

**Minutes  
West Middlesex Borough  
Council Meeting  
October 14, 2025**

**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**

An Executive Session was held on September 16, 2025 and October 6, 2025 and October 14, 2025 for Police and Employee Contract Negotiations and Legal Issues and potential Sewer Authority arbitrating.

**Roll Call: 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 Jason Newton, Mr. Ray Lucich, Mr. Dave Moyer, Mr. Brett Smith, Robert Lucich, Keiffer Ritter, David Harris, Michael Patterson, Ramond Omer, Darlene Raiti, Sherry Penzerro, Jerald Barris, Larry Wilson, Mona Jenkins, Daniel Jones, Carol & Cindy Smith, David Dye-Sharon Herald, Jon Decarman, Brad Jones, Jen McCarty, Barb Lindsay, James Forsythe, Kate Shade, Rachelle Newton, Leah Ann Williams.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Webster asked if there were any Public Comments other than Police issue, we will hear them now. When we get to the Police Contract on the agenda, the public comments will be opened up for that issue. . Mr. Brett Smith addressed the properties in the Borough. The house next door to him needs weedwacked in the alley. This needs to be done to keep vehicles off of his property. Mr. Smith questioned Mr. Novak why he was smiling while he was talking. There was a disagreement and Mr. Webster stopped them both, and said we are not going to continue this argument. He read the Pledge of Public Comments. He explained that the Borough Council wants to start putting this statement on the top of the Borough Agenda. Mayor Stacey asked Mr. Smith what exactly are you referring to that makes the Borough look shabby. Just the alley next to you, or other areas in the Borough? He mentioned parked cars that do not move. Mayor Stacey said if you are referring to your street, North Street, that is a no parking area because it is a Fire Zone. They had agreed to meet and discuss all of the situations he is referring to. Mr. Larry Wilson asked a question concerning sidewalks in the Borough? Mr. Webster said because the residents are responsible for their own sidewalks, we can go through the Borough code officer to address issues with the sidewalks. Mona Jenkins asked the next question concerning the Braho property. She stated that there are now rats due to the condition of the Braho house. Mr. Webster stated that the Borough Council is working on the legal issues with the Braho house. The Borough has to follow the Law in the attempts to move forward, No other public comments.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Lark, and seconded by Mr. Novak to accept the Minutes from September 10, 2025 Work Session and September 16, 2025 Council Meeting. All in Favor, No Opposed.

**Police Department Report:** The Police Report was read by Police Chief Jason Newton. No questions for Chief Newton on the Police report.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Garrett was on vacation, and there was not any fire report. Mr. Novak informed everyone that the recent fundraiser was a success. They had over 600 riders.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** A motion was made by Mr. Lark to accept the Treasurers Report and to pay the bills, Seconded by Mr. Novak. All In Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carried. The Police Chief asked if he could have a copy of the 2025 Budget. Mr. Lark had a copy of the year to date Budget that he gave to Chief Newton.

**Police Contract:** Mr. Lark made a motion to ask Attorney Tesone to draft an Ordinance to grant Police Power to a Police Agency to serve as the Schools Resource Officer employed by the School District for Police Protection and Safety on the campus of the WM Area School District within the boundaries of the Borough of West Middlesex. This meeting will be recessed until October 21, 2025, and at that time we will have the public reading of the Ordinance and hear public comments regarding the Ordinance. At our regular Council meeting on November 18th, we will have a vote on the Ordinance if needed. Seconded by Mr. Rankin. Any questions on the Motion? None. All in favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Mr. Webster opened the meeting back up for Public Comments concerning the Police Contract. He asked that when you have a question, state your name and we will try to keep the comments to 2 minutes to allow everyone to speak. He then read the Pledge of Public Conduct again. He updated everyone on the history of the contract for Police Protection that was started in 2016. Prior to that, Police Protection was with Southwest Regional. He read the wording as it appears in the Contract so that everyone knows what has been being discussed. He stated that according to the Police Contract, West Middlesex Borough does not have designated police coverage. He also read the portion of the Contract that the Borough agreed to pay 50 % of the wages for 3 part time Officers, and training not to exceed 3 months. The original contract was done in 2015 before the contract went into effect for the year 2016. He stated that the Borough, based on the original agreement, has replaced the cost of the 3 part time Officers to 2 Full Time Officers. He stated, currently the Shenango Twp Police force consists of 1-Chief, 1- Detective, 8-Full time Patrol Officers and 1- School Resource Officer. The Resource Officer is a separate contract between the West Middlesex School District and Shenango Twp. Police Department. The West Middlesex Borough is not involved in that contract. . He stated that we just passed an Ordinance drawn up that would allow the School to have any Police Agency in the School as the School Resource Officer. He then informed all on the history of the negotiations. He stated that we asked for a proposal from Shenango Twp. for continued Police coverage. Currently, the West Middlesex Borough is paying \$193,312.55 for Police Coverage from Shenango Twp. Including Borough pays an additional \$1000.00 a year for the Officer Wellness Fund. So actually the Borough is currently paying a total amount of \$194,312.00 for Police Protection. He reviewed the first proposal offered by Shenango Twp., for the next 5 years. The first year, It was

