

**MINUTES WEST MIDDLESEX BOROUGH  
ZOOM AND REGULAR WORK SESSION**

**JUNE 9, 2021**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Present:** Vice-President Eric Lucich, Robert Lark, Ron Preston, Stacey Curry and Mayor Debra Larouche. President Cyndi Gilkey was absent.

**Others Present:** Secretary/Treasurer Sandra Ricci (via Zoom), Fire Department Chief Rich Garrett, Fire Department President Adam Garrett, Bill Novak, Ray Lucich and Robert Lucich.

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Vice-President Eric Lucich conducted the Work Session. Mr. Lucich commented that the abandoned cars that are on both Calvert's and Dubrasky's properties are still there. Ms. Curry said that Attorney Tesone advised that they give them thirty (30) days to comply, and Mr. Lark explained.

Council discussed high grass in the borough.

Mr. Lucich addressed street repairs and Mr. Lark explained the repairs needed. Council discussed further.

Mr. Lark explained the Liquid Fuel's accounts for street repairs plus the Co-Vid Grant monies and Council discussed further. Mr. Lucich suggested adding Garfield Street extension storm basin repairs which are sinking in order to repair water issues. Mr. Lucich suggested contacting the school to see if they have any questions for them to do it together, which would be more cost effective. Ms. Curry said she would speak with the school board. Mr. Lucich said Jon Wilson from PennDOT could recommend street repairs also. Mr. Lucich stated that the repairs in front of DFA held up well. Mr. Lucich said to talk to Bobby Cochran in relations to the front of the school bus garage that needed cleaned.

Mr. Lucich addressed the approval for the Fire Department Boot Drive for next week's Council Meeting.

Mr. Lucich said that Ms. Gilkey will speak with Mr. Cochran regarding the television purchases.

Ms. Curry addressed the masonry quote and said that it is a fair price since it's an extensive project and she explained further. Ms. Curry also said she thinks they can do the labor themselves which would help with costs.

Mr. Lark explained the CBDG Grants and passed out paperwork explaining assisting people. Mr. Lark and Council discussed binding the Minutes books. Mr. Lucich suggested getting them digitalized in PDF form and Council discussed further.

Mr. Lark explained the latest Government programs and explained further the allocations in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Lark stated he has the list of all Municipalities and explained the monies allocated to West Middlesex Borough in the amount of \$84,049.38. Mr. Lark explained the process of receiving said allocations before the end of 2022, along with stipulations on spending said monies along with time frames. Mr. Lark stated there are applications on how the monies are and are not allowed to be distributed. Mr. Lark said if they do not use the money, they cannot give it to another Community. Mr. Lark said the suggestion is to establish a separate bank account or that monies can be placed in a CD. Council further discussed along with sanitary sewers that need replacing and to possibly place liners inside of some. Mr. Lark explained where the sanitary sewer improvements were needed in the Borough. Mr. Lark explained pump station repairs. Mr. Lark suggested the back-door approach regarding separate bids on projects and the allocation processes required for votes. Council discussed further. Mr. Lark said they would submit the Budgets, hire Auditors and Council needed to assign someone to maintain and keep track of the program.

**Adjourned: 7:09 p.m.**