

**Minutes
West Middlesex Borough
Council Meeting
June 20th, 2023**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: President: Mr. Eric Lucich conducted the meeting. Vice President Mr. Dave Moyer, Mr. Tim Webster, Mr. Robert Lark, Mr. Bill Novak, Mayor Stacey Curry.

Others Present: Attorney Robert Tesone, Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, WMVFD President Rich Garrett, Ray Lucich, Police Chief Jason Newton, Thelma Barnes, Barb Lapinski, David Garon Shenango TWP VFD EMS, Austin Kent, Shenango Twp VFD EMS, Nick Varga Shenango TWP VFD EMS, Terri Germinaro, Elite, Kate Shade Elite, Courtney Ivan Elite & Shenango TWP VFD EMS, Tyler Barris, Adam Garrett West Middlesex VFD, Jen Coulter, Shenango TWP VFD EMS, Tony, Bloom Shenango TWP VFD, and his Son: Dawson Boom, Anthony Libonati Shenango TWP Police Dept., Jack Gladysz, Shenango TWP Police Dept., Jennifer McCarty

Public Comments: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Lark, and seconded by Mr. Novak to accept the Minutes from May 17th Work Session and May 23rd Council Meeting. All in Favor, No Opposed.

Police Department Report: The Police Report was Read and Presented to Council by Police Chief Jason Newton.

Fire Department Report: The Fire Department Report was Read by WMVFD President Mr. Rich Garrett.

Treasurer's Financial Report: A motion was made by Mr. Webster, and Seconded by Mr. Lark to accept the Treasurer's Financial Report. All In Favor, no opposed, motion Carried. Mr. Lark asked for a projection report of the flow of money for the Real Estate taxes to be presented at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Eric Lucich revised the order of the agenda to move up the Ambulance Presentation in order for those present representing the Shenango TWP VFD EMS to be able to exit if needed afterwards.

Shenango TWP EMS Ambulance Presentation: Mr. David Garon presented to Council information concerning the Shenango TWP EMS and what they had to offer the Borough of West Middlesex. They would like to be the Primary Service for the Borough. Because of the location, they can provide a quicker, shorter time to arrive at an emergency call. Time is of the

essence in an emergency. One of the main benefits they also offer is Soft Billing. That would save the residences out of pocket expense. They would bill the insurance company and accept their payment as payment in full. They do not go after the patient for the difference. They are equipped with 8 paramedics, 4 Advanced EMT'S, 15 Basic EMT'S, and 10 Drivers. They are trained in BLS- Basic Life Support. When called, they respond with 3 people, not 2 making it easier because of the more man power. They are licensed the same as McGonigle and Elite. They have a very close relationship with Elite. The fee for the Borough would be a \$40 charge per call. He reported last year they had 71 Calls, and this year to date they have had 41 calls. Because we are in the middle of the year, they would like to offer a 6-month trial period. There would be NO FEE to the Borough until the end of the year. Then in January they would meet with the Council to answer any questions, and make a decision if the Borough would like to continue the service. Courtney Ivan, the owner of Elite EMS added Shenango TWP is doing a great thing and feels this would be a great benefit for the Borough Residents because it is only 2 miles away, instead of having to wait for a call out of town. Saving time. And with the Soft Pay, it is also saving the residents money. She feels it is what is best for the community. Attorney Tesone asked if they have a Family Plan similar to what McGonigal offers? She added, it is not needed because of the Soft Pay. Chief Newton added that the Police Department also responds to an emergency call, and sometimes, the police arrive first if the ambulance is coming from out of town. He has noticed, when coming from Shenango TWP, they typically arrive at the same time, or they are already there first. Mayor Stacey asked how they bill the Borough. The response was, it would be up to the Borough, it can be Monthly, Quarterly, or however the Borough choses to do so. There are no commitments: Free till the New Year and then can decide to continue. 911 will need to be notified to adjust the rotation and make Shenango TWP EMP the Primary to be notified in the case of an emergency.

At this time, everyone was invited to go outside and view the Emergency Vehicle.

Mr. Garon Thanked the Council for allowing the presentation. Mr. Lark commented on a very good presentation.