a 15% Increase, 8% increase, 8% increase, 8 % increase , and a 8 % increase for a total of a 47% increase over the next 5 years. It would cost from \$193,312.55 this year to a total of \$306,000 in the year 2030. The West Middlesex Borough response to their first proposal was \$185,000, that is a 4% decrease. The second proposal that Shenango Twp.offered was, 3 % , 3%, 3% increase. The Borough responded with \$193,312.55, basically what the Borough was paying this year, for the next 4 years. The 3rd Proposal from Shenango Township in 2026, a 5.66% increase, for 2027, a 5.66% increase, 2028 a 5.66% increase, and in 2029, a 5.66% increase. A total of a 22.64% increase for a total increase of \$47,000 dollars. The Borough response was an increase to \$194,000, \$195,000 and \$196,000 cost the next 3 years. That is where we are in negotiations. The Borough maintained, based on 2 full time Police Officers. It was 3 part time police officers, they do not have part time officers, so it is 2 full time officers. He reviewed the hours of police coverage per week, and what is needed with the current coverage. Before the Township received the original proposal from the Borough this year, the Borough was informed they would have to furlough 3 Police officers. The Resource Officer because they would no longer have jurisdiction over the School, and 2 Full time Police Officers. The West Middlesex Borough still maintains the 2 Full Time Police Officers that is what is needed additionally for service to the Borough. Mr. Webster then reviewed the total expense reports that were given to the Borough from Shenango Township. He explained how the cost was calculated for the cost per Officer based on the Expense reports provided by the Township. He then compared the calculation of the Cost based on their reports and the amount the Borough paid each year. The Borough feels we have been paying our fair share, if not more. The Borough maintains, we have no problem paying our fair share. This is where we are at, it is 2 Full Time Police Officers. The Borough is not saying we don't want to pay our fair share going forward, but the Borough is saying this: Those two Full Time Officers protect the Borough and they also Protect the Township. He said the Township is saying that their 5.66% increase is based on the number of calls in the Borough based on the 911 report. However some of the numbers in the 911 report aren't accurate. One of the numbers on the report is for Patrols. The Borough already pays for patrols. The Borough asked, what does the Patrol on the Reports mean, and the Borough was informed it is for a School Patrol. Those numbers for Patrol on the report are actually for School Patrol. The Borough has nothing to do with the patrols at the school. That is a separate contract. Mr. Webster repeated, the Borough is not saying we don't want to pay our fair share. We have shown we are serious about the protection of the School Students. Mr. Webster then informed everyone on what the millage of the Borough, and our Borough Audit. He explained why the taxes were raised last year. He also explained when taxes are collected. The money the Borough has at the end of the year, needs to last until the taxes begin to be collected in April. Mr. Webster explained how, when residents pay taxes, they can get a discount, pay at face value, or even pay with a penalty. He stated, we have negotiated with Shenango Township, we have tried to give them our point of view. The last thing we received from Shenango Township was their final offer. Mr. Webster stated, the Borough understands cost is going up. But, based on two Police Officers, the increase will not equal the increase they are proposing. Two Police Officers is what makes everything work for all of us in both the Borough and Shenango Twp. Mr. Webster stated he has lived in the Borough his whole life. He remembered when the Borough had their own Police force, he remembers when the Borough was covered by Southwest Regional, and he knows the coverage the Borough receives from

