

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WESTFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

For General Purposes

April 30, 2024

Westfield Municipal Building

COUNCIL PRESENT: Zachary Smith, Roger Watkins, Constance Cummings, Elizabeth Rowland, Edward Rodarmel, Holly Zengerle, and Roger McCullen

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Faun James, James Streeter, Craig Emmons, Michelle Emmons, and Theresa McCullen

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Council President Roger Watkins. The pledge of allegiance was said. A roll call of members present found all members to be present.

Executive Session

An executive session was called at 7: 04 p.m. for personnel reasons. The meeting was reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Motion was made by Zachary Smith and seconded by Constance Cummings to approve the DPW/clerical (non-uniform) union contract as is. Those in favor were Smith, Rowland, Zengerle, Rodarmel, Cummings, and Watkins. McCullen abstained. The motion was carried.

Motion was made by Zachary Smith and seconded by Holly Zengerle to approve the police union contract with the correction that unused sick days be paid at the rate of \$24/day, which is the same as the non-uniformed contract. Those in favor were Rowland, Zengerle, Rodarmel, Cummings, Smith, and Watkins. McCullen voted no. The motion was carried.

Schiffy's RV Park Development

The solicitor has been consulted with regard to the easement for Ronald Schiffler's RV park development. He has advised that there cannot be an easement over top of another easement. The Planning Commission won't be able to approve it as written.

Mr. Watkins brought up an idea from Kyle Mack to make the private drive into a street. It would be the easiest way to deal with it. Measurements will need to be taken and an ordinance drawn up and adopted in order to do this.

Part-time DPW worker

With one employee currently off work in the public works department, another worker is needed to help with lawn mowing, street sweeping, and other duties. The union has been consulted and the guidelines for the part-time temporary employee would be that he/she could not work more than 20 hrs. per week for no more than 10 consecutive weeks.

Mr. Watkins announced that five people were interviewed for the position. Out of the five, one candidate met the Borough's needs for unskilled labor. He has a drivers' license and steel toed boots.

Council discussed what the pay rate should be. In the union contract a general laborer starts out at \$16.75/hr. It was noted that the candidate said the least he would consider is \$15/hr. Mr. Rodarmel suggested \$16/hr.

Motion was made by Zachary Smith and seconded by Holly Zengerle to hire Dustin Clark of Westfield, PA for the temporary part-time position with the public works department. Clark will be paid \$16/hr. and will work no more than 20 hrs./week for no longer than 10 consecutive weeks. Those in favor were Smith, Rowland, McCullen, Zengerle, Cummings, Rodarmel and Watkins. The motion was carried.

#### Visitors

Craig and Michelle Emmons were present to inquire about the progress on allowing ATV travel on Borough streets. There was a lengthy discussion about information the Borough is awaiting from Galetton Borough, etc. The ordinance process could take a few months.

#### TASA Grant

Mr. Watkins announced that the Borough did not receive the TASA grant for sidewalks. Lycoming County was awarded the grant.

#### Gratitude Day

Beth Rowland announced that June 4, 2024 is Gratitude Day, and she will have students and one staff member helping to plant flowers at Davis Park and in the community flower garden by NAPA. They will maintain the plants as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Theresa McCullen  
Assistant Secretary