

**West Middlesex Borough  
Council Recessed Meeting  
January 24, 2023  
Recessed Meeting from January 16, 2024**

**Call to Order:** The West Middlesex Borough Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Borough President Mr. Tim Webster.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Present:** President: Mr. Tim Webster conducted the meeting. Vice President: Mr. Robert Lark, Mr. Bill Novak, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mayor Stacey Curry

**Others Present:** Attorney Robert Tesone, Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, WMVFD President Rich Garrett, Ray Lucich, Mr. Ronald Preston, Mr. Dennis Bollinger

**Public Comments:** None

**Council Vacancy:** President Tim Webster updated all on the vacancy on the Borough Council due to the resignation of Mr. Dave Moyer. The effective date of the resignation was December 31, 2023. The Borough Council accepted the resignation on January 2nd 2024, allowing the Council 30 days to fill the vacancy. An advertisement was placed in the Herald. Also in the Borough Newsletter, On Facebook, and on the Borough Website notifying Borough Residents of the vacancy and if interested, a letter of interest could be mailed, emailed, or hand delivered to the Borough Office. The Deadline to accept letters of interest was January 16th at 3:00. PM. The requirements are, the candidate must be 18 years of age, be a resident of the Borough for at least 1 year, and be a registered voter for the Borough of West Middlesex. The Borough received two letters of interest.

Mr. Webster asked both Mr. Bollinger and Mr. Preston, if they meet the above requirements. They both responded: Yes.

Mr. Webster asked both Mr. Bollinger, and Mr. Preston, if they are still interested in filling the position

They both responded: Yes.

Mr. Webster then read both letters of interest in the order they were received. First Mr. Bollinger, second, Mr. Preston.

Mr. Webster addressed the Council and said I will ask both candidates if there is anything they would like to add to their letter of interest. Second it will be opened up to questions for both candidates from the Council. Then if no other discussions are needed, we will open for a motion. All of the Council was in agreement.

Mr. Webster then asked if there is anything they wanted to add to their Letter of Interest. Staying with the order they were received; Mr. Bollinger was asked first.

Mr. Bollinger: Mr. Bollinger addressed the Council. He has been involved in volunteering with the West Middlesex School. Helped with the playground project. Has been a coach for girls' softball for many years. He has a background in construction so he is fluent in projects and repairs. Has held several leadership roles and would like to help the Borough.

Mr. Preston: Mr. Preston addressed the Council. He has previous 6 years serving on the Borough Council. Deeply involved in the Green Light Go Project. Was the Lead in the Braho Cleanup Project. When he was on Council, the gazebo was falling apart. Because of his friendship with Bruce Mattson, he was able to get a great price for repairs to the Gazebo. He was a former member of the Shenango Twp. Police Department. He is now completely retired and is available 24 hours 7 days a week for meetings of whatever is needed.

Mr. Webster then opened it up to questions from the Council. Mr. Rankin: No Questions. Mr. Lark: No Questions.

Mr. Webster then asked: asked: If you are appointed to Council, what do you feel would be your Strongest Asset that would benefit Borough Residents:

Mr. Bollinger: The time I have spent in the Borough, and the time my family has spent in the borough. I want to take care of the Borough. I feel my biggest asset is Family. As the old saying goes: It takes a village to raise a child. We are the Village, and Our Community is the Child.

Mr. Preston: The six years I served on the Borough Council. I live in the same house I was born and raised in. Besides the time I was in the military, I have always lived in the Borough or the Township. I have great knowledge of the Borough. I am willing to help as much as I can.

Mr. Webster thanked both applicants for answering his question.

Mr. Lark: Are you both committed to finishing your term? Both applicants answer yes.

Mr. Webster then asked Council if there are any other questions? None.

Discussion: No Discussion.

Mr. Webster then asked the Council how do we want to vote. A Motion and a Second, or put it to a vote.

Mr. Lark: We have Two Names: Do a role call with the two names. Attorney Tesone added that the vote has to be done in public. Mr. Webster then added, we have 4 council members. If it goes to a tie, then it would go to the Mayor for a vote.

Roll Call:

Mr. Webster: Mr. Bollinger

Mr. Lark: Mr. Preston

Mr. Novak: Mr. Bollinger

Mr. Rankin: Mr. Bollinger

Mr. Bollinger has been appointed to Council.

Mr. Webster asked Mr. Preston if he is interested in serving on the Sewer Authority or the Zoning Hearing Board. His reply is No.

Mr. Bollinger was sworn into Office by Attorney Tesone.

Mr. Webster informed Mr. Bollinger that he will need to resign from the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Lark suggested possibly Mr. Incerto may be interested. Mr. Webster also added his brother Chris may be interested.

Mr. Lark made a Motion for adjournment seconded by Mr. Novak, All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carries.

Adjournment: 6:31pm