

## MINUTES WEST MIDDLESEX BOROUGH

### WORK SESSION

JULY 13, 2022

6:30 p.m.

#### Call to Order

#### Pledge of Allegiance

**Council Present:** President Eric Lucich, Pro Tem Tim Webster, Robert Lark, Bill Novak, and Mayor Stacey Curry. Vice-President David Moyer was absent.

**Others Present:** Sandra Ricci, Secretary/Treasurer, Tax Collector Cheryl Babcock, WMVFD Chief Rich Garrett, Senior Street Department Laborer Bobby Cochran, Ray Lucich and Chuck Haun.

**Street and Sewer Department Reports:** Mr. Cochran explained the Street and Sewer Department Reports. Mr. Cochran let Council know that the F-550 Street Department Truck needs ball joints with an approximate cost of \$1,000.00. Mr. Lucich said this topic will be on the next Agenda. Mayor Curry and Mr. Cochran discussed drawing plans for the new equipment at the playground. Eric Lucich said he used 5,000 gallons of water to flush out storm sewers and also purchased dye, but they all disappeared and didn't know where the water flowed to. Council discussed further.

**Fire Engine Brakes Cost:** Rich Garrett said he still does not have prices but that it wasn't a safety issue at this time.

**Jones Performance Proposal:** Mayor Stacey Curry said she has contacted a Realtor about this subject regarding estimation costs and will update as progress is made.

**Jayne Barris property/parking areas:** Mr. Lucich said an email was sent regarding someone blocking her property and the police were called. Mayor Curry asked Bill Novak if he followed up with DFA and he said he did not. Mr. Webster said there should be an Ordinance regarding no parking in areas, or time frames of overnight parking. Council discussed this further.

Tax Collector Cheryl Babcock addressed Council regarding the sidewalk which is in bad condition on property that she purchased. She said it is very close to the road (Route 18) which is a very narrow space and asked if she could have the sidewalk removed. She said her insurance company has given her a time limit of forty (40) days for this issue to be resolved. She stated it is unsafe and would rather have grass there. Council discussed if it was mandatory to have a sidewalk in the Borough since some properties do not have sidewalks. Council will research further. Council suggested that Mrs. Babcock contact Jeff Richardson, Zoning Officer and PennDOT on any zoning or state road regulations/requirements.

**Handicap Parking Ordinance:** Council discussed Amending the Handicap Parking Ordinance. Mr. Webster said there was an email the other day from Police Chief Jason Newton relaying that the Police should not be involved in any way due to liability against the police force and he should be taken out of the Ordinance since he said he does not know the regulations, etc. Mr. Webster said they need to look at who that point person is going to be if not the Police. Mr. Lark suggested turning this issue over to Attorney Robert Tesone for his recommendations.

**Code Enforcement Officer Discussions:** Mr. Lucich said this is on the Agenda at the request of Dave Moyer who was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Lark asked what it was about. Mr. Lucich said he thought Dave wanted to discuss possibly additions to Code Enforcement Officers or changing up something because Jeff Richardson is not meeting the expectations. Mr. Lark said that is an opinion. Mr. Lucich said there are a lot of things that could be done differently. Mr. Lucich said he received several phone calls the other day saying people are not happy with him and he has talked to one of the Township Supervisors and they thought two more Code Enforcement Officers should be adopted. Mr. Lucich said that he didn't know what Dave was trying to get there and he said that Dave can talk about it next week.

**COG Pool – Co-Vid Funds:** Mayor Curry said that she received a phone call from Brian Foster asking if they can go to Shenango's meeting on Thursday but that she won't be there since she has other commitments. She said Mr. Foster wants someone to participate on July 21<sup>st</sup> to get moving on the project of monies for the pool. Council discussed. Mr. Garrett said the Fire Department had to drain the pool and refill it due to glass debris and Mayor Curry thanked him for helping.

**Calvert Properties Request – Landlord's Sewer Bill Waived Due to Pipe Leakage:** Mr. Lucich asked that Mrs. Calvert attend the next Council Meeting to explain in detail this issue. Ms. Ricci will contact her.

**Tim Webster to resign from Zoning Hearing Board:** Mr. Webster said he needs to resign since he is now a West Middlesex Borough Council Member.

**Appoint Zoning Hearing Board Members:** Council will discuss appointing Zoning Hearing Board Members at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Lark passed out paperwork regarding the cover letter from GPI on Bids with summaries stating a sixty (.60) cent increase on the Bid that was accepted. Mr. Lark spoke about the storm sewer project work with the window time frames of July 11<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lark also passed out paperwork with information regarding crime rates from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. Lark said he spoke with Brian Foster for a potential Grant for the pool.

Eric Lucich suggested purchasing/stock piling millage material for pot holes from Campbell's due to cost efficiency.

Mr. Lucich asked Ms. Ricci if the laptop was ready so that the Street Department can utilize the old computer that will require cable. Ms. Ricci said she called Greg at COG for the process of finalizing the transferring of the files and is waiting for a call back to schedule an appointment with him since he was on vacation.

**Adjournment @ 7:25 p.m.**