

West Middlesex Borough

Work Session Meeting

September 11, 2024

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

Public Comments: None

Council Present: President, Mr. Tim Webster, 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. Bill Schwartz

Streets Department Report: North Street Pump Station. Bill updated Council at this time the only information he has for the Valve is the cost will be estimated around \$5000 but not over \$7000. If ordered, it would be about 5 weeks out. Will continue to try to get more information. Currently there is one pump working and all is running well. Skid Steer Repair Update: There are 3 lines under the machine, one is totally bad. Scott advised them to replace all 3 lines. Will contact them to get an idea of cost. Mr. Webster updated Bill, in the future, call and get an idea of cost before sending out. Bill presented an idea to Council to reach out to Sure Flo to get a quote for a maintenance program for all sewer line. Sure-Flo works a lot with Yanak's from Slye Sewer. Council requested that Bill reach out to get an idea of cost. Once that information is received, it can be discussed again. Mayor Stacey added a thank you to Bill for the trimming of the trees and taking care of the alleys. Chestnut Street Catch Basin: Bill asked Council questions concerning the Chestnut Street Catch Basin. Mr. Webster explained they are very shallow, and it doesn't take much for them to back up. The piping is not deep. They may need cleaned out totally, and on a regular schedule. Mr. Lark added there is another catch basin that is similar to that. It is located on Main Street near the driveway by the bus garage. Also, another issue is the ditch on Rt 18 in front of the Babcock Residents. Mr. Lark suggest the ditch be cleaned out. Mr. Novak updated Council there was another issue over the weekend. Location: Erie Street and 3rd Alley. Tree roots clogged the line. Seth Anthony was called to jet the lines to clean them out. It was also discussed by Council concerning items to place on Muncibid: Air Compressor, Backhoe, and also roller for back hoe. Also mentioned is the Brush Hog and Street Sweeper attachment for the skid loader. Paula will set up an account. Mr. Webster reminded Council that it has already been approved to sell scrap items.

GPI Update: WM Estates: No new updates. Mr. Lark will reach out to have an update at Tuesdays Council Meeting.

Penn Ave. Street Project Update: Mr. Lark updated council that the ad was placed in the Herald. The Borough has been working with Mr. Montgomery from PenDOT to get the ad information submitted. As of now, the Borough has received inquiries about the project, but no bids as of yet. If we do receive any bids, they will be opened at the next Council Meeting. We can extend the meeting to allow Attorney

Tesone and PenDOT to approve the bids to confirm they are in order. We can recess the meeting to a later time and date, to vote on the project.

DCED Terri Cunkle Update: STEM Peer Program. Mr. Webster updated Council that the Borough is being considered to participate in the Strategic Management Planning Program. If the Borough is accepted in the program, there will not be a cost to participate. Liquid Fuel Updates: It was suggested that the Borough reach out to Mary from PenDOT to request a 5 year pay back program. It will be on the agenda to have Paula contact PenDOT concerning this matter. Available Grants: Municipal Grant Workshop will be September 30th in Butler. Paula requested to go to the training. This is a free workshop. Mayor Stacey requested to attend also.

Guttman Charging Station Update: Mr. Webster updated Council that Mr. Guttman has decided to hold off on working with the Borough for the Federal Grant, and will apply for a Grant through the State of Pa.

Real Estate Tax/Per Capita Billing Dates: Mr. Webster updated Council on the information from Cheryl Babcock. As per the billing of the Per Capita Bills, she would like to go back to sending out the Per Capita at the same time as the Real Estate Tax, this would begin next year. This would eliminate confusion that residents may have. This will be added to the Tuesday Council Meeting Agenda for a vote. Real Estate Update: Also, Secretary Paula Luca updated the Council on the Judicial Sale of the building at 3 Short Street. It was sold clear of all liens. The county has waived the County Real Estate Tax for the tax year 2024, and it is suggested that the Borough to wave it also. It is suggested that if the Borough would like to not waive it, to get advice from our Solicitor. Also, whatever the decision is, then going forward, that is the decision that has to be done in the future. It will be on the Agenda for the Tuesday Meeting to discuss with Attorney Tesone.

Other Business: Mr. Webster updated Council about a conversation with Terri Cunkle at the meeting. It was concerning Per Capita Tax with Rental Properties. She suggested the Borough has records of who is living in the rental properties. Stacey added the lack of Building Inspections for Rental Properties.

Mr. Bollinger updated Council on the meeting with Aqua Water and the Borough. It would be a 5-year plan. More updates to follow.

Mr. Webster read a letter that the Borough office received on behalf of Mr. McConnell on Haywood concerning the maintenance behind his house.

All upcoming Parade Permits have been approved by PenDOT

Executive Session: Legal Matters & Personnel Reasons

Adjournment