Amending the Resolution: Attorney Tesone feels we should do a new Ordinance for the fees that should be charging. The cost should be the hourly rate plus benefits. A municipal lien can be placed in order to collect what is owed, if the resident does not pay. He suggests that possibly Council invite Jeff to come to a Council Meeting to explain the property code. He feels it should be a separate new ordinance. Chief Newton brought up the Braho Residence. It has been over 12 years, and now the roof of the house is caving in. Mr. Novak added that it is on the list for Mr. Richardson to check. Mayor Stacey added she is concerned with the children in the neighborhood. Mr. Moyer added that Mr. Richardson has every Authority to go in and inspect the home. He would like to call Mr. Richardson and ask if there were any objections in doing so. No objections.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Report: Mr. Lark has no updates at this time.

Purchase New Pump OR Repair Pump for the Main Pump House: The cost of the first bid was \$17,000 to repair the pump. The cost of a new pump is now \$48,000. The Borough did

receive a revised bid for the repair of \$15,000. Once ordered there is a 3-4 week for delivery. Mr. Webster motion to pay to Repair the pump seconded by Mr. Novak. A roll call was taken: Mr. Lucich- Yes, Mr. Moyer- Yes, Mr. Webster- Yes, Mr. Lark- Yes, Mr. Novak- Yes. Motion Carried. The Repair will be paid out of the Sewer Account.

Audit Meeting Update: Mr. Webster handed out information concerning the accounts that need to be cleared up as per the auditor. Mr. Webster went over the accounts. In order for Jack the auditor to make adjustments to the General Ledger, Council needs to vote to allow him to do so. Mayor Stacey Curry suggested a motion be made contingent that a letter from the auditor be presented. Mr. Novak motion to approve upon contingency, seconded by Mr. Moyer. All in favor, No Opposed.

Reduction of Sewer Bill for Resident of Sarah Hoffman: Mr. Lark explained due to no longer being a rental it would be 2 units to 1. Mr. Lark made a motion to approve the reduction, seconded by Mr. Novel. All in Favor, No Opposed.

EV Charging Station: A request to add Secretary Paula Luca as Administrator of the Entity for the Borough of West Middlesex. Mr. Lark motioned, seconded by Mr. Moyer. All in Favor, No Opposed. Also, to sign the agreement to allow West Middlesex Borough to work with Mr. Guttman. Attorney Tesone was asked if he approved of the agreement, he had no objections. Mr. Lark made a motion to sign the agreement, seconded by Mr. Moyer. All in Favor, No Opposed.

Pension Plan Enrollment: Mr. Lark motioned to add Secretary Paula Luca to the pension plan, seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed.

Request hours for Desiree Richardson to come help with organization of Ordinances and Resolutions: Mr. Webster explained that Desiree has worked very little since returning from vacation. But she would like to complete the project of organizing the Ordinances and Resolutions. MR. Lark motioned to allow Desiree to complete the project as needed for up to 20 hours. Seconded by Mr. Moyer. All in favor, No Opposed.

PA Municipal League: Secretary Paula Luca inquired if this is an organization the Borough is a part of. An invoice for the dues was received. No one was aware and it was decided to ignore it.

Mr. Novak presented a letter he received from resident Mr. Ricky White. He asked to have it read by President Eric Lucich. Mr. Lucich read the letter concerning the fireworks provided by Mr. White. The letter stated that he has been doing the fireworks for the past 27 years. It started as a small family get together and has grown into a large event for the West Middlesex Borough and surrounding communities. Local businesses have made donations towards the fireworks cost. Last year the cost was \$12,000 for the fireworks and insurance cost of \$2,100 for the day. The letter was to suggest to council if a donation from the Borough of West Middlesex can be

made. Mr. Novak had suggested a donation be made from the American Rescue Fund. A discussion followed on how the funds were allowed to be used. It was decided that since it was

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not on the agenda, no vote can be taken. Mr. Novak asked to have it added to the next council meeting.

The WM-S-L Pool: Mayor Stacey reported that they now have the 9 members for the committee and have come up with a plan on how to get the proposal money for the future of the pool. They feel this will make it possible to have the pool open for years to come. The Next meeting is July 17th at 6:00.

Mr. Moyer reminded everyone that a Health Care Meeting will be Wednesday at 12 Noon. He invited Secretary Paula and Bobby to be present at the meeting.

A reminder: On the agenda at the July work session will include the Fire Department Report. If a copy of the report is needed, let Secretary Paula Know.

A motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Moyer, seconded by Mr. Novak. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.