

**West Middlesex Borough
Council Meeting
July 16, 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, Secretary/Treasurer: Paula Luca, Police Chief: Mr. Jason Newton, Mr. Harry Kornbau, Barb Lapinski, Mr. Jeff Hubbard, Fire Chief Rich Garrett

Public Comments: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Lark, and seconded by Mr. Bollinger to accept the Minutes from June 12, 2024 Work Session Meeting. And June 18, 2024 Council Meeting. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Police Department Report: The police report was read by Chief Newton. Mr. Webster asked Chief Newton concerning any traffic violation in the Borough of West Middlesex. He added, as you explained in the past, I understand we receive the check from the State Police two times a year. However, as per Traffic Violation in the Borough. Would we receive that from Shenango TWP, or from District Court. We have not received anything from district court for several months. Chief Newton explained we would receive a check from District Court. And he added he may have one in his desk drawer. As per traffic violations: It would be a very small amount. Possibly a couple dollars. The state gets 90%. Mr. Webster then asked about public parking. He brought to the attention of Council and Chief Newton, there was a disabled Car parked in front of the Shoe Store. It was moved over to Erie Street. Chief Newton added he knows about it and knows the owner. They live at the apartments.

Fire Department Report: The fire report was read by Chief Garrett.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Secretary Paula Luca read the Treasurers Report. Mr. Lark made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Farmers Market: Mayor Stacey would like to reach out to the insurance company concerning the agreement for vendors. She feels it is too much to ask from vendors. She also added that Mr. Hudson suggested the property by Marchelloni's Pizza. But feels the contract for vendors is too much for what it is intended for.

Street Sign for Mr. Campbell: Mayor Stacey brought to the attention of Council that 2 years ago, Council had voted and approved a sign for Scotty Campbell Way. She contacted Joe Gill to have a sign made. The sign is ready to be placed.

Kiwanis Park: Council discussed taking the Creek at Kiwanis Park to a Natural Creek Bed. Mercer County Conservation Society said it was a good idea. They will help with some grant money. It was discussed how the project would be completed. Mr. Jeff Hubbard informed Council that he was hired by Mr. Richardson to have some log removal work completed. He spoke about how he would get into the area of the project. Once choice is Haywood Street, and the other is Kiwanis Park. All agreed that Haywood Street would be the best option, depending on the weight limit on the bridge is. Mr. Hubbard will check into that. Mr. Bolinger presented to the Council a bid from BDS Excavation Company to dig out the pipe at Kiwanis Park. Mr. Lark made a motion to hire BDS at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 in the case of added work. As specified on the bid. Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries. Also noted, a Soil Erosion Plan will need to be completed by our Engineers.

West Middlesex Estates Pump Station: Based on the specifications provided by GPI, it was discussed where the New Pump Station would be located. In the trailer park near where the current one is, or in a new location up front near the mailboxes. Mr. Novak made a motion to have the New Pump station in the current location between the trailers where the current one is located. Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries. Mr. Lark will notify GPI.

Street Improvements: Mr. Lark updated the Council on the Loan Information. Attorney Tesone informed the Council that before any loan can be issued, the Borough needs to look into the Local Government Unit Debt Act. He will get more information concerning it. The Road Tax account was discussed and also the Liquid Fuel Funds. The patching of Penn Ave was discussed. Council does not feel that Liquid Fuel Money can be used for Patching. It was discussed that the patching on Penn Ave, Oak Hill Extension and also Fairview. The Borough will need to find out the cost to do the patch jobs. Mr. Novak will contact Davano Paving Co., Martuccio, and M& D paving. Council disused possibly using Liquid Fuel money to be used at Walnut Street and North Street, & Erie Street near Walnut. Mr. Novak made a motion to put out for Bid, Erie Street, North Street to Walnut Street, and Walnut Street. Mr. Lark added he feels it is premature to make a motion. It was discussed to put it out to bid. Keeping in mind they do not have to accept the bid. Mr. Bollinger made a motion to put out to Bid: Walnut, Erie Street and North Street as 3 separate bids. Seconded by Mr. Novak, A Roll Call Was Taken:

Mr. Webster:	YES	Mr. Lark:	YES
Mr. Novak:	YES	Mr. Rankin:	YES
Mr. Bollinger:	YES		

All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

A motion was made by Mr. Rankin and Seconded by Mr. Novak to continue with the Bank Loan Process. All in Favor, No Opposed Motion carries.

Sewer Bill for 1 Erie Street: Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca updated the Council on the sale of 1 Erie Street/3 Short Street: The building was sold clear on all Liens. The Sewer Account will need to be credited of the amount owed by Vine Ave Associates. A Motion was made by Mr. Novak, and seconded by Mr. Rankin to have the accounted credited. All in favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries. Council was also updated on the email received from the 911 center concerning the correct Address for that location. It is 3 Short Street. 911 will update Council on the situation.

Delinquent Sewer Accounts: Past due Sewer Accounts were discussed. A Motion was made my Mr. Lark, and Seconded my Mr. Novak to have a Lien Placed on a property if the Sewer Account is past due in the amount of \$500 or more. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Information Items: Paula updated the Council that the office will be closed on Wednesday July 24th.

Additional Information: Mr. Lark passed out handouts to inform Council of the Past and Current Police Contract. The Borough has one year remaining on the current contract. Mr. Lark wanted to remind the Council this is the time to be looking at our options for the future over the cost of the police contracts.

Mr. Novak made a motion for Adjournment, Seconded my Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor No Opposed. Motion Carries.
Adjournment 8:45 pm.