Shenango Township. They all have done an amazing job, putting their life on the line for Coverage for the Borough. This Borough Council has residents to consider. We can't just turn the lights off, we can't just stop salting the streets. We have to be able to continue to cover the residents of the Borough. It all goes back to 2 Police Officers. Financially we can't continue based on their figures. Shenango Twp will tell you that the Borough has the money to pay. Mr. Webster asked the other Councilman if they had anything to add before it is opened up to public comments. No additional comments. Mr. Webster read the Pledge of Public Comments again, and opened it up for public comments and questions. Chief Newton stated that the numbers of Officers on Patrol stated by Mr. Webster are incorrect. Mr. Webster asked, do you have 2 Officers on Patrol, on every shift. He answered at a minimum. Mr. Webster then repeated what he had said on the number of hours needed to have at minimum 2 officers on Patrol. Chief Newton then questioned the 2 full time police officers. He said that was in the original contract as 3 part time officers. He stated that in 2018 all officers went to full time. Chief Newton stated that when the Borough pays its money for Police Coverage, they are not paying for those 3 part time officers, they are paying for the whole operation. It is not just for 3 part time Officers, or it is not for just 2 full time officers. Chief Newton stated that the cost for the School Resource Officer is deducted from the cost of the total expenses in the final Budget. Mr. Webster stated you did not give us your final budget, you gave us your total expense report. Chief Newton said I did not give you anything. Mr. Webster stated, let me correct that. We were not given the Expense Report from Chief Newton, but we were given the Total Expense Report from Shenango Twp. Supervisor Negotiation team. That consisted of Mr. Hubert and Mr. Weiser. Chief Newton stated that you are saying that the amount received for the School Resource Officer is not reflected in the Total Expense Report. It is. Mr. Webster responded that if you deducted from the total Expenses what the School paid, then you would have also needed to deduct what the Borough paid. Chief Newton responded I don't know what you are referring to. Mr. Webster stated based on this report, it does not show anywhere the income was collected. Chief Newton added that it seems like the Council before me already knows what it is going to do, based on the Ordinance. He then said you had talked about the Patrol Calls in the 911 report that were at the School. He stated that the School is in the Borough. Mr. Webster agreed yes it is. Chief Newton then added that the Police from the Township drive through the Borough. Mr. Webster added, no one is questioning that. Chief Newton then asked what are all these numbers about? Chief Newton added you are throwing out all of these hours like you know what you are talking about. He was never called to go over the numbers. Mr. Webster reviewed the number of officers, and went through the calculation of 10 officers, not counting the School Resource Officer, x 40 hours a week = 400 hours. Mr. Webster stated that he did not feel he needed to call him on that calculation, it is simple math. If you want to sit down and go over the numbers, we can do that. Chief Newton then added that they get grants for extra details. Mr. Webster asked if the grant income is reflected in the Expense Report? Chief Newton added the Grants are received money. Mr. Webster asked again, to apply the credit from the Grant income to the Expense Report? Mr. Webster asked if the grant would lower the Expense? Chief Newton replied, No, it is a grant. Chief Newton then reviewed the calls in the Borough. Some are pro active calls. Chief Newton stated that there was a Right to Know presented to the Borough, because for whatever reason finances are not readily available. Mr. Webster asked, did you ask for the information, or did you just send the right to know? Why isn't it just available? It is hanging in our hallway. We

