

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 3, 2022
Westfield Municipal Building

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Roxann Weidman and there is one vacant seat on Council

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Gail Bollinger, James Streeter, and Theresa McCullen

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 p.m. by Council President Denis Landry. A roll call of members present was taken, and Roxann Weidman was absent. There is one vacant seat on Council.

Visitors – Agenda Items

The visitors were addressed, and Mr. Streeter did not have any comments or questions regarding agenda items.

Mayor/Police Chief Report

There was nothing to report.

Solicitor Report

There was no report from the solicitor.

Minutes

Motion was made by Elizabeth Rowland and seconded by Roger McCullen to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting. Those in favor were Rowland, McCullen, Card, Pond, and Landry. The motion was carried.

Financial Report

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

Old Business – None

New Business

- Sewer Rate Ordinance

Motion was made by Elizabeth Rowland and seconded by Leland Pond to adopt Ordinance No. 339 as advertised setting the new sewer rates. Those in favor were Card, Pond, Rowland, and McCullen. The motion was carried.

- Council Vacancy

There is a vacancy on Council, and it needs to be filled by the Council within 30 days. Lorie Card nominated Craig Emmons. Gail Bollinger suggested Sue Streeter because she received some write-ins in the last election. There was discussion as to whether it could be done at this meeting or wait until the January 25th meeting.

Council members agreed to wait until the January 25, 2022 special meeting to appoint a new Council member.

Committees

The President of Council sets committees. Mr. Landry invited Council members to request which committees they would like to chair or be a member of.

Visitors – Comment Period

James Streeter voiced his opinion on the Borough supporting the churches by allowing them to have water and sewer services free of charge. He feels it goes against the taxpayers and is in violation of both the State and US Constitution. Mr. Streeter believes the Borough Solicitor was never formally asked for a ruling on this.

It was suggested that the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) be consulted as well as have the Utilities Committee discuss it. Mrs. Rowland suggested calling other municipalities to see if it is done other places.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 42 p.m.



Theresa McCullen
Assistant Secretary