

**West Middlesex Borough
Council Special Meeting
August 7, 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 special meeting. Vice President, Mr. Robert Lark, Mr. Bill Novak, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mr. Dennis Bollinger, Mayor Stacey Curry.

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer: Paula Luca

Public Comments: None

Accept the Resignation from Senior Laborer Bobby Cochran: A motion was made by Mr. Lark and Seconded by Mr. Novak to accept the resignation notice from Bobby Cochran. All in favor No Opposed. Motion Carries.

North Street Pump House: President Tim Webster updated Council on the situation at the North Street Pump Station. The pump house is currently working on one motor and pump. We have the repaired motor back. A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to pay the invoice for the repaired motor, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries. The Borough is still waiting to hear from Mr. Davis, the electrician concerning the issues with the computer component. Mr. Novak has reached out to him for a quote. The pump is working well. Scott and Mr. Novak are checking it on a regular basis. Currently we have two pumps out to be repaired. Waiting for quote on cost. We also have, 2 motors back from being refurbished.

New Motor for the Pump House: Council needs to look into the cost of another Motor to be used as a back-up. Currently waiting for a quote to purchase a new one. This will give us a new motor, and two refurbished motors. This will allow a spare on hand at all times if one goes bad.

Purchase of a Gantry to be used at the North Street Pump House: Mr. Webster updated the Council on what the advantage of having our own Gantry to pull out the pumps. Currently we are paying to have that done when a repair is needed. Mr. Webster made a Motion to purchase the Manual Gantry and Chain needed, not to exceed \$1500.00 Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carries.

Kiwanis Park: Mr. Lark updated Council on the situation at Kiwanis Park. GPI reached out to Western Pa Conservancy. We are waiting to hear back from them. There is a possibility they will be interested in getting involved with our project at Kiwanis Park. Mr. Lark will call them to set up a meeting to inquire if they are interested in our project.

Applications for the Senior Laborer Job Opening: Mr. Webster updated Council that we received 10 applications before the deadline. We did receive an email from one other person that was interested in the position AFTER the deadline, but no resume was attached to the email. Mr. Lark made a motion to accept the 10 applications the Borough has received before the deadline, for the Senior Laborer Position, to be reviewed for the interview process, Seconded by Mr. Rankin. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries. ***Mr. Novak abstained from the vote, because he is one of the 10 applicants for the position. Because Mr. Novak is one of the applicants, he did not receive a copy of the applications the Borough received, and he will not be part of the interview process.***

New Business: Mr. Lark gave an update to Council on the storm from yesterday, and also on the project that has recently been completed in front of the school and Campbells. The Project is completed and all is working well. He checked on the project during the storm, and all was good. He also checked on the area near Chestnut Street, and on 18 in front of the Babcock Residents. The water did not overflow the ditch, but there was water near Chestnut. There is an issue with the ditch as to who should be maintaining the weeds. Mr. Lark feels PennDOT should be contacted about the ditch.

Meeting with Josh Montgomery from PennDOT on Tuesday August 6th Update: All the Council Members who attended the meeting agreed that it was a successful meeting. Mr. Lark gave council an update on the Liquid Fuel Audit. Mr. Montgomery will look into the situation of the Audit. Also discussed at the meeting: Mr. Montgomery informed those at the meeting that in the future they offer a service of putting together a report for roadwork and bid package. This would be a savings to the Borough. Mr. Lark suggest that we should have Mr. Montgomery put together a bid package for all the streets. Mr. Bollinger agrees to run the ad for all streets as a bundle, and also, for each one separately. Mr. Webster asked if Mr. Montgomery will do the bid package? Mr. Novak and Mr. Bollinger agreed that Mr. Montgomery will come and do a site visit and put together the bid package. This is a service they provide. Mr. Novak updated Council on the bid for Fairview & Oakhill paving project in the amount of \$25,626.00 and with the catch basin repair, a total project amount of \$27,376.00. Also, the Penn Ave Paving Project in the amount of \$45,718.00. There was a discussion on using Liquid Fuel for a paving project. Mr. Webster added that would it be in the best interest to have Mr. Montgomery come for the site view, and going forward have him put together the bid package. He also added we need to get our Loan issue resolved. Mr. Bollinger offered to contact Mr. Montgomery.

Email Received in connection to the Guttman Property: Mr. Webster read the email. It was agreed that more information is needed.

Mr. Lark made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in favor, No opposed. Motion Carries.

Adjournment 7:35 pm.

Executive Session: The council had an executive session to discuss Personnel Issues.