

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
March 10, 2026  
Westfield Municipal Building

COUNCIL PRESENT: Melinda Bump, Doug Rowland, Elizabeth Rowland, Roger Watkins, Holly Zengerle

COUNCIL ABSENT: Derek Eldridge, Michael James

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Zelinka, Kristen Zaidi, Carissa Grossman, Lori Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by council president Roger Watkins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of members found Derek Eldridge and Mike James to be absent. The visitors were addressed.

Visitors

Paul Zelinka addressed council on behalf of a new organization, the Westfield Action Alliance. The Alliance has a goal to partner with community leaders to improve infrastructure, business development and community thereby improving quality of life. This group has acquired 501(C)3 status and has an ambitious agenda. They provided a letter to council with future goals. Kristen Zaidi noted they have met with Shane Nickerson, Mark Rice and Develop Tioga. The first project they would like to do is to revamp of the basketball court. The members of the Alliance further elaborated on their plans. Carissa Grossman asked to have as a future agenda item permission for them to revitalize the basketball court.

Mayor/Police Chief Report – none

Minutes

A motion was made by Holly Zengerle, seconded by Doug Rowland, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting as presented. All present were in favor; no nay votes were cast. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Motion was made by Mindy Bump, seconded by Beth Rowland, to approve the financial report. All were in favor; there were no nay votes. The motion carried.

Clean Up Day

Clean Up Day is scheduled for May 2, 2026 with Troups Creek Auto.

Trainings

PEMA is hosting a webinar on levee certification on March 19 from 1-4 p.m.

Develop Tioga is holding a Public Meeting on Housing Needs March 19 either 2 – 4 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. at the Tokishi Center in Wellsboro.

PA DOT will have the annual Maintenance Update Meeting on April 15 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Wellsboro Firehall Annex.

Finance Committee - nothing at this time

Personnel Committee – nothing at this time. An executive session pertaining to employees will be held later.

Planning Committee

- ATV Ordinance

Mike James is not able to attend but has recommended a change of time to the ATV ordinance to match the DCNR program. This would extend the time to the end of September rather than ending on Labor Day.

There was discussion on this change as well as the request from the Tioga County Planning Commission and NRAT to include the open portions of Route 49 in the ordinance.

Motion was made by Holly Zengerle, seconded by Mindy Bump, to amend the ATV Ordinance to extend the time to the end of September and add the open portions of Route 49. Those in favor were Bump, D. Rowland, E. Rowland, Zengerle and Watkins. The motion carried.

- Code Enforcement

A new code enforcement company provided information at a recent Tioga County Local Government Secretaries Association meeting. They do floodplain administration as well. After discussion, council agreed it would be beneficial to meet with them.

Streets, Sidewalks, Building Committee

Roger Watkins reported that flood insurance is in place; working with the agent, we were able to get it at a much-reduced cost.

Roger Watkins reported two water leaks were repaired today – one was leaking approximately 30,000 gallons per day.

Vehicle Maintenance Committee – nothing

Utilities Committee – nothing

Grants/Loans Committee – nothing

Executive Session

An executive session for personnel reasons will be held immediately after adjournment with nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Lori Nelson  
Secretary/Treasurer