do not carry the budget with us. It is always hanging in our hallway. Chief Newton then brought to the council the attention of one of the Borough bank accounts that has over \$1000 a month in interest. He stated that is the increase the Township is asking for. That is the Sewer Account. Mr. Webster stated that is our Sewer Account. We can only use it for sanitary sewer purposes. The Borough can not even use that money for storm sewer issues. Chief Newton then stated that the Borough does not have a Sewer Authority so that money can be used. Mr. Webster stated the Borough does have a Sewer Authority. Mr. Webster then repeated that we can only use our Sewer Account for Sanitary sewer issues. He stated yes, we do have money in that account. It does collect interest. But we can't use it for Police Protection. Also, during negotiation there was talk about consolidations. Mr. Webster said the last time there was a possible consolidation was about 12 years ago. Chief Newton stated that there was a recent study done by the State. Mr. Webster replied there has not been a recent study done by the state. There were talks previously about moving forward on this issue, but there was never action done. That has not been discussed further than that. Chief Newton stated that a consolidation would fix all of this. Mr. Webster added, when the last consolidation was voted on, the Borough of West Middlesex voted in favor of the consolidation. Shenango Township voted that down. Chief Newton added, this is a different time. Mr. Webster would not argue that, he agrees this is a different time. Mr. Webster stated that when the representative from the DCED discussed the consolidations to join, West Middlesex Borough and Shenango Twp. meets all of the criteria to join. You have a donut. The Borough sits in the Middle. The School System is the same school system. Name change is always a big thing. However West Middlesex has the Post Office. The Churches are in the Borough of West Middlesex. The kids play all sports together. Everything is perfect for a merger. The problem is, how long will that take to happen. You can only conduct a study every so many years. Mr. Webster stated that he feels we are able to do a Study now. But the problem is, everyone has to be on board to do the study. On both sides. This would not happen for at least 3 years, that does not make this go away. Chief Newton added another comment. He stated that the current contract has been in effect for almost 5 years now. The Current Council was aware what the cost was going to be this year. Why did the Borough Government not start doing what they needed to do to start getting more money that would be needed going forward for Police Coverage in 2026. Mr. Webster added, last year when we did our Budget, the Borough raised tax's 4 mills. This Council has tried to balance the budget without having a tax increase for the residents. Every year previously the money was chipped away because of no tax increase. But you can only do this so long. Chief Newton added exactly, you knew 5 years ago what it was going to cost. Mr. Webster added, we didn't have an extra \$30 or \$40,000 dollars to put away, or even an extra \$10,000 to put away. Mr. Webster added, should taxes have been raised, yes, they should have been raised, but they weren't. He added that if you talk with anyone preparing a budget, you have to have fresh money. You can't continue to take it out of the pot. We understand that. But we are here. Chief Newton asked about going with the State Police, and Mr. Webster said, No one here has ever said we are going to the State Police. Chief Newton added, well, you are going to do an Ordinance concerning the School Resource Officer. Mr Webster asked everyone in attendance, How many people came tonight because you are worried about the School Resource Officer? Chief Newton answered of course that is everyone's concern, Mr. Webster replied, we are doing that if needed. We are up here answering all of your questions. Darleen Raiti asked: on the

contract, does it state in the contract that the Borough is only responsible for 2 Officers? Mr. Webster stated that it is still the same in the contract. It states 3 part time officers. She added that they do not have any part time officers. Mr. Webster explained again how the Borough Council calculated the 3 part time officers are now 2 full time officers. Mr. Webster added the original contract states 3 part time officers. That supposedly gave Shenango Twp. what they needed to protect the Borough. They transitioned into full time officers. She asked again, does the contract say 2 Full time. Mr. Webster stated, no it says 3 part time officers. Since they don't have any that is why the Borough is calculating 2 Full time Officers. Mr. Raymond Omer, Superintendent of School, states, he is not speaking on behalf of his board, but he is speaking on his position as Superintendent. He stated that he has tried to stay natural in the negotiations. He stated that he sent an email to parents of the students to cool their jets. He stated there are a lot of FB posters. Everyone in this room is concerned with the safety of the students. Where else do you have 800 students from all three communities under one roof? There is an obligation for that. He asked, is the Borough aware that there are grants that you can write to help cover the expense for Police Coverage? He stated that what the issue is, for all municipalities, is a revenue issue. If we all were flushed with money, we would not need to worry about how we were going to fill the reservoir. . He stated Mrs Newton, School Board member, is here also, and we have had this discussion as a Board of School Directors. The pressure they were faced with, is how do you keep filling these extra buckets, like Capital Improvements, so we are future ready. He stated what he believes what Chief Newton is saying is, how do you future proof yourself for future Police Protection cost? He feels that because the Borough was not doing that, or feel that it is part of our obligations, we are just chopping that arm off. Because there was no other way for you to future proof yourself other than raising taxes. The School District has been scrutinized by an individual that sits on your board for this.. We have tried to future ready ourselves all that we can, in lower increments, to future ready ourselves for future projects.. For items such as increasing our revenue to be allocated for items like the SRO, Health care coverage. The point I am trying to make to you, I don't want to see you cut the arm off. He talked about a School District he was previously employed at that did not have a Police Department as the SRO. He stated, in our school, the presence of the SRO. It is a police deference. It is not just the SRO, there is a zone officer. He can reach out to Chief Newton for more presence on the School Grounds if needed. Those are the things that are important. Mr. Omer stated that he is not here to tell the Borough how to spend its Money, he is here to support the Police through a Municipal Police Department with the visual presence in the School. He stated that he knows the Borough is doing the best they can. But from what he has seen, this is important. He encourages the Borough to look going forward for the available grants and he is willing to assist the Borough in doing so. Mayor Stacey added that she agrees with everything Mr. Omer stated. She also added there has been no decisions on how to move forward. But she wanted to make sure everyone understands the reason for the Ordinance. It is so everyone is reassured that moving forward, if needed, the Borough has the School jurisdiction covered. Mr. Omer added, when you see officers at a game or other activity, the School District pays for that extra coverage. Mayor Stacey added that she did speak with Michelle Morelli and she did explain to me how that works. Mr. Jerald Barris asked what other options are out there? Have you looked into starting your own Police Coverage, PSP Coverage? He feels you see more officers in the Borough than you do in the Township. The PSP will not come for low level crimes.

