

Minutes
West Middlesex Borough

Council Meeting

March 18, 2025

6:30 pm

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: Vice President: Mr. Robert Lark, Mr. Bill Novak, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mr. Bollinger, & Mayor Stacey Curry. Absent: President Mr. Tim Webster

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, Streets Department Senior Laborer Bill Schwartz, Police Chief Jason Newton, Mr. Harry Kornbau, Ms. Barb Lindsey, Bob and Bill Moore, Attorney Tesone.

Public Comments: Chief Newton requested an update on the property at 9 Penn Ave. Secretary Paula Luca updated Chief Newton of the Court Hearings. Mr. Bob and Bill Moore from the Skilled Games Business, updated Council that they have leased the property on Main Street for the Skilled Games. They opened and the next day, Mr. Richardson closed, illegal occupancy due to the current zoning. They reported they have several other locations, and this is the first time they have ever had an issue opening. Chief Newton also recommended they contact the 911 center to inform them of the business. Attorney Tesone explained that there are two ways moving forward: 1. The Ordinance will need to be updated. OR 2. Apply for a variance with the zoning board. Council was provided with a draft of an Ordinance to update the zoning ordinance. Mr. Rankin made a motion to draft a new Ordinance, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried. The owners were informed if they wanted to move forward with the variance, they can stop in the office to pick up an application. Attorney Tesone will reach out to Attorney Shaffer the zoning solicitor.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Novak to Accept the Minutes for February 12th 2025 Work Shop Meeting, and February 18th 2025 Council Meeting, Seconded by Mr. Rankin. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Police Report: Chief Newton read the Police Report.

Fire Department Report: Chief Garrett was not present and no Fire Report was submitted.

Streets Department: Bill updated Council that over 200 pot holes were filled. He discovered that there are catch basins that are in need of repair. 2 on Fairview, and 1- down near Clevenger's. Mr. Lark asked Bill if a machine was rented, is it possible for him to do. He can. Council asked Bill to inquire on the cost to rent a back hoe for him to use on the upcoming projects. He will check with M&R and also Sunbelt on the rental cost, and also the cost of material.

Upcoming PennDOT Road Projects: Re-Construction on Rt. 18: Mr. Lark updated council on the project and informed of an upcoming meeting to be held on March. 25. He and Bill will attend. Upcoming resurfacing project will conduct an informational meeting on March 27th.

All American Convenience Store: Already discussed during Public Comments.

Sanitary Sewer Issues: Mr. Lark updated all on the Sewer Arbitrations, The New Pump Station at WM Estates, and also the update at North Street Pump Station.

Mercer County Municipal Survey:

Audit: The Audit will be completed by March 31st, but it is not available this evening. This meeting will be recessed

Street Improvement Projects: Mr. Lark updated all that the Liquid Fuel funding was received.

Housing Grant of 2012: Attorney Tesone is doing a Mortgage Satisfaction. A Motion was made My Mr. Novak to have Mr. Lark sign the Mortgage Satisfaction Seconded by Mr. Rankin, all in Favor No Opposed. Motion Carried. Attorney Tesone will file the paperwork.

Oak Tree Celebration is going to be held on April 26th.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca read the Treasurers Report. A question to continue with AAA Pest Control. No Activity. A motion was made by Mr. Bollinger to accept the Treasurers Report, Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries. A Motion to Pay the Bill was made my Mr. Novak, and Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried. A Motion was made by Mr. Bollinger, to stop the AAA Pest Control service, Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carried. It was also discussed to add Sharp Collections to next months agenda to discuss the activity.

A Motion was made my Mr. Lark to recess the meeting to be held on Friday March 28th at 5:30 pm. and to be hold at the Community Room, to accept the Audit. Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.