

**Minutes
West Middlesex Borough
Work Session Meeting
June 14, 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-Absent

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, WMVFD President Rich Garrett, Ray Lucich,

Public Comments: None

Streets and Sewer Report: Bobby Cochran was unable to attend the Work Session Meeting. He did give his report, and would be available for questioning via phone if needed.

- Quote from Daman Industrial Services, Inc. After the review of the quote to repair the Pump, it was suggested by Mr. Lark we ask to extend till it can be voted on. Mr. Lucich questioned what a new pump would cost. It may be more economical to purchase a New Pump instead of repairing the pump we have, due to the cost. Mr. Lark agreed to get a quote on a new pump.
- Trailer Park Pump & Reset Button are still having issues. Mr. Lucich suggested we also get a quote on a new reset button for the pump. Mr. Moyer added he will contact Bobby to get the quote.
- Kiwanis Park: Mayor Stacey reported she called the courthouse. It was suggested to her to hire an abstractor to do the research. She was informed that surveys are not kept at the Courthouse. She feels we need to pursue the issue because we need to know where we stand with this situation. We are to maintain the river for the Army Corps of Engineers, and that should give us a right of way. The family who owns the attached property are requesting no one to be on their property. Stacy also said, we have to maintain the bridge, for the benefit of the town. It was suggested by Mr. Lark to refer to Attorney Tesone and have him write a letter. We need to let him know of all the statements that have been made. Possibly do a title search and survey of the land. Mayor Stacey agreed she will call Attorney Tesone and inform him of the situation.
- L-S-WM Swimming Pool: Mr. Lark reported the pool opened June 3rd. It was successful. He delivered the check from us in the amount of \$5,000. There is still a deficit of \$5,000. They came up with a solution to that. Hermitage and Farrell previously donated to the softball complex. Due to COG no longer managing it, they are asking to have the money

transferred to the pool fund. Farrell agreed yes, they still do not have an answer from Hermitage. The pool was initially scheduled to be closed on Mondays, but now open 7 days a week. The next meeting will be Monday June 19th @ 7:00 to be held at the pool for all committee members.

- Status of improvements to Rt. 18: A meeting was held Tuesday. Mr. Campbell, Representatives from the Department of Transportation, Mark from West Middlesex School, Mr. Lucich, Mayor Stacey, Mr. Robert Lark, and Bobby Cochran, were all present. The major issue is water coming from the school, covering Rt 18, and traveling to Mr. Campbell's business parking lot. The improvements discussed will be part of the project to be completed in 2024.
- Review of the Fire Department Study: A printed copy of the Study was given to Mr. Lark, and Mayor Stacey. All others have received a copy via email. This topic will be included in the Next Month Work Session Agenda. This will allow everyone to have an opportunity to review the study.
- Grass Cutting at 1 Erie Street and 3066 Main Street: Mr. Lark suggested The Borough needs to do something concerning the property at 1 Erie Street. Also, the grass and sidewalk situation of 3066 Main Street. The property across from the Borough Garage is also becoming an issue. Mr. Moyer feels if Mr. Richardson was out observing the area, he would notice an issue. Waiting for us to notify him with a complaint delays the process. It was mentioned that possibly next week when the Catholic Work Camp is here, something can be accomplished at the Main Street home, however with the owners living in California, it makes it difficult to get an approval. Mayor Stacey Curry added, the camp workers are scheduled at the Little League field, weeding and painting the bleachers.
- Sewer Account Audit Meeting: Mr. Webster reported: A meeting was held with Jack from Black, Bashor and Porsch, himself, and Paula. Concerning the Sewer Authority Audit, he was informed by Jack that it is on his desk for review. Concerning the Regular Audit, the Sewer Checking Account, had to be reviewed for the year and all month's banking had to be reconciled before the meeting. It was very time consuming and it was done by Paula and Desiree prior to the meeting. Tim explained that at the meeting, after review of the account, it was suggested by Jack that a journal entry needed to be done to correct the account. Tim informed Jack that it would need to be presented to the council for a vote. After explaining the situation to council, Tim suggested it be added to the Council Meeting next week to have Council Vote it Ok Jack to do the Journal Entry needed.
- Mercer County Regional Planning Commission Grant Program: It was decided to add this to the July 19th Work session for more discussion and then to July Council Meeting.
- The EV Charging Station Update: Paula updated all on the process of grant for the EV Charging Station: After setting up an account for the Borough of West Middlesex at Grants.gov, Paula was informed the Borough needed a UEI# to apply for grants. That was obtained and submitted to be registered. This can take up to 14 business days to be registered. The deadline for the grant was extended from May 31st to June 13th. Mr.

Guttman reached out to Congressman Mike Kelly's Office to see if the registration can be done faster or the deadline extended more. Paula was contacted by Mr. Kelly's office

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to confirm Mr. Guttman's request on behalf of the Borough of West Middlesex. An agreement was received from Marla Guttman with a request to have it signed by Council. Paula emailed a copy of the agreement to Attorney Tesone to review. At this point approval of the registration has not been received as of yet. Also waiting to hear if another extension will be granted.

Other items discussed:

- Concerning the Guttman Property, it was reported that the tanks have already been removed, but Mr. Lark suggested the Texaco Sign needs to come down.
- Update on Joe Beer: The project will not be happening this year. It was more money than he had anticipated.
- Family Dollar/Combo Store: Mr. Lark reported that he is not sure if the property had been sold as of yet.
- Mr. Moyer reported that Shenango TWP EMS wants to present information concerning the Emergency Medical Service that is available. Mayor Stacey added she was invited to ride along on a shift. Mr. Webster suggested possibly having Billy meet with them. The presentation will be added to the agenda of the next Council Meeting.
- Mayor Stacey reported she had met with Mr. Michael Woods. Both her and Bobby met with him to discuss sewer tie-in. He has cleared the property and may be starting to build soon. This will be more revenue for the Borough.

Adjournment at 7:43 pm.