He does not know what police coverage would be like in the Borough without Shenango Twp. Police, and that concerns him. If the Borough goes with PSP, they will not come for traffic control. I do not feel that going with PS is a viable solution. He stated the response time with Shenango Twp is a couple of minutes, and with PSP is much longer, if they even come. They won't come for any parades, won't come for Traffic Control, He is happy to help with writing grants for assistance. Mrs. Newton asked, the West Middlesex Borough recently raised taxes 4 mills, correct? Mr. Webster added yes. She then asked, if you choose to go with State Police, how will that extra money be used? She wants to know where the \$194,000 be allocated. Mr. Webster added when we get to that point, we will let you know. We are not at that point yet, Mr. Barris then asked what the balances are for each of the accounts. Mr. Novak gave Mr. Barris a copy of the Treasures report. Treasure Paula Luca asked if he would like her to read the balances also, he stated no. Mr. Dave Moyer, resident of the Borough of West Middlesex, then spoke. Mr. Moyer stated it was difficult coming here to state a comment without knowing all of the numbers and the data. He added that he is aware the cost of everything in the Budget is going up and the Police Service is no exception to rising costs. He understands the cost of Police Protection is probably the most expensive item for a Municipality. That is the cost for 24,7 coverage 365 days a year. He is hopeful the Borough can keep it going. He discussed the Broken Window Theory. Visual signs like broken windows, or graffiti can lead to more serious crimes. He stated his concerns with the Borough of West Middlesex with its location off of Interstate 80, and 376. People from all over the world come into our area. He stated if the contract is not renewed with Shenango Township and the Borough of West Middlesex is not renewed, we are giving the criminals the right to come here and steal what everyone has worked towards. Potentially harming our friends and family. Crime, theft, robbery, That's the Broken Window Theory. That is what is being prevented here. He added, Chief Newton spoke to the two officers, he feels we are all assured of the response time with Shenango Twp. He states that he feels everyone would agree if there was a time they had to call 911 for an accident or medical reason or a fire, the most reassuring thing you can hear is that siren knowing they are on their way. If the Borough uses anyone else, we are not getting the fast response time. If you are relying on someone coming from PSP you are looking at 40 plus minutes, and that is even if they are available to come. You will lose all of that. The School District is the number one thing that should be looked at. We can't change something happening there. The Ordinance to allow someone else to come in, is only bypassing what is already there. You know what you already have. He said if the Borough votes any other way instead of voting for Shenango Twp, you should have had a town hall meeting to let everyone know all of the Data to review the numbers to allow the tax payers to make the decision on the cost increase. He encourages the Borough to vote in favor of Shenango Twp. We all know the officers sitting here with us tonight. And you need to know that if you vote any other way then Shenango Twp, these officers may lose their job. Mrs. Barb Lindsay stated that she feels that this is the best Council that the Borough has had in many years. She also thanked the Council for being able to have the State Study done at no cost to the Borough Tax Payers. She then asked a question concerning 10 years ago, when it was time to renew the Police Contract, and she was a Council member. At that time a proposal was sent to Hermitage and they were in favor of submitting a proposal, but something happened and they decided to pull out. She was told there was interference by Shenango Twp. She asked if the Borough was having interference this time? Mayor Stacey answered it is a

