

**MINUTES
WEST MIDDLESEX BOROUGH
RECESSED MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: President Cyndi Gilkey, Vice-President Eric Lucich, Robert Lark, Stacey Curry, and Mayor Larouche.

Others Present: Street Department Senior Laborer Bobby Cochran, Fire Chief Rich Garrett and Police Chief Jason Newton.

Public Comments: None.

2022 Budget: Mr. Lark made a motion to accept the 2022 Budget, seconded by Ms. Curry with all in favor.

Mr. Lark said Attorney Tesone isn't present but he thinks Council will have to pass a Resolution to set the taxes.

Resolution Taxes of 25.167 mils: Mr. Lark made the motion, seconded by Ms. Curry with all in favor.

Bobby Cochran, Street Department Laborer – Paid One Week for sickness due to Co-Vid 19 \$505.00.

Mr. Lark made a motion to accept with payment used from the American Rescue's Act money, seconded by Ms. Curry with all in favor.

2022 TCC Voting Appointment Resolution: Council decided to add this to the 2022 Agenda for further discussions with newly elected Council Members since the appointment is effective January 1, 2022.

Lillibridge Pump Station: Mr. Cochran explained the issues regarding the Lillibridge Pump Station and the concern for the need of another pump. Council, Mayor and Mr. Cochran discussed further.

Council, Mayor Larouche, Mr. Cochran and Chief Newton discussed abandoned cars in the Borough.

Fire Department Invoice – Thompson's Alternator Starter Service \$270.00: Mr. Lark made the motion to accept, seconded by Ms. Curry with all in favor.

Fire Department Invoice – Reiter's Fire Equipment Company \$1,280.00: Mr. Lark made the motion to accept, seconded by Ms. Curry with all in favor.

Barris Supply Mower Chute Cover Purchase: Mr. Cochran said the price was \$210.00 at Barris Supply. Mr. Lark made the motion to accept, seconded by Ms. Curry with all in favor.

Ms. Gilkey stated that Stephanie Carson was not present for her request for the usage of the Municipal Hall for Mercer County Head Start meetings.

Approve COG Bids: Mr. Lark explained the COG Bids to be accepted if needed.

Point of information: Municipal Hall Closet has been Secured for Important Items Relating to Conducting Borough Council Meetings: Ms. Gilkey stated there is now a lock on the Municipal Hall Closet for the laptop. Ms. Gilkey said she has a key for Eric Lucich since he will be running Zoom in her absence, he agreed. Mr. Lark said Ms. Curry should keep a key also as Mayor. Council Members and Mayor were in agreement. Chief Garrett requested that the WMFVD also have a key for access to their items. Council Members and Mayor were in agreement.

Approval of Contract for 2022 to finish the concrete outside of the Municipal Building: Ms. Gilkey said since this was already approved, they are just waiting to finish in 2022. Mr. Lucich stated this project should be around \$750.00, which is well within the amount approved.

Honorary Scotty Campbell signs: Mr. Lark said he would gather more information needed on the changing of names on the signs. Council discussed further.

Chief Newton said since he was not present last week, he read the Police Report aloud.

Adjournment at 6:41 p.m.: Mr. Lucich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lark with all in favor.

