

**West Middlesex Borough
Council Meeting
October 17, 2023**

Call to Order: The West Middlesex Borough Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Borough President Mr. Eric Lucich.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: President: Mr. Eric Lucich conducted the meeting. Mr. Tim Webster, Mr. Robert Lark, Mr. Bill Novak. Absent: Vice President Mr. Moyer and Mayor Stacey Curry.

Others Present: Attorney Robert Tesone, Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, WMVFD President Rich Garrett, Ray Lucich, Mr. Brett Smith, Mr. Rodemoyer, Mr. Kornbau, Ms. Lisa Kantorik, and Louis- with Lisa, no last name given. Mr. Brian Harmon, Mr. Tom Hubert arrived later during the meeting.

Public Comments: Mr. Brett Smith reported an abandoned vehicle located at 18 North Street since 2020. The car is not inspected. Code violation. Construction material everywhere. He also reported the dog is doing his business on the sidewalks and the street, and not being cleaned up. Mr. Rodemoyer addressed the Council concerning the repairs to be done to Fairview Dr. He feels the Borough is wasting money by putting cold patch material in potholes. Not all holes were filled. Mr. Lark explained the process of receiving Liquid Fuel funds yearly and to save money, these funds are not used every year. The bigger the project, the more savings. Mr. Lark said he will speak to the streets dept concerning filling in the other potholes on Fairview Dr. Mr. Lark also explained the PennDOT Construction season.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Lark, and seconded by Mr. Novak to accept the Minutes from the September 19th Council Meeting. All in Favor, No Opposed.

Police Department Report: Chief Newton was not present at the meeting due to an illness. The Police Report was read by Council President Mr. Eric Lucich.

Fire Department Report: The Fire Department Report was Read by WMVFD President Mr. Rich Garrett. Mr. Garrett made a public thank you for the support of the pancake fundraiser. Also, he reported 4 firefighters completed their training. Mr. Novak was one of the 4. Mr. Eric Lucich said that keeping the communication open between the Council and the Fire Department is good and keeps everything running better. He would like to keep that communication open. Chief Garrett agrees.

Treasurer's Financial Report: A motion was made by Mr. Lark, and Seconded by Mr. Novak to accept the Treasurer's Financial Report. All In Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

911 Address: Main Street Ext: Mr. Novak suggests the most logical would be to change the 4 addresses from Main Street Ext, to Main Street Address. Pres. Eric Lucich explained to all the

situations on why the address needs to be changed. Due to 911 confusion. Mr. Novak motions to change the 4 addresses, seconded by Mr. Lark. All in favor, no opposed. Motion carries.

Convenience Store and Skilled Games: Lisa Kantorik spoke to Council concerning renting the unit at the location of 3153 Main Street. Mr. Lark asked what will consist of the Convenience Store. Lisa explained that she also owns the Break Room in Wheatland also. She is considering the convenience store bread, milk, and snacks but may be able to also sell food that she has at the Break Room. Mr. Lark asked, what hours: Lisa replied what works the best from trial. She is interested in the future to rent the Circle K if it was available. Mr. Lark questioned the parking. Skilled Games: she replied they fall under entertainment. Mr. Webster also questioned the hours. He asked if she was interested in 24 hours. She said no. Possibly 7-7. Mr. Webster added there is no definition of the Skilled Games. Lisa stated with the Liquor License they fall under PA Amusement. It was explained that our zoning is different for recreational or amusement. Recreational is zoned in that area, amusement is not. Mr. Tesone agrees with Attorney Roger Shaffer. If any questions concerning the zoning, you can permit your case to the Zoning Board. Mr. Ray Lucich is concerned with the parking. Mr. Lark asked if she was interested in the convenience store without the skilled games. She replied No, that would be like having a bar without a liquor license. She would rather do all at the same time. It was suggested by Attorney Tesone, that she is to contact Mr. Richardson for an application, and present it to the zoning hearing board. Lisa thanked the Council for the help. Mr. Lark added that we want business to come to West Middlesex, so Council will do all that is possible.

