

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

June 18, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

West Reading Borough Council held a special meeting to interview and appoint a member to Borough Council at Borough Hall on Thursday, June 18, 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 Daniel Becker; Code Department Manager & Fire Chief Chad Moyer; Borough Manager Randall Miller; and Borough Secretary Cynthia Madeira. Member Vicki Haller Graff was unable to attend.

VISITORS:

James Rogers, Resident
Michael & Christine Hart, Residents
Maggie Seaman, Resident
Natalie Bell, Resident

Maureen Hasty, Resident
Mariella Napoli, Resident
Charles Aden, Resident

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Ryan Lineaweaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** An executive session was held this evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss both labor negotiations and personnel matters.
3. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS:** There were no amendments to the agenda.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Rogers spoke about a post on the Voices of West Reading Facebook page about a vehicle parked in front of a fire hydrant that had been ticketed and remained there for at least three hours. He was under the impression that the vehicle would be towed for public safety and inquired about such a policy. Mayor Kaag reported that attempts were made to reach the vehicle's owner and that there is a time limit, but she would have to look into this to provide a definitive answer.

Mr. Rogers reported on Monday that the cable lines behind his home came off the pole and were suspended in the air. The fire company responded by lifting the lines to allow traffic to flow through Court Street. He spoke with a customer service representative today, who reported that a technician would be in the area next Tuesday to assess the situation. After further discussion with the cable company, a technician will visit the area within 24 hours.

5. **COUNCILPERSON INTERVIEWS:**

Borough Council interviewed the five candidates who applied for the Council vacancy created by the resignation of Zanna Leiendecker. The applicants were Michael Hart, Maggie Seaman, Natalie Bell, Maureen Hasty, and Mariella Napoli. Each applicant was asked the same questions by Council President Ryan Lineaweaver, Council Vice President Patrick Kaag, and Council Pro Tem Denise Drobnick.

President Lineaweaver then offered to answer any questions the candidates may like to ask of Borough Council. Each member shared their favorite aspect of being on Borough Council.

President Lineaweaver then opened the floor to nominations. Ms. Drobnick nominated Maggie Seaman, Mr. Kaag nominated Michael Hart, Mr. Choate nominated Maureen Hasty, and Ms. Bower nominated Natalie Bell. A voice vote was requested in the order of nomination.

Motion to appoint Maggie Seaman to fill a Borough Council vacancy. **In favor of the motion:** Ms. Drobnick, Ms. Bower, Mr. Choate, and Mr. Lineaweaver. **Against the motion:** Mr. Kaag. **Motion carried 4-1.**

Council Member Maggie Seaman took an Oath of Office by Mayor Kaag and was seated at the table

6. **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. **Resolution 2026-10 Borough Council Appointment** – Motion to appoint Maggie Seaman to Borough Council to fill a vacancy through December 31, 2027. **Moved** by Mr. Kaag and seconded by Mr. Choate. **Motion carried 6-0.**
- b. **Resolution 2026-11 Building Code Inspection and Reviewer** – Mr. Moyer reported that Systems Design Engineering, Inc. is no longer providing building code services. Following a review of local agency services and pricing, the best option was to continue with Ryan Wessner of RMW Inspection, LLC.

Motion to appoint Ryan M. Wessner of RMW Inspection, LLC, to serve as the building inspector, plan reviewer, and alternate building code official. **Moved** by Ms. Drobnick and seconded by Mr. Choate. **Motion carried 6-0.**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Becker noted that he attends many of these meetings and expressed his appreciation to everyone who came out tonight. The borough is a unique place and asks everyone to stay involved. Chief Moyer indicated that they are always looking for volunteer firefighters. President Lineaweaver thanked everyone for applying and being here, noting that all candidates were immensely qualified and would have been an asset to the table.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. **Moved** by Ms. Seaman and seconded by Mr. Kaag. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Madeira
Borough Secretary