly voting meeting of West Newton Borough Council was held on Tuesday, May 20<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. Solicitor Krisha DiMascio, Engineer Dalton Mack and Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Pergola were also present. Council member Dan Roebuck and Mayor Popovich were not present.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Delegates:**

Dale Kimberly was present to discuss with council permits that should have been required prior to working being completed on Vernon Drive. Engineer Mack stated Mr. Kimberly did not need anything further and everything is up to date. Mr. Kimberly discussed additional repairs that needed to be completed during his original scope of work on Vernon Drive. Dale provided an additional bid for mill and pave that he recommends the borough not doing due to Columbia gas working in the area in the near future. No further comments from council.

Joyce Pawlik was present to update about CROWN events. Ms. Pawlik stated the last of the Hometown Heros banners will be put up and if there are any further requests they will be placed on a waiting as CROWN had fulfilled their permitted poles by PennDOT. To continue, they will need a certain number on the waiting list in order to have additional poles approved by PennDOT. Ms. Pawlik reported they are looking for a new location to store their Christmas village.

**Motion 05-01** made by Councilman Johnson to accept the previous minutes. Second by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

**Engineers report**

Engineer Mack presented the Engineers report

**Motion 05-02** made by Councilman Berarducci to authorize to bid out and advertise for a June 12<sup>th</sup> bid for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Park through CGBD program. Second by Eckels. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.

**Motion 05-03** made by Councilman Johnson adopting Resolution 2025-9 requesting a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant in the amount of \$155,000.00 from Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Vine Street Park improvements. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.

**Supervisors Report** – Supervisor Chad Shincovich presented Supervisors report to Council. Council woman Eckels requested a couple guys to help hang baskets from McShane's.

**Solicitors Report** – Solicitor DiMascio reported on updates to Blackburn Garage, Konopka Property, Kimberly shed and GC Murphy Building. Cooper Alley's letter will go out to Mr. Letterio tomorrow to reach out to LSSE to schedule survey.

**Code Enforcement/Zoning Report** – Nothing to report at this time.

**Mayors Report/Police Report** – Mayors report was presented by President Cooper.

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

**Motion 05-04** made by Councilman Palfey to not exceed \$100 to repair generator for EMA. Second made by Eckels. Motion adopted unanimous.

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

**Treasurers Report** – presented by Secretary/Treasurer.

**Tax Collectors Report** – Tax Collectors Report was presented by Secretary Pergola on behalf of Nicole Humenik, Tax Collector.

**Committee Reports:**

- ✚ **Finance & Budget: Motion 05-06** made by Councilman Johnson to add Pool Authority’s liability insurance to the boroughs policy and request annually reimbursement for this additional cost. Second by Eckels. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.
- ✚ **Streets: Motion 05-07** made by Councilman Palfey to pay Kimberly Contracting for the additional work completed on Vernon Drive in the amount of \$5,850.00. Second by Shincovich. Motion adopted by unanimous votes. **Motion 05-08** made by Councilman Palfey to award M&R Plumbing to complete sewer repair work at 108 Cort Street in the amount of \$4,800.00. Second by Berarducci. Motion adopted by unanimous votes. **Motion 05-09** made by Council woman Eckels to advertise to bid out for paving project on North Water Street from railroad tracks to Robertson Street and include Poplar Street from North Water Street to North Second Street all utilizing Liquid Fuels Funds. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.
- ✚ **Sewage:** Covered in Engineers report.
- ✚ **Recreation: Motion 05-10** made by Councilman Berarducci to adopt Resolution 2025-10 removing member from all Recreation Bank accounts for Ballfields and concession. Second by Eckels. Motion adopted by unanimous vote. Additional conversation was had with Solicitor DiMascio stating due to the membership of the rec board, this account will be moved into the Secretary/Treasurers hands of the Borough and the boroughs three signers will remain the same and be transferred to the Rec Board accounts in a new resolution to be passed next month
- ✚ **Insurance:** Nothing to report.
- ✚ **Personnel:** Nothing to report.
- ✚ **Public Safety:** Nothing to report.
- ✚ **Properties & Code Enforcement:** Nothing to report.
- ✚ **Sanitation:** Nothing to report.
- ✚ **Bridge River & Trail:** Council woman Eckels is working with PennDOT to have pot holes fixed on bridge.

**Communications:**

**Motion 05-11** made by Councilman Johnson to advertise ordinance 2025-8 related to Police Pension % for retirement. Second made by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.

**Motion 05-12** made by Councilman Berarducci to either hydro test or purchase all new fire extinguishers not to exceed \$930. Second by Palfey. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.

Secretary/Treasurer reported Police car 621 sold on Municibid for \$1500.00, all exterior lights will be listed on Municibid. Westmoreland Conty Boroughs Association Meeting will be held 5/29/25 at 5:30PM

**Councilman Requests:**

**Motion 05-13** made by Council woman Eckels to contract Lydia Copeland in the amount of \$200 to perform a small business workshop for borough businesses. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.

**Motion 05-14** made by Council woman Eckels to adopt Resolution 2025-11 removing the Borough from the Fall Festival Funds account. Second by Johnson. Motion adopted by unanimous votes.

**Adjournment**

**Motion 05-15** made by Councilman Johnson to adjourn the regular meeting in to executive session. Second made by Shincovich. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.