

West Middlesex Borough

Council Meeting

January 14, 2025

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, Mr. Bill Novak, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mr. Dennis Bollinger & Mayor Stacey Curry.

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

Public Comments: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Lark, to Accept the Minutes as corrected of December, 11th, 2024 Work Shop Meeting, and December 17th 2024 Council Meeting, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Police Report: Chief Newton read the Police Report.

Fire Department Report: Chief Garrett read the Fire Department Report.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca read the Treasurers Report. A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to accept the Treasurers report, and pay all of the invoices except the invoice for Delong until more information can be gathered. Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carries.

WM VFD: Chief Garret updated council concerning the raising of the roof. He will be getting drawings. The job will probably take a few days to complete. Council wants to be updated before any work is to be completed. There was a concern with the situation with the merger. Chief Garret did let Council know that it will probably take 1 to 1 ½ years for a merger to happen. Chief Garret did express his concern with the garage door still not working properly. Council will look into it, and if needed, Overhead Door Company will be contacted again.

Breaker in Office: Bill informed Council that Scott had recently replaced that breaker within the last two years. It will be replaced again.

Masonic Lodge Appeal: Because Attorney is not present at tonight's meeting, Paula will scan and email him the information on the Appeal and ask if Council should attend the Court Hearing.

Wilson Excavating: The Borough office was contacted with a request from Wilson Excavating. They will be replacing gas lines and asked if they are able to park their trucks in the grass area behind Howe Coffee Company. A Motion was made by Mr. Lark allowing them to park in the area as long as they are responsible for any damage caused, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

WM Estates: Because Attorney Tesone is absent, there is no discussion with the legal agreement. Mr. Lark made a motion to move forward and have GPI apply for the needed Permit, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

V System Update: Bill reported that V System would take the old pump for scrap, but they would not be able to issue the Borough any type of credit. Council agreed that the Borough would just use the old pump and scrap it ourselves.

North Street Pump House Water Meter Update and Pending DEP Report: Mr. Lark updated council that the Borough is waiting on a report from Mr. Dan Pudlick from the DEP. He was notified when the North Street Pump Station shut down, and a surge was sent to the Disposal Plant in Shenango TWP. Bill updated all that he purchased an electric heater to have in the pump house. The water is currently shut off in the building. It is typically just used to hose down the floor.

PennDOT Meeting Reminder: The meeting will be held at the Coolspring TWP Building for the 2025 Mercer County Joint Seal Coat Bid Program. A Resolution will need to be passed and will be on the February Agenda.

L-S-WM Pool Committee: Mr. Webster made a Motion to appoint Mayor Stacey Curry, Mr. Robert Lark, and Mr. Ricky White to the Pool Committee. Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries. Council was updated on the situation with Shenango TWP. They will be part of the Pool Committee for 2025, but voted at their last meeting to opt out for the following year. But they may consider changing that depending on how the year 2025 season is.

Other Business: New Heater for Walnut Street Garage. Mr. Lark made a motion to purchase the new heater from Thermo-Supply and with the help of Council it will be installed, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Mr. Lark passed out information from COG.

A motion was made by Mr. Novak to Adjourn, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Adjournment: 7:32 pm.