

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WESTFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
For General Purposes
April 26, 2022
Westfield Municipal Building

COUNCIL PRESENT: Elizabeth Rowland, Wayne Boka, Leland Pond, Denis Landry, Roger McCullen, and Lorie Card

COUNCIL ABSENT: RoxAnn Weidman

OTHERS PRESENT: Amanda Hughes and daughter Caylyn, James Streeter, Matthew Reed, Mayor Gail Bollinger, Andrew Adams, Todd Streeter, Marsha Hurd, and Theresa McCullen

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Denis Landry. The pledge of allegiance was said. A roll call of members present was taken; RoxAnn Weidman was absent.

Denis Landry announced that Council member RoxAnn Weidman had passed away just prior to the meeting. A moment of silence was observed.

Public Comments on Agenda

There were no comments.

Old Business

- Utility Rates for Churches

The Utilities Committee met prior to the meeting and have recommended that the rates for churches remain the same.

- Donation to Sabinsville Ambulance Association

Motion was made by Leland Pond and seconded by Elizabeth Rowland to rescind the prior motion of Council donating to the Sabinsville Ambulance Association and to make a donation at this time in the amount of \$600 to the ambulance association. Those in favor were Pond, Boka, McCullen, Card, Rowland, and Landry. The motion was carried.

- Police Officer Position

Motion was made by Wayne Boka and seconded by Roger McCullen to advertise for the vacant police officer position. Those in favor were Boka, McCullen, Card, Rowland, Pond, and Landry. The motion was carried.

- Replacement Door for Fire Hall

The replacement door for the fire hall has been completed, and there is a question as to whether to take this from the Building Fund.

Motion was made by Elizabeth Rowland and seconded by Leland Pond to take the replacement door for the fire hall from the Building Fund. Those in favor were McCullen, Card, Rowland, Pond, Boka, and Landry. The motion was carried.

New Business

- Spare Pump for Harvey Ave. Well

There has been a request to order a spare pump to keep on hand at the Harvey Ave. Well. A price of \$7,721 was obtained with 12 – 18 weeks delivery time.

Motion was made by Lorie Card and seconded by Wayne Boka to purchase a spare pump for the Harvey Ave. Well in the amount of \$7,721. Those in favor were Card, Rowland, Pond, Boka, McCullen, and Landry. The motion was carried.

- Council Vacancy

Mr. Landry announced that he received a verbal resignation from RoxAnn Weidman prior to her passing. There was discussion about whether to advertise for the position.

Visitors

- Andrew Adams

Andrew Adams spoke about his ideas for the future of the police department. He has had some retired police chiefs reach out to him whom have been very helpful. Officers from other departments have been helpful as well. He has been given the admin. rights to the computers in the office. Two part-time police officers have promised to cover some shifts. Mr. Adams said they will try to be as available as possible. Mr. Adams talked about the drug task force and the cooperation the department gets from Potter County.

There was discussion about the Borough's list of police duties that was last updated June 13, 2020. Mr. Adams mentioned that he does many of these duties regularly on shift.

There was a discussion about parking meters, violations, etc. Mr. Adams is utilizing the Google calendar to schedule officers and keep the Mayor informed.

Lorie Card asked Mr. Adams about his interest in becoming Police Chief as she has heard that he has mixed feelings. She also asked him what he is looking for in the new officer. He would like to see someone who is willing to share the duties and not have a chip on their shoulder. It was noted that both Dale Niles and Andrew Adams were sponsored by the Borough.

Elizabeth Rowland asked about hiring more part-time officers. Gail Bollinger feels it may be difficult to get applicants as other municipalities have had problems hiring anyone.

Mrs. Bollinger said Mr. Adams deserves our utmost respect for his commitment in taking over in the police department and his involvement with the fire company and ambulance association. On behalf of the Council Mr. Landry thanked Mr. Adams.

Amanda Hughes questioned what type of package there is for the police officers. Mrs. Bollinger answered that they have a contract outlining their wages and benefits.

Todd Streeter was present to emphasize the importance of having two full-time police officers in the Borough.

The visitors present were pleased with Council's decision to hire another police officer.

It was noted that today is officially Dale Niles's last day with the Borough.

Motion was made by Roger McCullen and seconded by Lorie Card to adjourn. All were in favor; the motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned to an executive session at 7:35 p.m. with no action to take place afterward.



Theresa McCullen
Assistant Secretary