

**West Middlesex Borough
Work Session Meeting
May 17, 2023**

Call to Order: The West Middlesex Borough Work Session meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Borough President Eric Lucich.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: President Eric Lucich, Vice President Mr. Dave Moyer, Mr. Tim Webster, Mayor Stacey Curry, Mr. Bill Novak arrived a few minutes late.

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, Streets Dept., Senior Laborer, Bobby Cochran WMVFD President Rich Garrett, Ray Lucich, Barb Lipinsky

Public Comments: Mr. Ray Lucich reported the Street light on North Street is out again. Bobby said he will call Penn Power again. He also commented that the roof of the Braho resident is falling into the house. Mr. Novak added he has pictures.

Streets and Sewer Report: Bobby Cochran read the street department report. He added that all the Flags are up and ready for Memorial Day. As per Penn Power, due to the recent storm, several lines are still out. A line was down on Kiwanis Road, and due to that Tri-County was unable to pick up garbage in the park. He contacted Penn Power who said it was not their line. Next spectrum also said it was not their line. The line was Verizon, and they restored the line. Tri county did pick up the garbage after the line was restored. Barb Shepherd told Bobby that Penn Power had questions concerning Lillibridge Station. Bobby is to get in touch with Penn Power to inquire what the concerns are. He also reported that there was some graffiti at the skate park. He is not sure if it was new, or if it had been there a while, but it is all cleaned up. Bobby also reported on the Street Sweeper. He contacted Hermitage. Their fee is 125.00 an hour however their truck is down. They will let him know when it will be ready. He also contacted Shenango TWP. He was told not sure of the cost, or if they can even do it. The grating from Campbells has been placed. He also reported he did get prices from Stephen's Equipment; he will email the quotes. The grass at the house across from the garage is extremely high. He has spoken with both people there. Mr. Novak added he has 5 addresses, 3 new, and also the location of Erie Street. It will be added to next week's Council Meeting to vote on amending the Ordinance concerning the Grass Cutting Fees to be updated. Bobby also reported that while using the zero-turn mower, a tire was damaged. A new tire was purchased at Barris Supply.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Report: This will be added to next week's Council Meeting Agenda to be discussed when Mr. Lark is present.

Mr. Ray Lucich also added that representatives from Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation in Oil City had stopped and spoke with him at his business concerning the water on the road. He

suggested a meeting be arranged with himself, The Borough, Mr. Campbell and the School to discuss the situation. He will reach out to organize.

Planning Committee: The names of the volunteers were presented to Council. It will be discussed at the next Council Meeting to determine if we have enough un addition to some members of the Council to form a committee.

Pool: Mayor Stacey Curry reported that she was informed from Shenango Twp. Supervisor Tom Hubert that the restrictions on how you are able to use the American Rescue Act funds. She had suggested instead of the payment used from the General Fund, the money be used from The American Fund. This would solve the issue this year and also Next Year. Also discussed was playground equipment from Little Tyke that is on sale for 40% off until the end of the year. She suggested we discuss a proposal with Lackawannock Twp. Mr. Garrett agrees that the playground is a good idea, however wants to remind all that we also need a generator. Not to forget we spoke about the Emergency Management Fund. It was suggested by Mr. Moyer that we get a total of the cost of everything. The generator, cots, pillows etc. Mr. Novak said he is getting another quote on June 13th from Laverty. It was also mentioned that possibly through the County Commissioners there may be grant money available or public money available for the Emergency Management Plan.

Pa. State Mayor Association Convention: Mayor Stacey Curry presented a request to attend the conference again this year. The cost is \$250 plus the cost of the hotel. It was suggested to check into the amount allocated in the budget.

Selling of the Backhoe: It was suggested by Mr. Eric Lucich that the backhoe needs to be cleaned up in order to be sold. It was also suggested that it can be sold on an auction site.

The Park And Gazebo: Mayor Stacey Curry reported that the park and gazebo are ready for the Memorial Day Parade. She purchased flags and flowers from the Parks and Recreation fund and will turn in receipts.

Alley Maintenance: Several of the alleyways are in need of maintenance. Mr. Eric Lucich mentioned that he previously suggested the Borough getting a tamper to use with cold patch. It was agreed quotes are needed for repair.

25 North Street: Mr. Bill Novak suggested that the West Middlesex Community Hall be professionally cleaned and the floors waxed. The Hall is rented for a fee of \$100 with a deposit of \$100. It was suggested on the weekend the hall is being rented, the keys be removed from the lock so the temperature of the hall cannot be adjusted by the person renting the hall.

Signs: Bobby will get quotes for No Parking Signs and will email with the information.

Mayor Stacey publicly thanked Bobby Cochran and his wife for the donation of the wild flower seeds. She reported the seeds were planted at Kiwanis Park.

Mr. Bill Novak also wanted to publicly thank The Kiwanis Club for the generous donation to the Community Pool in the amount of \$1,500

Catholic Heart Camp: Mayor Stacey Curry Spoke about the Catholic Heart Camp. It is a group of 200 kids who will be in the area on a Mission Trip. They are here to help with various projects at your home to anyone in need. It is not based on income or any other guidelines. She has applications for anyone interested. She reported that last year they helped with a lot of weeding and landscaping at Kiwanis Park.

Kiwanis Park: It has been made publicly by a family member, that the public is no longer permitted on the private property next to Kiwanis Park. This included the walking trail that begins at the park and ends on Haywood Street. There were several questions as to where the property lines are. It was suggested that to know exactly where the property lines are, the area would need to be professionally surveyed. Mayor Stacey Curry also informed all that she was contacted by the children of the late Betty Shrawder. They are cleaning out her house and have found a lot of information including Maps, pictures. They will be giving all the information to her.

Tri-County Contract: A copy of the contract was included in each Council Members folders. The cost is \$1111.00 per every 3 months for unlimited. The total fee schedule will be included in the next Council meeting packets.

Fire Department: President Mr. Rich Garrett announced that a quote was received for a general overhaul for Engine 74. The quote was in the amount of \$5,400. It was a 2-page list, and they would like to get 10 more years out of it. He also reported all equipment is due to get crowned again. They are also in the process of looking at a used Pumper Tanker at a very good price. They have sent a mechanic to check it out. The 1978 tanker can be sold. He had asked for the balance of both, the Fire Department Savings and Checking accounts. He also reported they have applied for grant money. It will be added to the next Council Meeting Agenda.

The meeting ended. Council remained for an Executive Session.