completely different situation. She reached out to Hermitage after the State did the Study. Chief Newton was aware of the Study. He met with the people doing the study. She does not feel it was the same this year. Barb asked again, was there interference this time, and Mayor Stacey answered not on our end. Mr. Webster added, no there was no interference. Mayor Stacey added we have reached out to other Municipalities. And she added, we are still in negotiations. Barb Lindsay again said thank you to the Borough Council. Stacey Curry added there is probably something else she would like to say. She apologized to both Barb, and Ray Lucich for making their job more difficult when they were negotiating the last contract. Mayor Stacey feels things are very interesting depending on where you are sitting. Mrs. Leah Ann Williams asked if the Council was going to vote tonight. Mr. Webster said, they gave us their final offer. So, now we are in public comment. Once public comments are completed we will let you know what we are going to do. We are trying to give everyone a chance to voice their opinions and thoughts. Mr. Barris added that he feels the offer makes sense. Mr. Webster asked him if he listened when he stated that the Borough Council feels that we have been overpaying? Mr Webster once again stated, the Borough has over paid. Darlene Raiti stated again, if you go with PSP, they are not coming. Time is Safe. You are not going to get it with PSP. Mayor Stacey asked if she can speak as a resident. Mr. Webster stated that she will need to go out and sit with the residents to speak as a resident. Stacey Curry, Resident: She stated that as everyone knows, she was very much against State Police Coverage. She has a lot of respect for the Shenango Twp Police Department. She understands it is very easy for everyone to say, the Borough just needs to come up with the extra money needed. Our Borough is mostly senior citizens, so we do not have a lot of wage tax that other Municipalities may have. We do not have room for business to grow. She explained that the school now takes  $\frac{1}{2}$  of our 1% Real Estate Transfer tax. They had not done it in the past and we are thankful. However that is a revenue we no longer have completely. I feel these people are being good stewards of allocating our tax dollars. I feel that every year that taxes are going to continue to go up. She states that as a resident and a Mayor, she is disappointed that the Township has stated they are done negotiating. They have stated that they are willing to help the Borough initiate State Police. I do not understand what that means. I believe there are two sides in negotiations. I have never heard of one side giving a proposal, then going higher and not trying to meet in the middle. She feels that there has to be a way for Shenango Twp. and West Middlesex Borough to continue to negotiate. She understands as a resident the reason you are doing the ordinance is for the safety of the school. She stated that each of you telling this Council you have to do whatever it takes, you need to figure it out. Each of you should go to the meeting tomorrow night in Shenango Twp and say you also have to do whatever it takes. Tell them they need to continue to negotiate. If they do not continue to keep on talking then shame on not just the Borough Council. Shame on the Township Supervisors. Chief Newton added, there was a dead line because we can not go any lower just like you can't go any higher. Chief Newton added, if he has to lay people off, he is not waiting until the Holidays to do it. Mayor Stacey added, if they can't and we can't, where do we go? Sherry Penzerro added that the Borough should have been going for grant money every year. She asked, did you not think the cost was not going to go up in 5 years? She stated her taxes went up, everything has gone up. Stacey moving back to the Mayor seat stated as Mayor Stacey, she never thought that their first proposal would be more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Borough total budget. Sherry Penzero added then you should have thought about that grant writing. Chief



Newton added that the increase is spread out over a 5 year period. Chief Newton added he remembers asking the Borough if they were going to send them a proposal also. Mayor Stacey added, "We sent you the proposal on June 25th. Mr. Dave Moyer added that respect needs to be both ways. He feels that both sides need to approach each other with respect. Mayor Stacey added that all negotiations were done very respectfully. I have heard some personally, and a lot on social media. He feels that all residents should be told before a vote is made.

