

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

June 10, 2025

Westfield Municipal Building

COUNCIL PRESENT: Danielle Pierce, Michael James, Doug Rowland, and Beth Rowland

COUNCIL ABSENT: Roger Watkins, Derek Eldridge, and Holly Zengerle (Zengerle participated by telephone)

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Faun James and Theresa McCullen (Kyle Mack attended at the end of the meeting for the last five minutes)

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Vice President Danielle Pierce. A roll call of members was taken with Roger Watkins, Derek Eldridge, and Holly Zengerle absent. Mrs. Zengerle participated by phone. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Mayor/Police Chief Report

Mayor Faun James reported that Gratitude Day was held recently with over 40 students participating. They helped clean the creek banks and Davis Park. Flowers were planted around the sign at Davis Park.

Mrs. James announced a one-day event, “Ash Bash”, to be held in July, 2025 at the old tannery site. The event will benefit the fire company.

Minutes

Motion was made by Beth Rowland and seconded by Doug Rowland to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 meeting. All were in favor; the motion was carried.

Financial Report

Motion was made by Beth Rowland and seconded by Michael James to approve the financial report as presented. Those in favor were Pierce, E. Rowland, D. Rowland, Zengerle, and James. The motion was carried.

Old Business

Mr. James reported that the mini-excavator is here.

Mrs. Zengerle reported to Mrs. Rowland that the memorial plaque will be here June 16th. It is to be placed on a bench in front of the borough building honoring two past council members who served the borough for many years.

New Business

- CV Athletic Field Project

There is a request for water and sewer services for the Cowanesque Valley Athletic Field project. Council members would like more information.

Motion was made by Doug Rowland and seconded by Michael James to table the request for water and sewer services for the CV Athletic Field project. All were in favor; the motion was carried.

- TCAB Dinner

The next Tioga County Association of Boroughs dinner meeting is June 19th in Blossburg. Anyone wishing to attend can give their reservation to Theresa or Lori by Friday, June 13th.

Committees

- Administrative Committee

The invoice from ServPro still needs to be addressed. Lori Nelson prepared a memo breaking down the cost and subtracting out for services that were not actually used, such as air movers and a box truck. The original bill amount is \$43,846.86 and Mrs. Nelson was able to bring it down to approximately half as a suggested amount to pay.

Council members agreed to allow Doug Rowland to call ServPro's corporate office regarding the invoice.

- Personnel Committee – nothing
- Planning Committee

Mr. James reported that the fire hydrant is in at the fire company's training center site.

- Streets, Sidewalks & Buildings Committee

There are two items to be discussed. PEMA Hazard Mitigation is asking if the borough wishes to purchase flood barriers for the building. Another topic is this year's street work estimate. Mrs. McCullen pointed out that there is not enough liquid fuels money to do the proposed street work. Council members agreed to table these items since Mr. Watkins is absent, and it is his committee.

- Vehicle Maintenance Committee

A quote has been received for four tires for the 2022 F-350 dump truck from Groff Tire in the amount of \$1,048.

Motion was made by Michael James and seconded by Doug Rowland to purchase the tires for the 2022 F-350 dump truck from Groff Tires in the amount of \$1,048. Those in favor were E. Rowland, D. Rowland, Zengerle, James, and Pierce. The motion was carried.

- Utilities Committee – nothing
- Grants/Loans Committee

Council has the option to change the scope of work for the CDBG funds from sewer work to stream work.

Motion was made by Michael James and seconded by Doug Rowland to approve moving approximately \$260,000 of CDBG funds from sewer work to stream work. In the event that there is money left after the stream work those funds are to go back to the sewer work. Those in favor were E. Rowland, D. Rowland, Zengerle, James, and Pierce. The motion was carried.

Since there were no outside visitors, council members discussed pertinent issues such as the agreement with the township sewer authority, long term recovery from the flood, and problems with vicious dogs within the borough.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Theresa McCullen
Assistant Secretary

