

**West Middlesex Borough
Council Meeting
April 21, 2026
6:30 pm**

Call to Order: The West Middlesex Borough Council meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Borough President Mr. Tim Webster at 6:30.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: President: Mr. Tim Webster conducted the meeting, Vice President: Mr. Dennis Bollinger, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mrs. Cristal Bollinger. & Mayor Stacey Curry. Absent: Mr. Keiuffer Ritter

Others Present: Attorney Tesone, Fire Chief Rich Garrett, Police Chief Erick Gatewood, Mr. Ray Lucich, Mr. Raymond Omer, Mr. David Dye, Carol and Cindy Smith, Darlene Raiti, Amber Connor, Mr. David Garon.

Public Comments: None

Mr. Webster informed all that an Executive Session was held on April 14th for Personnel Reasons.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Bollinger to Accept the Minutes of March 11th 2026 Town Hall & Work Session Meeting, and March 17th 2026 Council Meeting, Seconded by Mr. Rankin, All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Police Report: Chief Eric Gatewood read the Police Report.

Fire Department Report: Chief Garrett read the Fire Report.

Treasurer's Report: A Motion was made by Mr. Rankin, to accept the Treasurers report, and pay the bills, Seconded by Mrs. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carried.

Hiring of Part-Time Employee: Mr. Webster informed all that Mr. Scott Haddox had resigned. The executive session above was for the interviewing for a replacement for the part time position. 7 applications were received. Only 2 were interested when contacted. 2 Interviews were scheduled and 1 showed up, Mr. Jared Parsells. Mr. Webster made a motion to hire Jared Parsells with the start date of Wednesday April 29th, Seconded by Mr. Rankin. Mr. and Mrs. Bollinger informed all that Jared is a tenant of theirs. He is not related to them, and they did not know him before becoming a tenant. Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Webster: Yes

Mr. Rankin: Yes

Mr. Bollinger: Yes

Mrs. Bollinger: Yes

Motion Carried. Jared with start April 29th at 7:00 am.

EMS Rotations: Mr. Raymond Omer, Superintendent of the West Middlesex School District made a request to have the Shenango Twp. EMS added to the regular rotation for the Borough. He stated that there was an emergency at the school and he felt the response time may be quicker if Shenango Twp was added to the rotation. He informed Council that he has been discussing information with Director of

911, Mr. Frank Jannetti concerning statistics of response time. Mr. Omer feels the response time can be better. Mr. Webster stated that the Council will do our due diligence. He also requested to Mr. Omer if he has any future concerns to reach out to him directly as the President of Council first and not Mayor Curry. Mr. Webster then explained to all that in the past, the Borough of West Middlesex was approached by Shenango Twp to be added to the rotation. At that time, it was requested to be added as the Primary carrier on the rotation. Shenango Twp wanted to enter into an agreement with the Borough, that the Borough would pay \$70 per call to Shenango Twp, and then they would offer "soft billing" to the residents. They proposed the agreement begin on a 6- month free trial. At that time, the Borough Council voted to enter into the trial period. The Borough asked for a written agreement for the 6-month free trial period, however, Shenango Twp backed out, and the Borough has never heard more about the proposal. Mayor Stacey Curry added she previously thought that Shenango Twp. Had been on the Borough Rotation, but later found out they were not. She stated that she felt as a mom, it would be good to have another added to the rotation. Mrs. Bollinger asked for an explanation on how the rotation works. Mrs. Darlene Raiti, a resident present, who use to work at 911 explained the process. Mrs. Bollinger then stated we will need to inquire on how to go about adding to the current rotation. Mrs. Raiti stated that she feels the Borough just needs to call to make a change. Mr. Webster then stated that adding an additional company to the rotation may not always guarantee a faster response time. 911 will still need to follow the rotation, and not everyone may be available. Mayor Stacey Curry then asked, can someone please tell me what the down side of adding them to the rotations is? Mrs. Bollinger asked: Has anyone ever said we don't want them on rotation? Mr. Rankin answered No. Mrs. Bollinger makes a Motion to review the issue and make a decision based on the review of the information. Mr. Bollinger agreed. Mr. Webster added, we can move it to next month or we can vote tonight. Mayor Stacey Curry added why move it to next month? Mr. Rankin added we can put 3 on rotation and let 911 go through the rotation process. Mr. Garon from the Shenango Twp EMS added that the Borough can request to have the fastest sent for the school. Have Shenango Twp first on list. Mr. Cristal Bollinger made a Motion to have Shenango twp. Added to the 911 rotation for the Borough, Seconded by Mr. Rankin. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried. Fire Chief Garrett added he felt it was a good idea to have Shenango Twp added to the rotation, however he feels the public should get trained in first aid. The VFD hosted a free first aid training 2 years ago, and only 3 residents came to take advantage of the training. He feels the training can be a life saver.

DEP Inspection Hogback Report: Mr. Rankin made a motion to accept the report, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

ARLE Grant: Mrs. Bollinger made a motion to send I the preapplication for the Red-Light-Battery Back-up, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Penn Ave Update: Mr. Webster reported to all that we are moving forward with all of the legal items that need to be done, and the Council is getting very close.

Street Paving Project: Mrs. Bollinger made a motion to reach out to PennDOT to get a bid package for the Street Repairs: Main to North Street. North to Walnut and all of Walnut Street, seconded by Mr. Rankin. All in favor, No Opposed Motion Carried.

Information Item: The Council is still waiting on bids for electrical work that needs to be done at the Borough Garage, and Office. This time will be on the May Agenda.

Up-Coming Parade Permits: A parade permit will be submitted for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 25th at 10:00 am. The Homecoming Parade will be on October 16th. The school will submit for the parade Permit. July 3rd, the Borough will have the Red White and Blue Glow Parade as part of the 250th Celebration. A Motion was made by Mr. Webster to submit the Parade Permits, and to send a letter to PennDOT on behalf of the homecoming day parade, Seconded by Mrs. Bollinger. All in favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Little League: A Motion was made by Mr. Webster to allow the Little League team to practice at Kiwanis Park on Mondays, and Wednesday, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Also added to the May agenda will be the quotes received from Farrell and Hermitage on renting the street sweeper. And to review quotes for the Garfield Street Ext. Project.

Mr. Webster read the dates and times of the upcoming meeting and events.

Mayor Stacey Curry informed the Council on updates from the WM Pool Committee. The pool will no longer be managed by Mercer County COG. The pool Committee will be doing hiring.

A Motion was made by Mr. Rankin to adjourn, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in favor, No Opposed Motion Carried.

Adjournment 7:42. pm