

**Minutes
West Middlesex Borough
Work Session Meeting
October 8, 2025**

Call to Order: The West Middlesex Borough Work Session Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Mr. Tim Webster

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council Present: President Mr. Tim Webster, Vice President Mr. Robert Lark, Mr. Bill Novak, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mr Dennis Bollinger. Mayor Stacey arrived late

Others Present: Secretary/ Treasurer Paula Luca, Senior Laborer Mr. Bill Schwartz, Police Chief Jason Newton, Darlene Raite, Michael Patterson

An Executive Session was held on Monday October 6, 2025 for Police and Employee Contract Negotiations and Legal Issues.

Public Comments: Mr. Webster reminded all present that the Borough is still in Negotiations so no comments or questions will be answered concerning the Police Contract. Jason Newton asked Council what is the status of the Braho Property? Council President Webster updated that the Braho's are not happy and we are back in the legal battle. A letter was sent to Mr. and Mrs Braho. Attorney Tesone is working with Mr. Richardson. The Borough has not received anything as of yet from the Courts. Jason Newton also asked a question concerning a post on FB by Mr. Novak concerning the proposal from Shenango Twp for the Police Contract being 45% increase. Mr. Novak stated it is math adding up the increase equals the 45%. Mr. Novak stated that he decided to post some dirty laundry today. Chief Newton stated that we are nowhere near the 45% increase, and Mr. Novak added, not any more. Mr. Webster reminds everyone that we are negotiating in public. We can't do anything to stop Shenango Township, but we will not negotiate in public. A question was presented by Darlene Raiti who lives on Sharon Road. She stated that since the new road in front of her house was completed by PennDOT, her driveway is getting flooded. She said it looks like a pond when it rains. She has pictures and a video. Mr. Webster said that we would reach out to PennDOT on the situation. It is a State Road.

Street Department Report: Bill Schwartz updated Council that Aqua came and informed him that we have our own shut off valve for the North Street pump station. He has contacted Ryan and Son to do the backflow testing. It will be completed next week. The parking lines on Main Street in front of Vince's Shoes and other businesses are completed. He updated the Council that the Dump Truck is in for repairs, however the code will not show back up. It is associated with the DEP System. McCandless still has it. The Bucket Truck is scheduled for November 12th to take down the flags and put up the Christmas decorations. He discussed the estimates for the Heaters. The cost for the Garage Heater: It is a gas heater with a cost of \$674.20. The heater for the pump house is Electric: the cost is \$327.00 each. Or a total of \$654.00. It can possibly be repaired. Estimate cost for Sign for Penn Ave: \$150.44. We will add to the Agenda to vote on signs for Penn Ave, Bedford Road, Campground Road, and Fairview. Mr. Bollinger asked if all of the scrap had been collected and taken to be recycled. Bill said he has not been able to do it because he does not have the dump truck.

Estimates for Heaters for Pump House and Borough Garage: Discussed in the Street Dept Report

Estimates for Signs on Penn Ave. Discussed in the Street Department Report.

Power to School Speed Limit Sign: The cost of the new flasher is \$57.00 to repair the speed limit sign. Mr. Webster said if you need it, order it and get it installed. This is for Safety.

Update on Dumb Truck: Discussed in the Street Department Report.

Office and Bay Lights to be installed: Bill updated council that he has them at the Garage. He just needs to decide how to install from the drop ceilings.

Pledge of Public Conduct: Mr Webster read the Pledge of Public Conduct. He informed the Council that he saw this on another municipality agenda and he felt it was a good idea to post on our Agendas. It reads: "We may disagree, but we will be respectful to each other. We will direct all comments to the issues. We will avoid personnel attacks. Speaking without being recognized will be considered out of order."

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Wet Well: The wet well is installed and is working well. Mr. Lark updated Council on the cost and the project. A cement pad will need to be installed to protect the wet well.

Maintenance Agreement: Attorney Tesone will need to put together a maintenance agreement.

Swimming Pool Update: The new roof on the pool building has been installed. Waiting for the final report on the current year operation.

Sewer Authority Update: Mr. Lark updated that there will be a meeting on Tuesday at 5:00 before the Council meeting. There will be a follow up meeting in November on the 18th at 5:00 before next month's Council Meeting. Status of Arbitration: The next meeting will be held on October 22nd.

Office Computer Tower Update: Secretary Paula Luca informed Council that the Staples gift cards in the amount of \$300 have been delivered.

Budget: Paula provided Council with a copy of the 2026 Budget to be reviewed. It is completed for revenues and expenses up to date 9/30/2025. It will be an agenda item next month and it will be updated to 10/31/2025 Actual Revenues and Expenses. At that time, Council will work on filling in the year end expected totals so that the 2026 Budget can be completed and balanced.

Homecoming Parade 10/10/2025

Veterans DAY Parade: 11/11/2015

Recognition of Borough Businesses: Mr. Lark read a list of businesses in the Borough that he believes should be recognized for improvements. This item will be added to the Tuesday Council Meeting Agenda.

Negotiation Meeting Scheduled: Mr. Webster read the list of upcoming negotiation meetings.

Adjournment: 7:50 pm.