

**West Middlesex Borough
Work Session Meeting
July 10, 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 Council President Mr. Tim Webster.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: President Mr. Tim Webster conducted the meeting, 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. Ray Lucich, Mr. Bill Rodemoyer arrived during the meeting.

Public Comments: None

Streets Department Report: Update on North Street Pump Station: One of the Motors went down: sent to be repaired: Cost appx. Around \$400. It was most likely damaged by the flooding that recently occurred there. The repair should be back by Friday. Cold Patch is being done on Penn Ave. Issue with the garage door at the Walnut Street Garage. Cox Garage was called to repair and all 4 bays were maintained. Appx cost estimated to be under \$200. Kiwanis Park Update: Met with the Mercer County Conservation Department, will be updated later in the meeting. Doing millings on alleys. There are still more to be done. Contact V Systems giving them ok to have it refurbished. They will let us know when completed. The road project on Rt 18 has started. No updates at this time. Mayor Stacey questioned the millings used on the alleys, she questioned if larger rocks can be used and possibly less washing away. Mr. Bollinger suggest getting a quote for the other motor at the Pump Station in case we have issues with that one also. Mr. Webster suggest having one on standby.

Kiwanis Park: Mr. Webster updated all of Council of the meeting at the Kiwanis Park with Mr. Bickle from M.C. Conservation District. A quote is going to be needed for the excavating. The topic will be on the agenda at the next Council Meeting. If the quote is under \$16,000, we can move forward, however if over that and under \$20,000 we will need to get 3 bids. Over that amount will need to be advertised for a bid. Mr. Bickle feels he will be able to get the Borough some Grant Funds. Mr. Webster spoke with Mr. Hubert that possibly they can add on to their pipe because it is right next to their roadway. He requested a drawing of the project. Mr. Lark passed out a hand out he received from Mr. Bickle. The Council discussed the project and all agree this is the right choice to repair the park to get it back opened.

GPI Update: Mr. Lark passed out the most recent email from GPI. He suggests we need a new agreement between the Borough and the WM Estates. The topic will be added to the Next Council Meeting.

Street Improvement Project: Council discussed all of the Streets in need of improvement. A discussion about possibly getting a Loan to help with the funding. Mr. Lark will gather information concerning the Loan, and it will be on the Agenda for Tuesday's council meeting. Council is aware of the Construction Season. A discussion was held concerning Penn Ave, to possibly get a quote concerning blacktopping the Sections most in need.

Rt 18 PennDOT Project: Mr. Lark gave an update on the Project on Rt 18 in front of the WMHS and Campbells. It was discussed, there was a lack of signs due to the roads being closed. Mr. Webster suggest that he will call PennDOT to request more signage.

1 Erie Street Update: Because the property was sold clear of all liens, the Sewer Account needs to be adjusted. It will be added to the Agenda of the Council Meeting to vote to clear the account.

Sewer Account Liens: Due to the situation just discussed, it is important that we put a lien on properties of past due Sewer Accounts. Mr. Lark suggests we designate an amount that once reached, a lien will be placed. Suggestion \$1000 past due.

Grass Letter Update: The most recent letter that were mailed out concerning the grass was updated to the Council

Guttman Grass & Removal of Sign: Mr. Webster updated Council that Mr. Dave Black stopped in the office to report the grass will be getting cut, and the sign will be getting removed.

Grant Training Update: Secretary Paula Luca updated Council that she will be doing some grant training this week.

Executive Session: The Council exited to meet for an Executive Session for Personnel Matter.

Adjournment: After the Council returned, the meeting was Adjourned