

**West Middlesex Borough
Work Session Meeting
May 8, 2024
6:30 PM**

Call to Order: The West Middlesex Borough Work Session meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the Borough President Mr. Tim Webster

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: President, Mr. Tim Webster conducted the meeting, Vice President Mr. Robert Lark, Mr. Bill Novak, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mr. Dennis Bollinger, Mayor Stacey Curry.

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer: Paula Luca, Streets Department Senior Laborer: Mr. Bobby Cochran, Mr. Dave Babcock, and Mrs. Cheryl Babcock.

Public Comments: None

Street Department Report: Bobby updated Council on the Pump House Situation. On Friday May 3rd. Possibly something was stuck in the check valve, keeping it stuck open. It flooded about 6ft. He feels he caught it very quick. Clean out area was not flooded, so the pumps were working. The basement was flooded. No alarm went on, because the flow and pumps were working. Something failed in basement. He had DeLong and Slye to pump it out. The first load that was removed was taken to Hermitage, all loads after were taken Shenango. We may need a spare pump, since the pump was submerged. Working on getting a quote. Ther emergency was handled, but not sure if there may be an issue in the future. Mr. Bollinger asked about the WM Estates / Lillybridge Pump: Bobby reported: He is waiting on a decision from Council about getting a back-up pump.: Quote: \$4500 to repair/ \$8500. for New Pump. Mr. Lark explained that GPI is coming on Friday at 10:00 am, meeting at the Diner to do dye test. Mr. Lark requested Bobby be available. Mr. Bollinger suggested concerning the pumps: possibly we can get a packaged deal, to replace Lillybridge and also North Street Pump Station. Bobby updated the situation of the sewer line on Chestnut Street. It was not roots or broken pipes, it was grease in the line. Mr. Lark added, he had mentioned it to GPI and they will include that issue in the visit when they come on Friday. Bobby updated the Council on other areas that he has been working: Sprayed for the Clover at the Community Pool. The new Air Compressor has been purchased. Disconnect the old air compressor. Purchased a new Water Barrell for the Gazabo. Rented the bucket truck to remove the Christmas decorations and put up the flags on Main Street. Penn Ave has been trimmed going up the hill. Landscaping completed at the baseball field under scoreboard, and moved the bleachers. The gazabo has been painted and new plants and flowers planted. ½ completed at this time. PA 1 calls for Storm Sewer in front of Campbells has been completed. The crosswalks by Circle K replaced two bulbs. Tried to reach Donatelli Electric concerning the lights on the bridge. Can not find the LED bulbs to replace them. Mr. Novak asked to have Bobby send an email and get a quote on the cost. Mr. Novak added the

park looks great and the alleys look great. Mr. Lark updated Bobby on work needed on Plum Alley. Mayor Stacey added a thank you also to Bobby for the work at the gazabo.

Training Meeting for Streets Department: Mr. Webster brought it to the attention of the Council we do not have money for the meeting in the current Budget. Mr. Webster added, we should hold off until the future for training.

Code Violations: It was recommended that a letter be sent to all on the list of the grass violations. The resident will have 10 days to respond.

Up-date of Selling the Backhoe: Mr. Novak added that at this time, nothing has been done. Too many other issues being delt with at this time.

Kiwanis Park: Mr. Webster suggested we need to make a decision and speak with Attorney Tesone on how to proceed with this issue. Mr. Lark added that he spoke again with GPI and they will readdress the issue when they come on Friday. Mayor Stacey will look into possible Grant Funding that may be available. The quote to have a survey done would be \$1800. And that total is over the allowed amount. The property was surveyed about 2 years ago by Mr. Richardson. It was completed by Bittler Surveying.

Planning Commission: Mr. Webster suggest that the Planning Commission has their own meeting to get organized. Mr. Lark will reach out to the members.

Memorial Day Celebration and Parade: Mr. Lark passed out hand outs for the parade. A parade permit has been obtained. Mr. Lark will invite all organizations to participate. It is in the Newsletter and he will have an announcement in the Herald.

LSWM Pool: Mr. Lark updated that Shenango TWP has paid the balance of their assessment. The pool will open June 2nd and close on August 18th. He also passed out a copy of the pool financial report. The pool is getting grant money and improvements are in the plans. Mr. Lark suggested the Borough celebrate the 160th celebration at the pool. More information to follow. The Mayor also added she is working on ideas for the 160th celebration also. Mayor Stacey added additional information concerning the Pool Funding. The Grant Money, will be issued to the Borough and then the money will be forwarderred onto the Pool Committee. Will be taking bids on the pool heater. Bids will be open at the June work session, and awarded at the June Council Meeting. Next pool meeting is May 20th.

Sewer Authority Report: A list was passed out of delinquent sewer bills. Mr. Lark brought attention to the list. Mayor Stacey asked what can be done. It was noted that Sharp collection is working with the Borough to collect past due payments. They also have the power to turn the water off. This would apply to residents who have Aqua Water. Secretary Paula Luca explained when a property that is being rented is turned into collection, it gets turned into collections under the home owners name because they own the home.

Mr. Lark updated Council concerning a letter that the Borough has received from a resident concerning a sewer issue. He added that this issue will be addressed.

SLFRF – American Rescue Report: The report has been submitted by the end of April. The money has to be spent by 2026. Possible use can be Storm Sewer Issues.

Secretary Paula Luca brought to the attention of Council that the water usage at the WM Estates is extremely large. Possible Leak. It was also informed that they pay for 30 trailers. If they have more, then the bill will be adjusted.

Paula Luca also updated all that we received our Liquid Fuel Audit Report. A copy is available for all in the Office.

Adjournment 7:45 p.m.