

**West Mayfield Meeting Minutes**  
**4609 W 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Beaver Falls PA 15010**  
**January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

The reorganizational meeting was called to order at 6PM followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

Mayor: Licia Cogley – Secretary/Treasurer: Jenna White – Solicitor: Joe Budicak  
(presence not required)

Bob Tate (excused, absent) – Kevin Farkas – Susan Istvan-Wood – John McAdoo  
(excused, absent) – Justin Wichryk – Bob Kaib

**Overview**

- New leadership: Kevin Farkas elected Council President; Justin Wichryk elected Vice President.
- Justin formally declined his 4-year council seat council declared a vacancy and started a 30-day clock to fill it.
- Meeting schedule set: Workshops first Wednesday @ 6:00 PM, Business meetings second Wednesday @ 6:00 PM
- Garbage service transition: Waste Management invoices being sent; council posting customer-service number on website and coordinating on billing issues.

**Nominations & Elections and Pledge & Oath of Office**

- Two nominations for council president were made: Bob Tate nominated by Bob Kaib; Kevin Farkas nominated by Susan Istvan-Wood.
- Roll call vote was chosen; paper ballots and public nominations were disallowed; Roll call vote went as follows:
  - o Mrs. Susan Istvan-Wood – Kevin Farkas
  - o Mr. Kevin Farkas – Kevin Farkas
  - o Mr. Bob Kaib – Bob Tate
  - o Mr. Justin Wichryk – Bob Tate

- Mayor Licia Cogley breaks the tie vote by electing Mr. Kevin Farkas as council president
- Mr. Justin Wichryk is nominated as council vice president by Mrs. Susan Istvan-Wood and the roll call vote went as follows:
  - Mrs. Susan Istvan-Wood – Justin Wichryk
  - Mr. Kevin Farkas – Justin Wichryk
  - Mr. Justin Wichryk – Justin Wichryk
  - Mr. Bob Kaib – Justin Wichryk
  - Mr. Justin Wichryk is elected as council vice president.

### **Mayor Remarks & Reorganization**

- West Mayfield Council recognizes Mr. Kevin Farkas as new president and Mr. Justin Wichryk as new vice president and the gavel is passed onto Mr. Farkas.

### **The meeting is announced as a regular business meeting at 6:15PM by council president Mr. Farkas.**

- President Farkas described the year as transformational with 6 new council members and a steep learning curve but states the borough has a great opportunity to create a municipality and community that's been desired for a while.
- Reliance on Chrissy Barkfelt for citizen support; significant citizen involvement required.
- Old fire department (WMVFD) interested in having Bingo or other events at their social hall. They are invited to attend a council meeting or workshop in January or February to present a plan and request for parking access.
- Garbage service satisfactory; one missed pickup occurred because trash was not set out; Justin contacted and corrections are expected.
- Waste Management transition received praise; ordinance requires trash in lidded bins; one missed pickup occurred because trash was not set out; reported issues included duplicate billing and a truck driving into a yard; WM customer service contact is 1-800-866-4460 and Mrs. White is designated as Borough contact in case of any questions/concerns.
- President Farkas states he'll send weekly memos out to all of council including updates every Monday

### **Citizens Comments**

- Mr. Jake Tate (335 Brook St)
  - o States he'll be available for all questions/concerns for street department as long as necessary
  - o States he'll help borough in any emergency situation needed
- Ms. Christine Barkfelt (1015 37<sup>th</sup> St)
  - o Questions Waste Management flyer that states the borough has unlimited trash service but must be in a lidded garbage can to be picked up
    - Mr. Justin Wichryk responds as long as bags are not torn apart by wildlife and they are cleaned up and easily accessible by WM the bags of trash will be collected regardless if they are in a lidded can or not as long as approved by code enforcement in the borough

### **Old Business**

- President Farkas states as a change to previous council practice rather than having a motion to move on from section to section on the agenda council will move forward with agenda items unless there is a motion to raise an objection pertaining to an agenda item.
- Council tabled all remaining all old business until January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting.

### **New Business**

- Vacancy was declared due to Mr. Wichryk refusing the four-year seat and committing to the two-year seat; declaration started the 30-day clock to fill the seat on council.
- Council adopted the 2026 public meeting schedule: workshops first Wednesday 6:00 p.m., regular business second Wednesday 6:00 p.m., and authorized advertisement.
  - o Ms. Istvan-Wood makes a motion to accept the resolution setting the 2026 schedule of public meetings which is seconded by Mr. Wichryk and the motion passes without objection.
- Council tabled all remaining business until January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 meeting and approved motions to pay the bills.

Mr. Justin Wichryk makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30PM which is seconded by Mr. Kaib and the motion passed unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jenna White**

**Borough Secretary**