

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WESTFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
For General Business Purposes
Westfield Municipal Building
January 30, 2024

COUNCIL PRESENT: Roger Watkins, Zachary Smith, Constance Cummings, Roger McCullen, Holly Zengerle, and Elizabeth Rowland (by phone)

OTHERS PRESENT: James Streeter, Andrew Adams, and Theresa McCullen

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Council President Roger Watkins. The pledge of allegiance was said. A roll call of members present was taken. Elizabeth Rowland was absent; however, she participated by telephone.

Visitors – Agenda Items

The visitors were addressed. Roger Watkins brought up a letter from James Streeter to the Council regarding signs on Borough property. Mr. Watkins asked Council whether the Borough should allow this. Council agreed to send Michael Ackley a letter stating that no signs without Council permission are permitted on Borough property, and the Council would appreciate it if he would move it.

Pennvest Paperwork

Some items need to be approved for Pennvest funding. Mr. Watkins thought the engineering fee seemed high. This is in connection with the State Route 349 project. It was noted that after PennDOT paves the street in 2025 the Borough cannot dig it up for ten years. Now is the time to do any kind of major replacements, etc.

There was a discussion on Westfield Township's sewer rates compared with the Borough's, etc.

Motion was made by Zachary Smith and seconded by Constance Cummings to approve the Pennvest resolution to apply for financial assistance and for the letter which will accompany the Pennvest application. Those in favor were Cummings, McCullen, Rowland, Smith, Zengerle, and Watkins. The motion was carried.

Vacancy Board Chairperson

Motion was made by Roger McCullen and seconded by Constance Cummings to appoint Vivian Altman as vacancy board chairperson for the Westfield Borough Council. Those in favor were McCullen, Rowland, Smith, Zengerle, Cummings, and Watkins. The motion was carried.

Council Vacancy

There is still a vacancy on the Council which needs to be appointed by February 1st. If not appointed by Council, it will go to the vacancy board chairperson. Constance Cummings would like to ask Robin Presor if she would be interested.

Union Contracts

The contracts are not back yet from the union.

Visitors

James Streeter did not have anything for Council at this time.

Police Chief Andrew Adams reported that the department has been busy. Several overnight parking tickets have been issued. The LPR (license plate reader) is up and running.

A request from Craig Emmons regarding ATVs in the Borough was discussed. Some council members remembered that the neighboring townships have not approved the proposed trails, etc; therefore, it would not be feasible for the Borough to accept it.

There is a request from Dawson, a company doing seismograph work for Seneca Resources. They would like permission to work in the Borough. Foreman David Nudd is against it due to the age of the water and sewer lines within the Borough. This will be brought up again at the March, 2024 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Theresa McCullen".

Theresa McCullen
Assistant Secretary