

**West Middlesex Borough  
Council Meeting  
June 18, 2024  
6:30 pm**

**Call to Order:** The West Middlesex Borough Council was called to order at 6:30 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, Mr. Dennis Bollinger, Mayor Stacey Curry.

**Others Present:** Attorney Robert Tesone, arrived late, Secretary/Treasurer: Paula Luca, Police Chief: Mr. Jason Newton, Mr. Ray Lucich, Mr. Harry Kornbau, Mr. Peter Vournous, Maria Vournous, Mr. Dale Perry

**Public Comments:** None

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Lark, and seconded by Mr. Rankin to accept the Minutes from May 8,2024 Special Council Meeting, May 8 2024, Work Session Meeting. And, May 21 2024 Council Meeting. Mr. Novak abstained. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

**Police Department Report:** The police report was read by Chief Newton. Mr. Webster updated Chief Newton concerning the No Parking in front of alleys ways.

**Fire Department Report:** The fire report was read my Chief Garrett. Chief Garrett asked to have an executive session after the meeting for Legal Issues.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** Secretary Paula Luca read the Treasurers Report. Mr. Lark made a motion to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by Mr. Noval. All in favor, no opposed. Motion carries.

**Letter received from business owner Mr. Peter Vournous / Middlesex Diner.** Mr. Webster read a letter the Council received from Mr. Vournous concerning the Liquor License at the Diner. Mr. Vournous request that the license be made unrestricted. Mr. Lark made a motion to make the License an unrestricted license, seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in favor, no opposed. Motion Carries. Attorney Tesone will contact Attorney Ron McCall.

**GPI Update:** Street Project: Council discussed all of the streets included in the GPI Report. Council will need to decide based on financing the priority of the streets to be repaired. Discussion concerning Penn Ave and Oak Hill Dr to bring both back up to code. Mr. Lark added he spoke with GPI on this concern. They will need to design a new street at both locations. GPI is waiting to hear from the Borough Council before moving forward. Mr. Novak suggest short term: concerning Penn Ave to have it paved until the project can be done completely. Long term: need to rebuild the road. Mr. Webster added that Mr. Lark be the contact with GPI.

WM Estates: Mr. Webster read the email that GPI sent to Attorney Tesone concerning the New Pump Station. Mr. Lark updated all on information concerning a prefabricated pump station, and relocating it. GPI is waiting on more information concerning this.

**WM Estates**: A discussion concerning the back up pump for the WM Estates. A motion was made by Mr. Lark to have the pump refurbished, seconded by Mr. Novak. All in favor, no opposed. Motion Carries.

**Questions for Attorney Tesone**: WM Estates: New Agreement is Needed with the Borough and WM Estates. Farmers Market: A discussion concerning a possible farmers market to be held in the parking lot of the community center. Mayor Stacey presented a sample agreement for vendors. Attorney Tesone suggest Secretary Paula Luca to contact the Insurance company concerning liability insurance.

**Hall Rental for Community Event**: *Moved up on agenda*. Mr. Webster made a motion to allow the community event: Pickle Making Workshop to be held at the Community Hall free of charge, seconded by Mr. Rankin, All in favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries. Mr. Novak will be in charge of organizing and running this event.

**No Parking in Front of Alleys on Main Street: Update from PennDOT**: Mr. Webster read the email received from PennDOT. Possible yellow stripes will be painted in the spot no parking is allowed. Attorney Tesone added possibly doing an ordinance. Chief Newton suggested signs be placed also.

**Mayors Convention**: Mr. Lark made a Motion to authorize Mayor Stacey to attend the convention, seconded by Mr. Novak. All in favor, no opposed, motion carries.

**Kiwanis Park Meeting**: Mr. Webster reminded Council of the meeting on Monday with MC Conservation to discuss bringing the creek back to its natural habitat. Mayor Stacey informed Council of more vandalism at the park. Possible in the future, Council may want to consider purchase of cameras for the park.

**709 Bedford Grass Letter Update**: The grass will be cut possibly this week. Attorney Tesone suggest we add to the current lien the cost of cutting the grass.

**Grant Training**- Secretary Paula has scheduled a meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> for grant training. No fee for the training. The office will be closed while the training is going on.

**LSWM Pool Heater**: Attorney Tesone informed all the Bid was in order. He suggests to consider the 85% efficiency because that is what was quoted in the original ad. Mayor Stacey updated Council on the results of the Community Pool Committee. 8 of the 9 voted: 7- to accept, 1- to not accept, 1- Not Heard from. Mr. Lark made a motion for Council to accept the bid in the amount of \$34,115.34, to be paid for by the Pool Committee, seconded by Mr. Novak. All in favor, No Opposed. Motion carries.

Other Business: Mr. Webster read an email that was received from Mr. Walch from O'Neill Coffee concerning the Storm Water Issue. He is still having flooding issues. Council discussed possible solutions to the issue.

Mr. Dale Perry voiced his concern in association with the LSWM Pool. It was suggest he stops in the office to complete a Right to Know for any information he is requesting.

Chief Newton inquired on the status of the Tri-State Board. No information as of yet, Mr. Richardson will be contacted for an update.

Executive Session: Legal Matters.

After the Council returned, Mr. Novak made a motion for adjournment, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger, all in favor, no opposed, motion carries.

Adjournment 8:10pm