

**WEST MIDDLESEX BOROUGH
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 15, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: President Cyndi Gilkey, Vice-President Eric Lucich, Robert Lark, Melissa Merchant-Calvert and Ron Preston. Mayor Debra LaRouche was absent.

Others Present: Police Chief Jason Newton, Scott Haddox, Maleia James, Ray Lucich and Robert Summers.

Mr. Summers (Director/Manager of the Catholic Heart Work Camp) addressed Council regarding a Work Program they would like to set up with the Borough for the Summer of 2020. Mr. Summers is requesting Work Order Applications be presented to residents. Ms. Gilkey suggested putting a paragraph in the monthly Newsletter advising residents of Work Order Applications. Council and Mr. Summers further discussed projects and formats required along with copies of brochures.

Ms. Gilkey addressed Appointments of Committees & Boards. Council further discussed and suggestions were made as to Appointments:

Streets and Highways – Robert Lark and Eric Lucich
Public Safety – Fire – Eric Lucich
Public Safety – Police – Ron Preston
Parks & Recreation – Eric Lucich
Finance – Robert Lark
Mercer County Reg. Planning – Robert Lark
Shenango Valley Animal Shelter – Cyndi Gilkey and Eric Lucich
Mercer County Reg. COG – Robert Lark
Grievance/Negotiations – Ron Preston
Sewer Authority Chairperson – Ron Preston
Sewer Authority Board Members – Mr. Lark and Mr. Preston
Parade Committee Board – Ron Preston and Mayor LaRouche

Council discussed Authorized Signatures for check signing. Suggestions were made for Ms. Gilkey and Mr. Preston to continue signing checks, along with Eric Lucich as Vice-President.

Ms. Gilkey said she would put together a formal list of Appointments based on said suggestions for adoption for the next meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Council was presented with copies of SignMaster Studio Quotes for Borough signs in the amount of \$744.37 which can be voted on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Mr. Lark said he would present a list of streets to be assigned.

Ms. Gilkey addressed a letter and copies of brochures for Veterans of America Chapter 862 from Bob Weismantle. Council discussed to incorporate with the Memorial Day event for Summer of 2020.

Ms. Gilkey addressed the Agenda in regards to Moury Waltz (Housing Grant Program) which has expired.

Ms. Gilkey addressed the Green Light Go Reimbursement in the amount of \$42,160.00 which has now been received.

Ms. Gilkey asked if there were any suggestions to apply to the Agenda for Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Mr. Preston stated the new truck purchase/sealed bids are to be opened. Mr. Preston suggested since the Street Department truck has now been paid in full, to begin paying for a new truck, possibly taking fifty (50%) percent of the truck from the sewer account as down payment, and then get a loan from the bank for the remaining balance.

Ms. Gilkey asked Council to fill out the Statements of Financial Interests and return to the Borough Office.

Adjournment: 6:50 p.m.