

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
BOROUGH SPECIAL MEETING**

April 7, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

West Reading Borough Council held a special meeting for the West Reading Business Improvement District (WRBID) hearing at the West Reading Fire Department on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 with the following persons present: Council President Ryan Lineaweaver; Council Vice President Patrick Kaag; Council Pro-Tem Denise Drobnick; Council Members Bethany Bower, and Justin Choate; Mayor Samantha Kaag; Solicitor Joan London; Chief of Police Richard Tornielli; Code Department Manager & Fire Chief Chad Moyer; Main Street Executive Director Nick Price; West Reading Community Revitalization Foundation Members President Mark Dougherty, Vice President Philip Wert, Secretary Nancy Campbell, Treasurer Andrew Moletress, Members Christina Shenk, William Gage;; Borough Manager Randall Miller; Council Members Zanna Leiendecker and Vicki Haller Graff were unable to attend.

VISITORS:

James Rogers, Resident	Doug McClatchie, Property & Business Owner
Ann Scheuring, Resident	Michael & Lisa Stednitz, Property Owner
Patrick & Debra Hassler, Residents	Julienne Cleaver, Property & Business Owner
Christopher Hassler, Business Owner	Michael Aquiline, Property Owner
Daniel Horman, Property Owner	Ron Rothenberger, Property & Business Owner
Cherie Slusser, Visitor	Ashley Dietrich, Property & Business Owner
Patrick Murray, Visitor	Christopher & Kacie Griffith, Property Owners
Maureen Hasty, Resident	Oswald Herbert, Resident
Craig Laudenslager, Property Owner	Douglas Geiger, Property Owner
Rina Carhuayano, Property Owner	Jacob Daniels, Business Owner
Anthony Borelli, Property Owner	

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Ryan Lineaweaver called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.
2. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**
There were no Agenda Amendments.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
There was no public comment, since most visitors were here for the WRBID presentation and would have time to comment then.
4. **RECESS TO PUBLIC HEARING:**
President Lineaweaver called for a motion to recess to the Public Hearing. The motion to recess was made by Ms. Drobnick and seconded by Mr. Kaag. **Motion carried 5-0.** The Meeting recessed into the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

WRBID PUBLIC HEARING:

Solicitor Joan London led the Public Hearing. (transcript under separate cover)

Following the Public Hearing, Solicitor London asked the Borough Council to proceed with the Final BID document draft and voting.

President Lineaweaver asked for a motion to prepare and mail the Final Plan documentation for the WRBID to the affected property owners. The motion was made by Mr. Kaag and seconded by Ms. Drobnick. **Motion carried 5-0.**

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no Executive Session.

6. **RECONVENE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING:**

President Lineaweaver asked that Council reconvene. A motion was made by Ms. Bower and seconded by Ms. Drobnick. **Motion carried 5-0.**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Mr. Oswald Herbert of 314 Reading Avenue commented on the previous BID that was approved in 2008. He noted that in the final year of the BID, quotes were sought and received for snow removal on the sidewalks in the BID area, but were never implemented, and wondered whether this could be part of the BID. Phil Wert noted that it was discussed but did not make it into the budget; however, the BID budget can be amended.
- Ms. Rina Carhuayano, owner of 725 Penn Avenue, asked if the amount of \$650 was going to be lowered. President Lineaweaver noted that the amount is set by the BID document at \$55 per month and that it can be added to rental agreements for leases.

There were no additional comments.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. **Moved** by Mr. Kaag and seconded by Ms. Drobnick. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Randall Miller
Borough Manager