

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

April 11, 2023

Westfield Municipal Building

COUNCIL PRESENT: Constance Cummings, Denis Landry, Roger McCullen, JeanAnn Tubbs, Roger Watkins, Kristen Zaidi, Elizabeth Rowland (by telephone)

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Gail Bollinger, Chief Andrew Adams, James Streeter, Ed & Robin Presor, Sandra Olsen, Lori Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by council president Denis Landry followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of members found all to be present. The visitors were addressed on agenda items; there were no comments.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Bollinger reported that the taser estimate was higher than anticipated, approximately \$5700. Chief Adams explained the increased cost, part of it being that all officers need to be certified with the new taser, so training and more supplies are needed.

Mayor Bollinger explained that she had been approached by Jeff Whitsell about dumping his port-a-johns into the wastewater treatment plant. Currently he is dumping in Galeton and would prefer to do it locally. There were questions on the regulations, testing, when he would dump and other aspects of the waste. Denis Landry noted he would accept a motion to accept the waste if allowed. Roger McCullen noted his reservations to accepting the waste as it is unknown what has been dumped into the portable toilets as well as the plant being very new. More discussion was held. This was tabled for more information.

Motion was made by JeanAnn Tubbs, seconded by Connie Cummings, to approve the purchase of the tasers at the updated cost of \$5,700. All present were in favor. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

Minutes

Motion was made by Kristen Zaidi, seconded by Roger Watkins, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 meeting as presented. All were in favor; no nay votes were cast. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Motion was made by Kristen Zaidi, seconded by Connie Cummings, to accept the financial report. All were in favor; no nay votes were cast. The motion carried.

Travel Trailer Ordinance

Motion was made by Roger Watkins, seconded by Kristen Zaidi, to approve the travel trailer ordinance for advertisement. Those in favor were Landry, Cummings, McCullen, Rowland, Tubbs, Watkins and Zaidi. The motion carried.

Stevenson St. Trailer

The hearing for enforcement of the Stevenson Street trailer will be held April 21.

Memorial Day Parade

The Crary Hose Company is proposing to hold a Memorial Day Parade on May 29 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Connie Cummings, seconded by Kristen Zaidi, to approve the Memorial Day Parade to be held May 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Those in favor were Landry, Cummings, McCullen, Rowland, Tubbs, Watkins and Zaidi. The motion carried.

Administrative Committee – nothingPersonnel Committee

Denis Landry reported the committee will meet next week to discuss interviews for the police position. This will include the mayor and police chief.

Planning Committee – nothingStreets, Sidewalks, Buildings Committee

Roger Watkins reported the sidewalk project is still in the works. The committee will need to discuss how best to use the grant funds to get the most sidewalks done.

An estimate for paving has been received from the PA DOT representative. The committee will meet to work on a recommendation.

A complaint was received on a ditch on Mill Street. It is full of water and a truck recently got stuck. Roger Watkins spoke to Dave Nudd about it, and they will look into it.

There was a discussion on what needs to be done with the community room flooring. Roger Watkins asked what kind of budget they have to work with. JeanAnn Tubbs asked if the floor could be done without taking up the existing tile. The committee will have David Nudd look at the bad spot in the floor and possibly try to find out what kind of subfloor is there.

Vehicle Maintenance Committee

There was a discussion on whether to keep the old police car or sell it. Connie Cummings provided a spreadsheet of costs. Also a discussion on providing a stipend or mileage to a police cadet attending the MU Police Academy. The committee will make a recommendation for the next meeting.

Motion was made by JeanAnn Tubbs, seconded by Beth Rowland, to table the sale of the police car until such time the police trainee has completed the Act 120 training/certification and/or is disqualified from being a permanent employee. Those in favor were Cummings, Rowland, Tubbs, Watkins and Zaidi. Denis Landry and Roger McCullen voted no. The motion carried.

Grants/Loans Committee – nothing

Utilities Committee

Motion was made by Roger McCullen, seconded by Kristen Zaidi, to approve the NPDES Stormwater Permit and the filing of the NPDES Stormwater Permit with the county courthouse. Those in favor were Landry, Cummings, McCullen, Rowland, Tubbs, Watkins, and Zaidi. The motion carried.

Visitors

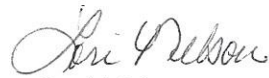
Sandra Olsen introduced herself as a candidate for Tioga County District Attorney. She fielded questions from those in attendance.

Ed Presor noted that Mountain Laurel has broken ground on construction at their site. He asked if council was ready to approve it; Mr. Landry responded yes. There was some discussion on the expansion.

James Streeter voiced his opinion on voice votes. He noted that council has a long tradition of roll call voting. He would like to see this continue. He likes the formality, and no one can hide behind the anonymity of a voice vote.

Motion was made by Roger McCullen, seconded by Kristen Zaidi, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Lori Nelson  
Secretary/Treasurer