

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE WESTFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
For the purpose of public comments on filing an application with
USDA Rural Development for financial assistance
Westfield Municipal Building
February 9, 2021

COUNCIL PRESENT: Gail Bollinger, Denis Landry, Roger McCullen, Leland Pond

COUNCIL ABSENT: Ed Rodarmel, Roxann Weidman, Shaunta Vahey

OTHERS PRESENT: Shawn Downey, James Streeter, Lori Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by council president Bollinger. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. A roll call of members found Ed Rodarmel, Shaunta Vahey and Roxann Weidman to be absent.

Mrs. Bollinger explained that the borough is applying for a USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant to help finance the purchase of a new dumptruck. The grant would pay for 55% of the cost the truck. The truck cost is \$48,984 and grant funds would be \$26,941.

The floor was opened for public comments.

James Streeter stated he is in favor of the borough getting all the grants they can.

No other public comments.

The new truck would be replacing the 2012 GMC. Mrs. Bollinger noted that with the grant there would be enough in the reserve funds to pay for the balance.

Motion was made by Denis Landry, seconded by Roger McCullen, to move ahead with the application to the USDA Rural Development for community facility grant funds to assist with the purchase of a new dump truck. Those in favor were Bollinger, Landry, McCullen and Pond. The motion carried.

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Lori Nelson
Secretary/Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
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OTHERS PRESENT: Shawn Downey, James Streeter, Sgt. Andrew Adams, Lori Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by council president Bollinger. The Pledge and roll call were done at the public meeting held prior to the regular meeting.

Shawn Downey

Shawn Downey with Larson Design Group reviewed his memo with council. There was discussion on sewer line rehabilitation for Church Street. A meeting was held with PA DOT for the update on their project. Discussion of the CDBG project was held. Lining may not be able to be done on Church Street as it is a 6" line. This would mean a dig and replace for the entire line; the estimate for this project is \$1 million. Council will have to discuss the best way to proceed.

Shawn Downey discussed the letter sent to DEP regarding the time lines in the COA and DEP's response with stipulated penalties. He is waiting for a return call from Tom Randis with DEP and the solicitor to discuss this. Mr. Downey felt there may be a discrepancy in the dates that have been used to calculate the penalties.

Mr. Downey gave an update on the project. There was more sludge in the digester than anticipated. PennVest funds can be used;

they have approved the use of the administrative costs up to \$40,000 for this expense.

Two requests for payment were submitted: Lobar, Request #6 in the amount of \$430,534.03 and Tra Electric Request #5 in the amount of \$15,966.80.

Motion was made by Denis Landry, seconded by Leland Pond, to approve Payment Request #6 from Lobar for \$430,534.03 and Payment Request #5 from Tra Electric in the amount of \$15,966.80. Those in favor were Bollinger, Landry, McCullen and Pond. The motion carried.

Shawn Downey reported he will have change order requests from Lobar for the next meeting. Contingency can be used for these change orders.

Denis Landry asked Shawn Downey about the cancellation of the meeting with the township last week. He explained there is a discrepancy in the rates, and he needs the solicitor to review this.

Mayor/Chief Report – nothing

Minutes

Motion was made by Roger McCullen, seconded by Denis Landry, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting as presented. Those in favor were Bollinger, Landry, McCullen and Pond. The motion carried.

Financial Report

Denis Landry moved to accept the financial report, seconded by Leland Pond. Those in favor were Bollinger, Landry, McCullen and Pond. The motion carried.

Develop Tioga

A membership request has been received from Develop Tioga (formerly TCDC). In the past the borough joined for \$500.

Motion was made by Denis Landry, seconded by Leland Pond, to continue a \$500 membership in Develop Tioga. Those in favor were Bollinger, Landry, McCullen and Pond. The motion carried.

Administrative/Finance Committee - nothingPersonnel Committee – nothingPlanning/Fire Committee – nothingStreets, Sidewalks, Buildings Committee

Roger McCullen updated council on the street light contract and request with Penelec. In September, the borough is eligible for a free upgrade to LED lights; if it is done before the contract ends in September there would be a cost of \$30,000. The new light could be added at that time with the borough paying for the bracket. There is an issue with pine trees that will have to be resolved for the new light. A contract is needed to start the process of the LED upgrade; this will be a 10-year lease agreement.

Motion was made by Roger McCullen, seconded by Leland Pond, to contract with Penelec for an upgrade to LED street lights in September. Those in favor were Bollinger, Landry, McCullen, and Pond. The motion carried.

Vehicle Maintenance Committee – nothingInsurance Committee- nothingUtilities Committee

Plans for a new dormitory building at Mountain Laurel Recovery Center on Church Street were presented for review. Denis Landry had concerns about drainage at the site.

Visitors

Andrew Adams reported that Crary Hose Company will be fixing the locks on the firehall. This is proposed to be done in March.

Motion was made by Roger McCullen to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Lori Nelson,
Secretary/Treasurer