

Minutes
West Middlesex Borough
Council Meeting
April 15, 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. Absent: Mr. Dennis Bollinger, Mayor Stacey Curry

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

Public Comments:

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Lark to Accept the Minutes for March 12, 2025 Work Session Meeting, March 18, 2025 Council Meeting, and March 28, 2025 Recessed- Council Meeting, Seconded by Mr. Novak. Mr. Webster only voted on the March 28th Recessed Meeting due to being absent for the March 12th and the March 18th Meeting. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Police Report: Chief Newton read the Police Report.

Fire Department Report: Mr. Webster read the Fire Report. Chief Garrett had stepped out.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Mr. Novak to accept the Treasurers Report and Pay the Bills, Seconded by Mr. Lark. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Streets Department: No Questions from Council for Bill. We will cover the upcoming projects later in the meeting as per Agenda.

LSWM Pool Committee: Mr. Lark passed out information from COG on the Pool Report, and the Bucket Truck Budget. He will be attending a COG meeting this week and will update Council at the next meeting.

Zoning Ordinance, Skilled Games: The Council discussed the Draft of the Ordinance that was received at the work session meeting. A discussion on the changes being requested by the Council with Attorney Tesone. He will make the changes and have the final Ordinance for the Council. The Public Hearing Meeting will be advertised to take place before the next Work Session Meeting. This will allow time for any changes needed as a result of the meeting to be done and ready to be voted on at the next Council Meeting. It was also discussed that 90 days after passing, a License Application will need to be obtained by the Business Owner.

Kiwanis Park: A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to Move forward to repair Kiwanis Park based on the Quote hiring Schwartz Excavating for the Labor and Equipment with the Borough purchasing the

material needed, in the total amount of \$8382.00. Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carried.

Catch Basins: Fairview and West Street/North Street: A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to Move forward to repair the Catch Basins based on the Quote hiring Schwartz Excavating for Labor and Equipment, and the Borough purchasing the material needed, in the total amount of \$5337.00 Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carried.

Mercer County Planning Commission: Barris Plans: Mr. Lark made a motion to have the plans signed by the Council President, and the Borough Secretary. Seconded by Mr. Rankin. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried. After being signed, the plans will be recorded at the Mercer County Courthouse.

Sharp Collections: Currently we have 6 Accounts at Sharp Collection. They have not done much collections since the Council voted not to shut off the water. The Council will need to send them a letter of notice. Attorney Tesone will write up the letter. A Motion was made by Mr. Novak to end service with Sharp Collections, Seconded by Mr. Lark, All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Speed Bumps on Walnut Street: Discussion only. The Swimming Pool Committee is suggesting that while the pool season is open, possibly placing speed bumps on Walnut Street during the Summer Season. Attorney Tesone informed Council that it can be an issue if they damage a car. New Speed Signs will need to be posted also. The current Speed Limit is 25. More discussions needed before moving forward.

Burning Permits: If Council wants to change the burning hours or add a fee, the Original Ordinance will need to be discussed.

Status of Street Improvements: Mr. Lark updated Council on the Rt 18 project. Borough Streets: The meeting will be Thursday April 17th, 2025 at Cool Spring Twp. Mr. Webster updated all that the grant request that was submitted on the Street Repair, nothing can be done on any of the streets listed in the Grant. The 318 Project will begin in 2028.

Sanitary Sewers: The North Street Pump Station Pump has been installed. The old pump was sent back to be refurbished. Eric Davis called and he does have the needed computer parts needed to have our trends and totals recorded again. WM Estates: We are waiting for specifications to be used for the Bidding Process from GPI. We have not received the invoice for the pump that was installed. A motion was made by Mr. Lark, Seconded by Mr. Novak to move forward to refurbish the pump at North Street Pump House, at the cost of \$5715.00. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

White Oak Tree Celebration: The celebration will be held at the High School/Oak Tree on Saturday April 26th at 12:00 noon.

Memorial Day Parade: The Parade will take place on Monday May 26th at 10:00 am. Paula will apply for a Parade Permit.

UCC Appeal Board: The Council UCC Appeal Board is still looking for a Solicitor for the Board. Uniform Construction Code. This Board may be needed if a Resident Appeals a Code Violation.

Adjournment: A Motion was Made by Mr. Novak to Adjourn, Seconded by Mr. Rankin, All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried. Adjournment: 7:50 pm

Executive Session: Contract Negotiations: Borough Council Stayed after the Adjournment of the meeting, for an Executive Session.