Mr. Webster read the final proposal presented from Shenango Twp. He informed all that the Borough would have to raise taxes every year. He stated that all of the numbers that the Borough presented were based on 2 full time officers. If they need the 5.66%, then the starting number needs to be reset. There are 2 police officers. To keep everything the same, it is 2 police officers. Chief Newton added you don't pay for 2 police officers. To operate the police department you need 2 extra to cover the Borough. Chief Newton added that the agreement is for training. Mr. Webster stated again that to give protection to the Borough you had to hire 3 part time officers. Mr. Webster read the list of expenses again, that the Township gave to the Borough. The number that was calculated for the 2 police officers was calculated on the complete expenses.

Mr. Lark made a motion to recess this meeting until next week October 21, directing Attorney Tesone time to draft the Ordinance for Police coverage at the School District, and we will continue this discussion at that time. In other words we are not voting tonight, Seconded by Mr. Novak. Any Questions: Mr. Webster stated a comment: The Borough needs to reach out to Shenango Twp to ask for future negotiations. They can say no, then it is up to you. If everyone wants the Borough to go with Shenango Twp., then they need to continue to negotiate. He encourages all to attend the Shenango Twp meeting tomorrow night and let them know you want them to continue negotiations. Chief Newton asked to state another question. Mr. Webster said public comments are over. Chief Newton stated this is going to hurt the Borough. Mr. Webster said, oh, if its going to hurt the Borough then go ahead with your comment. Chief Newton stated that because it is on the Agenda to vote, then a letter will be too late. Someone needs to call the Chairman of the Board. Mr. Webster stated that we can do that. We can drop a letter off, and he can talk to his board and give us his decision. There is no sense in tabling the vote until next week if we are in the same situation we are in right now. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carried. Mr. Lark suggests as a follow up for that, the letter be addressed to all 5 Supervisors. Not 2, all 5 so they are aware of the situation.

**Heater for the Pump House and Borough Garage:** Mr. Webster read the quote from D&G to repair the heater at the pump house. He also read the cost from Thermo Supply. Due to the cost of parts it is more beneficial to purchase a new pump. Mr. Bollinger made a motion to purchase heaters for the garage and the pump house, Seconded by Mr. Lark. Question from Mr. Novak, is that cost for two heaters? Mr. Bollinger said yes but he told Bill Schwartz to get that in writing since the quote only states one. All in favor, No opposed. Motion carried.

**Maintenance Agreement for WM Estates:** Mr. Webster requested that Attorney Tesone do some type of agreement that the owners are responsible for any type of maintenance more than regular wear and tear. Mr. Bollinger suggests they pay a monthly service agreement for the Borough to run the pumps. Attorney Tesone suggested we review the original Agreement. The

owners need to be billed for the damage that was recently done. Attorney Tesone agrees to send them a copy of the original agreement and an invoice for the repairs.

**Signs for Penn Ave, Old Bedford Road, Campground Road, and Fairview Drive:** Mr.

Webster discussed the cost of the new signs and brackets. Mr. Lark made a motion for the New Signs seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

**Resolution to Recognize Borough Business's:** Mr. Webster agreed that we should do a resolution but he felt it should be on next month's agenda. Mr. Lark updated the List. He reviewed the list with all of the Council. He feels all of the business should be recognized. Mr. Lark made a Motion that they should be recognized with a thank you letter, seconded by Mr. Novak. All in favor, No opposed. Motion carried.

**Knox Box for Commercial Building:** Mr. Novak added this to the Agenda. He had information to review to possibly do an Ordinance that would allow entry without kicking down a door to get inside. It would save time and save lives. Mr. Webster asked if this can be reviewed and tabled until next meeting.

Mr. Webster reviewed all of the upcoming meetings.

Mr. Lark makes a motion to recess this meeting, to allow Attorney Tesone time to complete the Ordinance for the School Resource Officer. Also to allow more time to discuss the Police Contract.

**The meeting is being recessed until next Tuesday October 21st at 6:30 in the Community Hall of the West Middlesex Municipal Building.**