

MEETING OF THE WESTFIELD BOROUGH VACANCY BOARD

July 22, 2021

Westfield Municipal Building

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Vivian Altman, Gail Bollinger, Denis Landry, Roger McCullen, Leland Pond, Shaunta Vahey, Roxann Weidman

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Elizabeth Rowland, James Streeter, Lori Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by vacancy board chairperson Vivian Altman. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. A roll call of members found all to be present.

Shaunta Vahey asked to make a statement before making the appointment. She stated that it is difficult to find people to run for council and if there is someone new interested she would like to give her a chance to serve. Mrs. Vahey noted that Lorie Card will already be on council in January. More discussion on the candidates was held. Discussion on the procedure for nominations was held.

Chairperson Altman opened the floor for nominations for councilor due to the resignation of Edward Rodarmel.

Carissa Grossman was nominated by Shaunta Vahey, seconded by Gail Bollinger.

Lorie Card was nominated by Denis Landry, seconded by Roxann Weidman.

Chairman Altman entertained a motion to close nominations. Motion was made by Gail Bollinger, seconded by Shaunta Vahey to close the nominations for councilmember. All were in favor.

Chair Altman called for a vote on Carissa Grossman. Voting yes were Gail Bollinger, Leland Pond, Roger McCullen, and Shaunta Vahey. Voting no were Denis Landry, Roxann Weidman and Vivian Altman. The nomination carried.

A resolution is needed to fill the vacancy.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-327

A RESOLUTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON COUNCIL

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the office of Councilmember of the Borough of Westfield, County of Tioga, Pennsylvania, has occurred due to a resignation; and

WHEREAS, Section 901 (53 PS §45901) of the Borough Code provides that the borough shall fill such vacancy by resolution within thirty (30) days by appointing a registered elector of the borough (who has also resided one year continuously prior to the date of appointment) or by the Vacancy Board within 15 days after the 30 days to hold such office until the first Monday in January after the first Municipal Election occurring more than sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs at which election and eligible person shall be elected to the office for the remainder of the term;

WHEREAS, the next Municipal Election will be held in November 2021;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Carissa Grossman, a registered elector of the Borough of Westfield, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, is hereby appointed to the office of councilmember of the Borough of Westfield to serve until the first Monday in January.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that there shall be elected at the next Municipal Election, which shall occur in November 2021, a qualified elector of the Borough of Westfield to hold such office from the first Monday in January, 2022 until the first Monday in January, 2024.

RESOLVED this 22nd day of July, 2021.

Motion was made by Shaunta Vahey, seconded by Gail Bollinger, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-327 appointing Carissa Grossman to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of councilmember Edward Rodarmel. Those in favor were Vivian Altman, Gail Bollinger, Leland Pond, Roger McCullen, Shaunta Vahey, and Roxann Weidman. Denis Landry voted no. The motion carried.

Chairman Altman asked if there was any other business to come before the board. There was a discussion on council openings and the ballot in November.

Motion was made by Denis Landry, seconded by Shaunta Vahey, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Lori Nelson
Secretary/Treasurer