

WESTFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
Special Meeting
February 22, 2022

Westfield Municipal Building

COUNCIL PRESENT: Denis Landry, Roger McCullen, Lorie Card, Wayne Boka, and Elizabeth Rowland (by telephone)

COUNCIL ABSENT: Leland Pond and Roxann Weidman

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Gail Bollinger, James Streeter, D. Renee Verbjar, and Theresa McCullen

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Council President Denis Landry. The pledge of allegiance was said. A roll call of members present was taken, and Leland Pond and Roxann Weidman were absent.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Mayor/Police Chief Report

Mayor Gail Bollinger reported that we recently received an application for part-time police; however, the applicant does not have the required Act 120 training.

Minutes

Motion was made by Lorie Card and seconded by Roger McCullen to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022 and January 25, 2022 meetings. Those in favor were Boka, McCullen, Card, Rowland, and Landry. The motion was carried.

Financial Report

Motion was made by Lorie Card and seconded by Roger McCullen to approve the financial report as presented. Those in favor were McCullen, Card, Rowland, Boka, and Landry. The motion was carried.

Old Business

- Retainer Agreement with Larson Design Group for 2022/2023

Motion was made by Roger McCullen and seconded by Wayne Boka to approve the retainer agreement with Larson Design Group for 2022/2023. Those in favor were Card, Rowland, Boka, McCullen, and Landry. The motion was carried.

- Notice to Proceed for Sewer Rehab Project

Motion was made by Lorie Card and seconded by Roger McCullen to approve the Notice to Proceed for the Sewer Rehab Project. Those in favor were Rowland, Boka, McCullen, Card, and Landry. The motion was carried.

- Complaint Form

This was tabled until the next council meeting.

- Website Ideas

Lorie Card is interested in live streaming Council meetings as there are other communities who do this. She thinks it will get people involved more, and she is willing to work on it. Wayne Boka will help as he does this type of work for a living.

New Business

- Payment Applications for WWTP

Motion was made by Roger McCullen and seconded by Lorie Card to approve Application for Payment No. 18 from Lobar in the amount of \$86,258.72 and Application for Payment No. 17 from Tra Electric in the amount of \$25,008.44. Those in favor were Boka, McCullen, Card, Rowland, and Landry. The motion was carried.

- Westfield Borough Authority Appointment

Gary Bisel's term is up on the Borough Authority

Motion was made by Roger McCullen and seconded by Lorie Card to re-appoint Gary Bisel to the Westfield Borough Authority for another term. Those in favor were McCullen, Card, Rowland, Boka, and Landry. The motion was carried.

Committee Reports

- Administrative & Finance Committee

The audit is finished and we are awaiting the first draft.

- Personnel/Negotiations Committee

Lorie Card requested an executive session for later in the meeting.

- Planning/Fire Committee

There was discussion about a new door for the fire company, but this item has been moved to the Streets, Sidewalks & Buildings Committee.

- Vehicle Maintenance Committee

It was announced that the new dump truck has finally arrived and needs to be lettered. The committee will need to make a recommendation about selling the old truck.

Visitors

James Streeter asked Council if they have received an opinion from the solicitor about billing the churches in town for water and sewer.

Council members agreed that other towns should be called to find out if they charge their churches for water and sewer.

James Streeter is concerned about who has been appointed to the Personnel Committee and is wondering what kind of treatment Officer Dale Niles will receive. Mr. Streeter asked the Council if there is an agenda to get this man fired or demoted to which Lorie Card answered that Council just wants him to do his job. There was a discussion about this. Denis Landry announced that four grievances have recently been filed by the police.

Renee Verbjar had nothing to bring up.

An executive session was called at 7:38 p.m. with no action to take place after.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



Theresa McCullen
Assistant Secretary