

West Middlesex Borough

Council Meeting

November 19 2024

6:30 pm

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: President: Mr. Tim Webster, Vice President: Mr. Robert Lark (Arrived Late), Mr. Bill Novak, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mr. Dennis Bollinger (Arrived Late) & Mayor Stacey Curry.

Others Present: Attorney Tesone arrived Late, Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, Streets Department Senior Laborer Bill Schwartz, Police Chief Jason Newton, Fire Chief Rich Garrett, Mr. Ray Lucich, Mr. John Luca, Mr. Aaron Sutton

Public Comments: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Rankin to Accept the Minutes of October 9th 2024 Work Shop Meeting, and October 13th 2024 Council Meeting, Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Police Report: Chief Newton read the Police Report. Chief Newton was asked what PATROL could be. There were 21 Patrol on the report. He said he would have to look into it, it could possibly be a premise check.

Fire Department Report: Chief Garrett did not have a copy of the fire report, he will present it with the December Report at the next meeting. Chief Garrett presented to the Council to possibly sell the Brush Truck that is owned by the Borough and use proceeds towards the New Tanker that they purchased. He estimated it to be worth approximately \$2500.00. Possibly place on Municibid. This will be added to the December Agenda. Chief Garrett also informed Council that a local Businessman purchased a new Firetruck, and they will need room to store it. He presented to Council that the VFD would like to raise the roof to allow more room, and possibly in the future add garage doors in the back. This will also be added to the December Agenda. He also asked Council whether the VFD is able to purchase hose and deck gun. This will also be added to the December Agenda.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca read the Treasurers Report. A Motion was made by Mr. Novak to accept the Treasurers report, Seconded by Mr. Rankin. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carries. Council discussed the Penn Ave Project. The invoice was over the approved bid amount. It was discussed that more information would be gathered from PennDOT and also with Hawbaker Inc. if needed. Mr. Lark made a Motion to pay the original Bid cost and until Council speaks to PennDOT, the balance can be paid at a later date, Seconded by Mr. Novak, all in favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Barris Property Easement: Mr. Webster informed all the history of the land that is owned by the Borough that Mr. Barris has inquired to getting an easement to his property. A Motion was made by Mr.

Rankin to have Attorney Tesone write up the easement, Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carries.

Property Maintenance Board: Mr. Webster announced that the three residents to set on the Property Maintenance Board are Mr. John Luca, Mr. George Donnelly, and Mr. Kiffer Ritter. A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to accept the Board and Seconded by Mr. Novak, All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries. Mr. Webster added, before we can move forward with this project, a solicitor will need to be in place.

Emergency Operations Plan: Mr. Robert Rankin has completed the Tri-County Boot Camp for Municipal Emergency Management. He is working on the Emergency Report. Mr. Rankin was recognized and thanked by all of Council. Mr. Rankin suggests that the plan should be in place for the first of the year.

WM Pump Update: Senior Laborer Mr. Bill Schwartz updated all. North Street Pump Station Pump has been aligned, and is running well. The Pump at WM Estates has been changed out. He suggests that the pump and motor, that was taken out, be sent to V-Systems to be refurbished for a back up pump. A motion was made by Mr. Lark to get the pump and motor refurbished at V-Systems, Seconded by Mr. Rankin. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carries.

Kiwanis Park Update: An update was given by Mr. Lark on the Kiwanis Park. Mr. Aaron Sutton presented to the council 3 proposals. One for Kiwanis Park, one for Penn Ave Storm Sewer Project, and also WM Estates.

Grant for Street Project and Penn Ave Final Seal: Mr. Buddy Miller from PennDOT will be coming into the office to put together a bid package to be used for the purpose of the grant. Mr. Lark and Mr. Bollinger will both be present for that meeting.

2025 Projected Budget: Mr. Webster went over a break down of the 2025 Proposed Budget. Mr. Lark made a motion to raise the Real Estate Tax for the General fund 4 mills. Seconded by Mr. Rankin. A Roll Call Was Taken:

Mr. Webster: YES

Mr. Lark: YES

Mr. Novak: YES

Mr. Rankin: YES

Mr. Bollinger: YES

Motion Carries.

The Proposed Budget will be advertised and will be available for the public to view for 30 days. The Final Budget will be voted on at the December 17th Council Meeting.

A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Adjournment: 8:26pm