

**West Middlesex Borough  
Work Session Meeting  
August 14, 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. Robert Rankin, Mr. Dennis Bollinger, Mayor Stacey Curry.

**Council Absent:** Mr. Bill Novak

**Others Present:** Secretary/Treasurer: Paula Luca, Mr. Bobby Cochran, Mr. Ray Lucich, Mr. Rich Garrett

**Public Comments:** None

**North Street Pump Station:** Mr. Webster updated Council that Daman has repaired one of the pumps for the North Street Pump Station, and it was an emergency situation. The back up pump will need to be refurbished. Mr. Webster requested that the backup pump repair be placed on the Agenda for Tuesday's Council Meeting. Currently the pump station is running on one pump and one motor and all is running well. Motor for North Street Pump Station. We are waiting for a quote for a new pump. Professional Cleaning of North Street Pump Station. Once the Borough hires the New Senior Laborer, we will get information to hire a cleaning business to clean and sanitize the North Street Pump House. Paula will reach out to Shenango Twp Sewer Authority to inquire if they work with a company.

**WM Estates:** Mr. Lark updated Council from GPI. They are looking for a preconstructed Wet Well which may be available through Costars. It was also discussed that a contract between the Borough and WM Estates Owners. This topic will be added to the Agenda for the Council Meeting on Tuesday to discuss with Attorney Tesone. Mr. Lark informed GPI that the Borough is interested in doing this project this year.

**Chestnut Street:** Cleaning of Catch Basin. It was discussed that the Chestnut Street catch basin, and Walnut Street in front of the Swimming Pool. Both are shallow and full after a heavy rain.

**Donation from Barb Lapinski:** Mayor Stacey updated Council that she would like to donate the Lending Library to be placed in the Gazabo Park. Mr. Webster asked to have this topic placed on the Agenda for the Council Meeting for Council to vote to accept the donation.

**Update on Grass Letters:** Secretary Paula updated Council that letters were sent to Mr. Braho. He called the office to inform that he received the letter and he will cut the grass. He did cut the grass. He did notice the roof was in need of repair, and he did not have a ladder to fix. A second letter was also sent to Mr. Frank Harkless for his property on North Street. Mayor Stacey also shared the concerns of the Daycare Center of the property behind them. That property is Mr. Harkless's property.

**Gazabo Grass Maintenance:** Mayor Stacey informed the Council that a resident had stopped in to inquire if the Borough would be interested in hiring him to maintain the Gazabo. She felt we need to address the situation that the gazabo is maintained better.

**Update on Sewer Billing:** Paula updated the Council on the Sewer Account Balances, and also on the sales of the two homes at the Sherriff Sale. Also, the concern with Sharp Collection and the turning off of the water. Mr. Webster feels that the turning off of the water should be a decision for the Council. Mr. Rankin asked if we have a contract with Sharp Collections. Sharp will be contacted to inquire if we have a contract. We currently have 12 accounts in collections.

**Other Business:** Mr. Webster read the letter from AAA Pest Inspection concerning the cabinets in the kitchen. Also discussed the letter received from Apex Companies concerning the Gutman Properties.

Secretary Paula Luca updated council on upcoming meeting: Thursday August 15, Mr. Josh Montgomery from PennDOT will be coming to review all the streets and to do a bid package. Wednesday August 21, A meeting with Terri Cunkle from the DCED and Rep. Parke Wentling to discuss grants. Thursday August 22, will be the Liquid Fuel Audit for 2023. Also, Council was updated that Mr. Guttman reached out concerning the second round of funding for Charging Stations. Mr. Webster said that it will be added to the Council Meeting on Tuesday and to inform him that the Borough would need a business plan for the project.

Mr. Lark updated Council on the Kiwanis Park project and the Western Pa Conservancy possibly being part of the project. They are very interested, but they are booked up for this year. Another Site Visit will take place in the fall. Mr. Lark will inform Council once the site visit is scheduled.

Fire Chief Rich Garret presented to the Council information that at the Fire Department Meeting, it was decided to send a letter to the City of Hermitage that they are interested in discussing the possibility of joining the Hermitage Fire Department. There has been no talk or meetings, at this point they have just sent the letter of interest. He also added, that the Council would have the final decision. Mr. Webster asked that the Fire Department keeps the Council updated and thanked the Fire Department for giving the Council the information.

Mr. Bobby Cochran provided information to the Council of the company TEMCO: they sell prefabbed wet wells and grinder systems.

**Executive Session:** Personnel Matters.

