

SPECIAL
JOINT MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL AND MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD
59 COURT STREET
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 7, 2019
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chamber, Municipal Building, 59 Court Street, Westfield, MA at 6:00 PM by President Figy.

Numbers were drawn prior to the meeting to determine roll call/voting order. The City Clerk called the roll as follows:

Councilor Dan Allie	Present
Commissioner Kevin Kelleher	Present
Councilor Andrew Surprise	Present
Commissioner A. Edward Roman	Present
Councilor Dave Flaherty	Present
Councilor Leslie Lefebvre	Present
Commissioner Francis Liptak	Present
Councilor Cindy Harris	Present
Councilor Nicholas Morganelli, Jr	Present
Councilor Ralph Figy	Present
Councilor William Onyski	Present
Commissioner Thomas Flaherty	Present
Councilor Michael Burns	Present
Councilor Mary Ann Babinski	Present
Commissioner Ray Rivera	Present
Councilor Matt Emmershly	Present
Commissioner Robert Sacco	Present
Councilor Brent Bean II	Absent
Councilor John Beltrandi III	Absent

The call of the Special meeting was as follows:

To fill the vacancy of the Ward 3 Municipal Light Board Member Applicants will be given up to 5 minutes to make a public statement to include the following:

1. Why are you interested in being Ward 3 representative to the Westfield Gas and Electric?

2. Briefly describe your background and community involvement.
3. What are the important issues you see relating to Westfield Gas and Electric and Whip City Fiber.

The following letters of intent were received prior to the deadline:

Dawn Renaudette, 106 Ridgeway Street

Robert J. Wensley, 3 Lathrop Avenue - withdrew letter of intent May 6, 2019

Councilor Surprise offered a motion to suspend the rules to allow the acceptance of a letter of intent from Robert Brogle, 108 Mountain View Street, received after the deadline. Commissioner Sacco informed the Councilors and Commissioners that the advertisement that was published in the paper gave a deadline and it would not be fair to accept a late submission. Councilor Surprise informed the Council that Mr. Brogle did not submit a letter of intent out of respect of Mr. Wensley because it was his mother that passed away leaving the vacancy. President Figy informed the Councilors and Commissioners that the rules were set up by the Councilors and Commissioners and that there is no specific procedure within the Charter or Council rules. President Figy read from the Charter as follows: "A vacancy of a member elected to the municipal light board by ward shall be filled by the municipal light board and the city council in the same manner that a vacancy on the school committee is filled in accordance with this Charter." (Section 9 No 6) "If a vacancy occurs in the school committee by failure to elect or otherwise, the city council and the remaining members of the school committee shall meet in joint convention and elect a suitable registered voter of the city to fill the vacancy until the next biennial city election." (Section 44) Councilor Flaherty informed the Councilors and Commissioners that he is not in favor of voting for one candidate because there is no choice. He agreed there is no actual process in the Charter, but due to a last minute withdrawal it changed things. Commissioner Rivera informed the Councilors and Commissioners that rules were set by the Council and Commission and that is how it was advertised and candidates should not be added at this time. Councilor Emmershy informed the Councilors and Commissioners that in past meetings to fill a vacancy on the Municipal Light Board or the School Committee, Councilor Bean maintained the stance that one could always nominate from the floor regardless if a letter of intent was submitted. President Figy reminded everyone that there was a process developed and it has to be abided by. Councilor Surprise informed the Councilors and Commissioners that during an election a candidate can run on a write in campaign and therefore did not have to follow the process of submitting nomination papers. Councilor Babinski reminded everyone that this process was posted and accepted by both boards and if there was not a withdrawal this conversation would not be happening and that a late entry was not in the process. Commissioner Liptak questioned why Mr. Brogle did not submit a resume along with his late entry. Councilor Allie reiterated that Mr. Brogle deferred to Mr. Wensley out of respect and once Mr. Wensley withdrew Mr. Brogle decided to put his name forward. President Figy reiterated that the meeting has to be run according to the agenda and there is

nothing for acceptance of nominations from the floor or late acceptance. Commissioner Roman expressed his concern that this individual applied because someone dropped out and that he has never been to a Municipal Light Board meeting whereas the other two candidates have been to the meetings. Commissioner Sacco agreed there is no specific process in the Charter and because of that a process was created and agreed upon and that Councilor Bean's interpretation of allowing nominations from the floor may be right or may be wrong but since there is a set of rules, the rules need to be followed unless there are enough votes to suspend those rules. He reminded everyone that the last time Councilors or Commissioners were not able to ask questions of the candidates because it was not part of the Agenda. Commissioner Rivera reiterated that the process established should be followed and if the other candidate wants to be on the Municipal Light Board he can take out nomination papers and run in the upcoming City elections. Councilor Onyski agreed it is not fair to change the rules now and upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was

VOTED: That the President call the question and end the discussion.

Councilor Dan Allie	No
Commissioner Kevin Kelleher	Yes
Councilor Andrew Surprise	No
Commissioner A. Edward Roman	Yes
Councilor Dave Flaherty	No
Councilor Leslie Lefebvre	Yes
Commissioner Francis Liptak	Yes
Councilor Cindy Harris	Yes
Councilor Nicholas Morganelli, Jr	No
Councilor Ralph Figy	Yes
Councilor William Onyski	Yes
Commissioner Thomas Flaherty	Yes
Councilor Michael Burns	Yes
Councilor Mary Ann Babinski	Yes
Commissioner Ray Rivera	Yes
Councilor Matt Emmershly	No
Commissioner Robert Sacco	Yes
Councilor Brent Bean II	Absent
Councilor John Beltrandi III	Absent

The President declared the motion PASSED.