Tattoo Business - Main Street: Attorney Tesone suggests that it is allowed from the information he received from Attorney Shaffer.

Renew Bond for Desiree Richardson: The vote will be to renew the bond until the reorganization meeting in January, then it will be canceled. The Borough will receive a refund once the bond is canceled. President Lucich asked that it be added to the Reorganization Meeting Agenda to cancel the bond. Mr. Lark mentioned renewing the bond, seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Halloween Hours Vote: Motioned by Mr. Novak was seconded by Mr. Webster to have the Halloween Hours of 4-6. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries. Chief Newton will be notified on the Halloween Costume to be held at 7:00 after trick or treat.

Pool Update: Mr. Lark passed out a handout on the Pool Budget Update. He updated the Council on the last meeting with COG. He reported that during the meeting only he and Mayor Stacey objected at the meeting concerning the pool budget. No one else really voiced any opinions at the meeting except for the two of them. He reported that the next meeting with the pool committee and COG will be held tomorrow evening.

Kiwanis Park Update: President Eric Lucich updated all on the situation at Kiwanis Park. The problem is caused by the Water from Shenango TWP. Shenango Twp is saying that the Borough is responsible for part of the fix. It has closed the park down. The cost is over our bidding threshold. There is a dispute on who owns the property. Eric feels they need to provide the Borough with a proof of a Right Of Way. He feels the property needs to be surveyed. Mr. Lark feels we need to sell them the park. Attorney Tesone feels that it is the responsibility of the Township. Mr. Webster asks what the bidding threshold is. Attorney Tesone believes it is over \$22,000 in three sealed bids. Mr. Lark made a motion to put it under advisement, seconded by Mr. Novak. All in favor, Mr. Webster Opposed. Motion Carries.

Planning Committee Update: Secretary Paula Luca updated the Council on all who volunteered for the planning committee several months ago before she was hired. She asked if she should send a letter to find out if they are still interested. Mr. Webster added that a meeting needs to be set up if they are still interested as an organizational meeting. Mr. Webster motioned to have Paula send a letter, seconded by Mr. Novak. All in favor, No opposed. Motion carries.

Audit Update: Secretary Paula Luca updated Council that the audit is not complete and he said it will be completed before the deadline in December. Mr. Lark suggests that we possibly look for a new auditor for the future.

Budget Update: Secretary Paula Luca updated the Council that she met with Tammy concerning the Budget. It is partially set up in the computer and will have a preliminary budget ready for the next work session. Eric asked if it can be emailed before the meeting to review. Me. Lark suggested we have a special Budget work session on Wednesday the 8th. Attorney Tesone said that he will advertise for the 8th special meeting. Mr. Webster motioned that we add the 8th as a special budget work session, seconded by Mr. Novak. All in favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Special Event Permits for Light up Night and West Middlesex Express: The Council was updated on the dates of the upcoming events. Mr. Lark motioned to accept the dates, seconded by Mr. Webster. All in favor. No opposed. Motion Carries.

Jean Fulford Sewer Update: Secretary Paula Luca updated Council that Jean Fulford is the resident that has well water. The meter will be checked by Bobby to make sure the meter is working properly. He will read it the first month and periodically check to make sure it is working correctly. Mr. Webster Motioned and seconded by Mr. Novak, all in Favor, No opposed. Motion carries.

Richard Montanti Sewer: Secretary Paula Luca updated Council on the sewer billing for Mr. Montanti, who now owns the laundromat. It was discovered he does have 6 units.

Mr. Hubert approached Council to present Mr. Lark all of the information he requested on behalf of the Sewer Authority, along with a copy of the originally certified mail receipt.

Mr. Lark gave an update on the situation of the Sewer Authority. He then passed out a copy of the invoice that we pay Shenango Twp. monthly, with an explanation of the billing. He stated that he is sending a letter to Shenango Twp. in hopes to set up a meeting with 2 members of our authority and 2 members from their authority. Mr. Harmon added that there was not an increase in the size of the plant capacity.

Motion by Mr. Novak and Seconded by Mr. Webster to adjourn.
Adjournment. 8:02 pm.