

**West Middlesex Borough
Work Session Meeting
December 13, 2023**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, WMVFD President Rich Garrett, Ray Lucich, Council Elect, Mr. Robert Rankin

Executive Session: President Eric Lucich suggested the Executive Session be moved up on the agenda due to the fact Mr. Moyer had to leave early. The Council conducted the Executive Session, all others exited until Council concluded the session.

Public Comments: None

Streets Department Report: Mr. Moyer informed Council that he had a meeting earlier in the day with Laverty Electric concerning a new Generator. Mr. Moyer reported what was discussed, and informed Council that Mr. Laverty will submit a bid for a 22,000 Generator. Mr. Eric Lucich updated the council on information he had on the inspection of the compressor. Possibly sell the one at the Garage and get a smaller one, or move the one from the garage to the Fire Department.

Budget: Mr. Lark asked Secretary Paula Luca if there were any inquiries from the public concerning the Budget. There have been none. It was then explained that the Budget will now be put to the vote on Tuesday December 19th, Council Meeting. At that time, the tax rate will also be on the agenda for the vote. Also decided was the Special Reorganization Meeting date of Tuesday January 2, 2024 at 6:30.

Kiwanis Park Project: Included in the Council Information Packets is a copy of the email that was sent to Attorney Tesone with pictures and an explanation of the water damage at Kiwanis Park. Mr. Tim Webster explained that there is an issue sending the email. It was not able to be delivered to Attorney Tesone and also, the majority of the Council members were not able to receive it due to the fact that it was too large of an attachment. Mr. Time Webster explained the email to Council. The pictures are showing the water runoff from Shenango Twp. property, under the road, and on to the Borough property. The pictures show the damage caused by the water. The email also explains and the pictures show the area that was repaired by Shenango

Twp. Prints of the pictures were made, and Secretary Paula Luca will deliver them to Attorney Tesone so that he has the information for discussion at the Tuesday Council Meeting.

Audit Update: Mr. Tim Webster informed Council that Jack from Black, Bashor and Porsch has been in contact with Secretary Paula Luca several times recently with questions and for information to complete the Audit. Mr. Webster informed Council that as per Jack, the Audit will be completed and be presented to Council at the Tuesday Council Meeting.

9 Penn Ave Update: Secretary Paula Luca informed Council that the Borough had received a check from the Clerk of Courts. It was for payment on fines and penalties from Mr. and Mrs. Braho. Paula explained that she reached out to Mr. Richardson for information if this check was in connection to the Demolition Citation that was issued in August. Mr. Richard explained that this fine was for a previous citation. He then informed Paula, concerning the demolition Citation, no appeal was made, so Council legally is able to act on the citation. Paula explained to Council that Mr. Richardson will be available to be present at an upcoming meeting to discuss the issue in detail with Council. Mr. Moyer suggested we reach out to other municipalities for information on who to contact for bids, possibly after the first of the year.

Sewer Account # 760728: Secretary Paula Luca explained the past 6 months of the sewer accounts. The water usage was reported incorrectly. Aqua credited the past 6 months of the water bill and the last reading is an accurate reading for the past 6 months plus November usage. It will be added to the next Council Meeting to be voted on applying an adjustment to the sewer account.

Pay Period ending December 23rd.: Mr. Webster explained to the Council concerning the payroll situation. The scheduled payday would be Christmas Day, but due to the holiday, it will be Tuesday December 26th. Mr. Webster suggested moving the payday to Friday December 22nd so the employees will have their pay before the holiday. Mr. Lark agreed it was appropriate.

Additional Discussion: Mr. Lark reported on two meetings with PENN DOT he recently attended. He passed out handouts with an outline of the meeting. The first meeting was with the Regional Planning Committee held on December 12th. It was a TIP meeting: Transportation Improvement Planning. It was concerning the Bridge that was damaged in the recent accident on December 7th. The roads affected are 318 and 376. He reported that Mekis Construction removed the damaged section of the bridge to allow traffic to resume on 376. The bridge on 318 remains closed. The second meeting reported on was held today December 13th. It is concerning work to be completed in the Borough. The work has two phases. Phase one: The flooding issue at Carbaugh Street and In front of West Middlesex High School. Phase Two: Resurfacing Rt 18 from 376 in Shenango Twp, through the Borough of West Middlesex and to end at the overpass of Rt. 80. He reported that he was informed that there is no extra money, so no curbs will be repaired. They will do some ADA work. This project will be funded under provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The project must be completed in

2024. This will cause an issue due to the fact the bridge on 318 will be closed at the same time. Rt. 18 will not be totally closed but will go to one lane.

Adjournment: 7:12 pm