President Figy called for the question to be voted on.

Upon motion of Councilor Surprise, it was

VOTED: That the rules of the meeting be SUSPENDED to accept a late submission.

The vote on the foregoing was as follows:

Councilor Dan Allie	Yes
Commissioner Kevin Kelleher	No
Councilor Andrew Surprise	Yes
Commissioner A. Edward Roman	No

Councilor Dave Flaherty	Yes
Councilor Leslie Lefebvre	No
Commissioner Francis Liptak	No
Councilor Cindy Harris	No
Councilor Nicholas Morganelli, Jr	No
Councilor Ralph Figy	No
Councilor William Onyski	No
Commissioner Thomas Flaherty	No
Councilor Michael Burns	No
Councilor Mary Ann Babinski	No
Commissioner Ray Rivera	No
Councilor Matt Emmershly	Yes
Commissioner Robert Sacco	No
Councilor Brent Bean II	Absent
Councilor John Beltrandi III	Absent

The President declared the motion LOST.

Ms. Dawn Renaudette gave her background and answered the three questions from the agenda (copy attached).

Commissioner Tom Flaherty offered a motion, which was duly seconded, to nominate Dawn Renaudette as the Ward 3 Municipal Light Board member.

Councilor Surprise offered a motion, which was duly seconded, to nominate Robert Brogle as the Ward 3 Municipal Light Board member. Councilor Surprise informed the Councilors and Commissioners that there is nothing saying nominations cannot be accepted from the floor.

Upon motion of Councilor Harris, it was VOTED: That nomination be CLOSED.

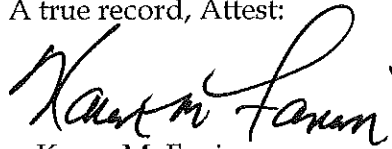
The vote on the appointment of the Ward 3 Municipal Light member resulted as follows:

Councilor Dan Allie	Brogle
Commissioner Kevin Kelleher	Renaudette
Councilor Andrew Surprise	Brogle
Commissioner A. Edward Roman	Renaudette
Councilor Dave Flaherty	Wensley
Councilor Leslie Lefebvre	Renaudette
Commissioner Francis Liptak	Renaudette
Councilor Cindy Harris	Renaudette
Councilor Nicholas Morganelli, Jr	Renaudette
Councilor Ralph Figy	Renaudette
Councilor William Onyski	Renaudette
Commissioner Thomas Flaherty	Renaudette
Councilor Michael Burns	Renaudette
Councilor Mary Ann Babinski	Renaudette
Commissioner Ray Rivera	Renaudette
Councilor Matt Emmershay	Brogle
Commissioner Robert Sacco	Renaudette
Councilor Brent Bean II	Absent
Councilor John Beltrandi III	Absent

The President declared Dawn Renaudette the Ward 3 Municipal Light Board member.

At 6:40 PM, and upon motion of Councilor Onyski, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

A true record, Attest:

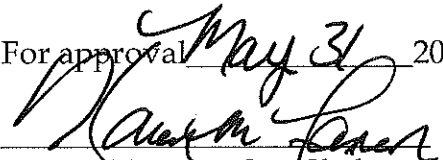


Karen M. Fanion
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

Presented to the Mayor

Approved by the Mayor

For approval May 31 2019


Karen M. Fanion, City Clerk

May 31 2019


Brian P. Sullivan, Mayor

Dawn Renaudette

- lived in Westfield since 1998. I have two children that attend Westfield Public Schools. I am a registered nurse. I have a dual Master's in nursing education and healthcare administration. I am currently the Director of quality and education at a visiting nurse and hospice agency.
- worked at Noble Visiting Nurse and hospice services for more than 10 years. I was a hospice nurse who cared for patients in their homes and then went on to manage the hospice program. During that time I participated in and volunteered in many community events.
- Run for a Noble Cause
- Wine tasting
- I was asked to speak at funeral homes and churches in our community
- Participated in the children's grief groups in our schools
- Did BP checks and health education series at the senior center
- seeing patients and families in the community, being recognized in the grocery store made me feel a part of the community and that I was positively contributing.
- two years since I worked at Noble and I am missing that community involvement. My children are getting older and I now have the ability to get myself back into it.
- became interested in the G & E about a year and a half ago. I never really thought too much about the G & E. I have never had a problem, always helpful and responsive
- went to a conference put on by a local association in Hampshire County and the topic was on being Pivotal in your business. The speaker spoke about took the business of gas and electric and totally switched lanes based on the way our world is changing and began providing a service that allowed them to capture a different population of customers but still provided to their current customers.
- started reading things on the website and following on social media as I just found it interesting
- brought to my attention that there was a G & E board and monthly meetings, so I attended one. I found it very interesting and attended the next few. At that time, the Ward 3 seat became available and I thought I would be a good candidate
- I feel that I am a good candidate for this position, current role as Quality director, responsible for managing and updating policies to reflect regulations set by our governing bodies, take part in the budgeting process and understand the implications of budgets
- crossover as the board establishes direction for the utility through policy and is accountable to the DPU, take the mindset of being financially responsible and meeting the needs of the consumer, and apply it to the board position.
- areas of interest within the G & E are around clean and renewable energy, energy efficiency, and decreasing the city's dirty energy.

Thank you for your consideration