

Minutes
West Middlesex Borough
Work Session Meeting
December 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: Arrived Late, Mayor Stacey Curry: Absent

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer, Paula Luca, Streets Department Senior Laborer: Mr. Bill Schwartz, VFD Chief Garrett, Mr. Ray Lucich

Streets Department Report: Bill updated council: V-Systems is currently working on the pump for WM Estates and hope to have it completed by end of year. All street lights have been replaced by Penn Power and working well. Update on North Street Pump Station, all is working well, no issues currently. A load of salt was recently delivered, and ready for the next storm. Mr. Webster updated Council that Bill's 90-day probation is complete and he has completed all of the necessary paperwork for the Union. All Council members congratulated Bill.

VFD:

Brush Truck: Chief Garrett suggested to Council that the Brush Truck that is owned by the Borough be sold and the money be used to purchase equipment for the new truck the VFD is receiving from Scotty Campbell.

Bay Enlargement: Mr. Webster updated Council that Brian Harmond and Mr. Richardson were looking at the proposed project to have the back of the Bay roof raised and possible new doors in the back. Chief Garrett did not have information, and asked Council to keep him updated, and he will do the same.

Supplies: The Fire department is interested in purchasing Hose and Dock Gun for New Truck being donated by Mr. Scotty Campbell. Mr. Webster advised the Fire Dept. that the VFD does have Equipment in the 2025 Budget.

WM VFW and Hermitage Fire Dept Merger: A letter of intent to be completed by WM Council and Hermitage Commissioners was sent to both. At the Council Meeting on Tuesday, the WM Council will vote to submit a letter of intent. Hermitage will vote at their meeting scheduled for Wednesday. Once both have voted to move forward, the letter of intent will be completed and submitted by both.

Haywood Street Logging Project: Mr. Jeff Hubbard contacted the Borough Office. He would like to have the job inspected and the ok to pull his bond. Council agreed that once the final gravel is placed where needed, the project will be inspected for a final ok.

University of Pittsburgh STMPP Project: The next scheduled meeting is January 15th. They will be coming to visit the Borough and will have meetings with Paula and Bill. Council is welcome to be present if available.

2025 Council Work Session, and Council Meetings Dates and Times: A list of the 2025 meetings will be on the agenda for the next Council Meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Lark will get a list of Sewer Authority Meetings to be added to the list. Once voted on and accepted, the meeting dates and times will be advertised in the Herald.

2025 Budget: The proposed 2025 Budget will be on the Agenda of the Next Council meeting on Tuesday to be voted on by Council.

Other Business: Mr. Lark presented a picture to Council that was donated by Debbie Selby Sweesy. The photo is the 1920 Football Team. He also updated Council on the Mercer County Regional Planning information for upcoming project on Rt 80. 2025 and 2026 will be from the Ohio Line to the 5 Mile Mark, 2027-2028 will be 5 Mile Mark to the 10 Mile Mark. And 2029-2030 will be the 10 Mile Mark to the 15 Mile Mark at the Mercer Exit.

Mr. Webster reminded Council that on Friday the 13th there will be a ceremony at Campbells for the presentation of the Donations from Scotty Campbell. All Council and Borough Employees are invited to attend. He would like everyone to attend if able. The media has been invited to attend and also local Officials. Chief Garrett informed the Council that the New Truck was in the Polar Express.