

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
March 9, 2021
Westfield Municipal Building

COUNCIL PRESENT: Gail Bollinger, Shaunta Vahey, Roxann Weidman, Denis Landry, Roger McCullen, and Ed Rodarmel

COUNCIL ABSENT: Leland Pond

OTHERS PRESENT: James Streeter, Kelly Stemcosky, Shawn Downey, and Theresa McCullen

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Gail Bollinger. The pledge of allegiance was said. A roll call of members present was taken and Leland Pond was absent.

Visitors – Agenda Items

No one had anything for Council.

Mayor/Police Chief Report

There was nothing to bring up.

Solicitor Report

There was nothing from the solicitor at this time.

Minutes

Motion was made by Roxann Weidman and seconded by Roger McCullen to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 council meeting. Those in favor were Landry, Rodarmel, McCullen, Vahey, Weidman, and Bollinger. The motion was carried.

Financial Report

Motion was made by Denis Landry and seconded by Roxann Weidman to approve the financial report as presented. Those in favor were Rodarmel, McCullen, Vahey, Weidman, Landry, and Bollinger. The motion was carried.

During the motion Mr. Landry questioned the fine from PADEP in the amount of \$10,250. Mr. Downey explained how the fines came about. There were stipulated penalties for milestones that were missed, etc. There was discussion on the consent order and agreement. There was a penalty of \$10,250 for the first milestone that was missed and \$12,350 for the second milestone totaling \$22,600 for accrued penalties. If the penalties are paid they will consider amending the dates in the consent order and agreement and stop accruing penalties.

Old Business

There was nothing under old business.

New Business

Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority was contacted for a date for clean-up day, and June 5, 2021 is available.

Motion was made by Roxann Weidman and seconded by Shaunta Vahey to approve holding clean-up day on June 5, 2021 with the NTSWA. Those in favor were McCullen, Vahey, Weidman, Landry, Rodarmel, and Bollinger. The motion was carried.

Lori Nelson has asked permission to ask for prices for the electric choice program. Everyone agreed that she could proceed.

Committee Reports

- **Administrative Committee** – nothing
- **Personnel/Negotiations** – nothing
- **Planning/Fire** – nothing
- **Streets, Sidewalks & Buildings**

Mrs. McCullen brought up a request from Electri-Cord Manufacturing. They are interested in re-routing their truck traffic to come in to the rear of their property. Currently trucks are pulling in from Route 49 into their parking lot to the rear loading area. They would like to be able to pull onto Route 349, turn onto Elm St. Ext., and go down Electri-Cord Drive to access the loading area. The trucks would exit onto SR 49. Since some trucks will be loaded when going over Elm St. and crossing Maple St., Council members are concerned about the weight limit. This will be researched. They are also interested in posting signs, and Mrs. McCullen suggested they call PennDOT. Mr. McCullen would like to know how many trucks.

The Brasses from Mill Street had planned to attend the meeting and are unable to. They were wondering if the Borough is planning to do any street work on Mill St. There are some bad spots where there are utility crossings, etc. Council members agreed that all the streets need review.

There is a bad hole at the intersection of W. Main St. and Lincoln St. that needs to be filled in as well as manholes on Church St. The public works department will be notified to fill these in temporarily until they can properly repair them in better weather.

Utilities Committee

- CDBG Funding/SR 349 Project

Mr. Downey explained the options for the CDBG grant. He met with the committee regarding what to do with the CDBG funds and how to address Church St. (SR 349). The grant is for \$220,000.

Mr. Landry reported that the committee is interested in moving ahead with the spot repair project on SR 349 excluding Main St. and using the Borough public works employees to do the work. The committee is hopeful the grant will cover the materials.

Mr. McCullen feels the Borough should be fining people for pumping water into the sewer system. There are several houses from Stevenson St. and Elm St. that have one to two sump pumps running most of the time to pump the water from their basements. This is contributing to the I and I. In the past the Borough has conducted smoke testing to identify homes that are sending their storm water to the sewer system. Mr. McCullen noted that there are homeowners who unhook the pumps, etc. when they know the Borough is doing the testing, and then they hook them back up when the Borough is done. Several homeowners are sending water from their eaves troughs as well. This is a large part of the I and I problem. Mr. Downey suggested consulting the solicitor for advice on how to enforce it.

- PA DEP Penalties, Change Order, and Applications for Payment

The penalties from DEP were outlined by Larson Design as follows:

\$10,250 for Commence Construction
\$12,350 for Substantial Completion as of 2/2/21

\$22,600 Total Penalties Due

Motion was made by Denis Landry and seconded by Ed Rodarmel to send PA DEP the \$22,600 due in penalties by “registered mail” tomorrow, March 10, 2021. Motion includes enclosing a copy of the other check in payment of fines. Those in favor were Vahey, Weidman, Landry, Rodarmel, McCullen, and Bollinger. The motion was carried.

Mr. Downey gave an update on the progress at the sewer plant.

Motion was made by Shaunta Vahey and seconded by Denis Landry to approve Change Order No. 3. Those in favor were Weidman, Landry, Rodarmel, McCullen, Vahey, and Bollinger. The motion was carried.

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Applications for payment were presented as follows:

Lobar – Application for Payment No. 7 - \$268,618.50

Tra – Application for Payment No. 6 - \$15,544.85

Motion was made by Denis Landry and seconded by Shaunta Vahey to approve the applications for payment as presented. Those in favor were Landry, Rodarmel, McCullen, Vahey, Weidman, and Bollinger. The motion was carried.

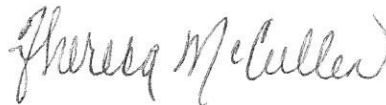
Visitors – Comment Period

James Streeter brought up the sign between Sama Drive and Schiffy's Bar & Grill. Because it is located on Borough property Mr. Streeter does not think that it is proper Borough activity. The sign belongs to the Methodist Church. Mrs. Vahey pointed out that the Council did approve for it to be there.

- 814 Area Code

Mrs. Bollinger brought up that beginning in April, 2021 the area code 814 will have to be entered with each local phone call.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to an executive session for personnel and legal matters. The meeting was not reconvened.



Theresa McCullen
Assistant Secretary