

**WEST MIDDLESEX BOROUGH  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Present:** President Cyndi Gilkey, Vice-President Eric Lucich, Melissa Merchant Calvert, Robert Lark and Ron Preston. Mayor Debra LaRouche was absent.

**Others Present:** Secretary/Treasurer Sandra DeSantis, Street Department Senior Laborer Bobby Joe Cochran, Street Department Laborer Scott Haddox, COG Swimming Pool Manager Brian Foster, McCandless Ford Salesman Chester Bealles, Maleia James and Ray Lucich.

Mr. Foster addressed Council on the issues related to revenues for the COG Swimming Pool. He stated funding/contributions are low and if something is not done for said issue this will be the last summer the pool will be open in regards to maintaining, paying employees, etc. Mr. Foster distributed the 2019 Pool Report along with copies of the Joint Recreation Agreement. He stated that Lackawannock Township said they will not be contributing in 2020, since Lackawannock Township did not comply in writing to remove themselves from said Agreement, it is still binding and on the books. Mr. Foster said that Wheatland Borough donated \$10,000.00 last year which will be utilized for capital improvements. Mr. Foster said since there is new ownership at Pine Tree Village Apartments, they will no longer be contributing their share of \$10,000.00 since they will be installing their own pool facilities. Mr. Foster stated that Robert Lark and Ron Preston attended the Webinar Meeting but no one from Shenango Township or Lackawannock Township attended. Mr. Foster said COG is holding a Pancake Fundraiser to try to close the \$10,000.00 gap that they are losing. Also, First National Bank may be contributing \$500.00 and the Kiwanis may also be making a contribution on an annual basis. Mr. Foster is requesting that Council speak to businesses to explain the dilemma of the pool since there is a deficit in the program. Mr. Preston stated he and Mr. Lark are going door to door. Mrs. Calvert questioned if signs for advertising have been made. Mr. Foster said he constructed a form but has not heard anything. He said the signs were made by Pennsylvania Correctional Industries. Ray Lucich suggested putting an article in the Newsletter letting everyone know the dilemma. Mr. Foster said he would rather hold a Public Meeting at the Municipal Building with Council's approval. Mrs. DeSantis will be placing the MRCOG 2020 Recreation Fees Schedule on the West Middlesex Borough's website. Mr. Lark said he will be helping at the Pancake Fundraiser.

Mr. Cochran addressed Council on the purchase of a new Street Department Truck and referred to McCandless Ford. Mr. Bealles then addressed Council with further explanations of different trucks. Mr. Preston questioned the salt spreaders. Mr. Cochran presented Council with M & R quotes for salt spreaders. Mr. Bealles said McCandless Ford has a salt spreader for \$6,1370.00 which would include installation. Mr. Bealles explained CoStars Program in that a Contract would be signed to sell the vehicle at his cost plus three (3%) percent. Mr. Bealles went on to say he can supply anything Ford offers and be CoStars compliant. Ms. Gilkey suggested looking at different finance options with the lowest rates. Mr. Bealles said if the loan exceeds any council person's term, a Lease must be signed for the term and then option to purchase once lease is met. Mrs. DeSantis will check the rates at First National Bank with an approximate amount of \$43,000.00 for a five (5) year loan.

Council discussed the Signmaster street signs quote that was approved at the last Council Meeting. Mr. Lark stated he would like to add eight (8) signs to said Quote at \$32.69 each which would be an additional total of \$261.52 for the Borough's final cost of \$588.64. Ms. Gilkey said this would be put on next week's Agenda for Amending.

Council discussed the Dairy Queen sewer bill waiver request and the majority of council said it was not fair to charge them. Ms. Gilkey said the amount they are requesting to be waived sounds agreeable under the circumstances. Mr. Lark stated to keep in mind they are setting a precedence. Mrs. Calvert stated the Dairy Queen staff put a lot of work into this to present to Council.

Mrs. DeSantis presented Council with the Bills Registers for any questions and/or comments before the Council Meeting. Council reviewed. Mr. Preston addressed Mr. Cochran in regards to the plumbing work that was performed in the women's restroom. Mr. Cochran explained since the chlorine is high it is eating away at the rubber seal in the toilet and will have to be replaced every six months. Other bills presented to Council for approval next week: GPI Engineers in the amounts of \$1,015.25 and \$279.00. Shenango Township Supervisors PA60/PA18 Interchange Lighting Project in the amount of \$17.80. PA State Association of Borough's Membership Directory in the amount of \$50.00. Eric Lucich said there was still a light on the bridge that should be looked into for cost efficiency since there are newer lights constructed now. Mr. Preston said there is one new light on the bridge that stays on all of the time. Mrs. DeSantis said she will contact PennDOT on the lights in question.

Ms. Gilkey said Council will be presented the Adoption of the 2020 Mercer County Joint Seal Coat Bid Program at the next meeting.

Ms. Gilkey again addressed the List of Board Members that was approved at the last Council Meeting for all to review. Mrs. DeSantis told Ms. Gilkey that she contacted Angelia at the Animal Shelter to place Mayor Debra LaRouche's email on the list. Ms. Gilkey thanked her.

Mr. Cochran stated that there are large trucks running through yards when cutting the corners and going through stop signs.

Mr. Haddox also stated that borough signs have been vandalized.

**Adjournment: 7:00 p.m.**