

**West Middlesex Borough
Work Session Meeting
June 11, 2025
6:30 pm**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: President Mr. Tim Webster conducted the meeting, 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: Mr. Willaim Schwartz, Mr. Joe Walsh: O'Neill Coffee, Luchio Chrestay: Employee at O'Neill Coffee, Fire Chief Mr. Rich Garrett

Public Comments: None

Street Department Report: Senior Laborer Bill Schwartz update Council. They have been very busy lately with the flooding issues on Garfield Street. They have been cleaning out the catch basins. He has a call into Hudson Construction to report sink holds at the old Shooter Supply area. Kiwanis Part is partially mowed. Bill and Scott will be hauling the old pipe away tomorrow to be scrapped. Bill has caution tape across the bridge and will put up a Bridge Closed Sign. A reminder to empty the garbage can at the community garden area.

Storm Sewer:

Garfield Street: Mr. Webster addressed the issues at Garfield Street. GPI is still working on the project, and the issue is, we are not sure where all the lines go. Bill added that Seth Anthony Plumbing can jet and camera all of the lines. There is a question on the pump that is being used at O'Neill's. Mr. Walsh added it has been the same for 50 years. He would like to work together with the Borough to help figure out the situation and to move forward to have it resolved. He is willing to help in any way he can. Council advised Bill Schwartz to contact Seth to get a cost quote to jet and camera the lines. This will be added to Tuesday Council meeting to be discussed and voted on.

Main Street and Bus Garage: It was reported that the resident in that area is upset and wants to fill in the ditch. It will need to be determined if it is the responsibility of the Borough or the School. The ditch was dug out in the past, and it is going to need to be dug out again.

Chestnut Street: The Ditch is decaying and no where to go, It was discussed to inquire about Seth also jetting and viewing with the camera at Chestnut Street Ditch. The order to be done will be 1. Garfield Street 2. Chestnut Street 3. School: Dug out.

West Middlesex Estates:

Tree Removal: Before moving forward to have the new wet well-Pump Station installed at WM Estates, there is a Tree that will need to be removed. We have received 3 bids for the Tree Removal:

1. Penn West Tree Service: \$3500.00
2. Gerasimek: \$2350.00
3. Richardson Tree & Landscaping: \$5289.90

Other items discussed concerning WM Estates and the New Pump Station. A maintenance agreement moving forward for out of the normal usage repairs. A possible line issue near Lot #57. Paula will write a letter to be sent from Council concerning having all lines in good working condition before the pump station is installed.

Items to be on the Agenda for Tuesdays Council Meeting for a Vote.

1. Tree Removal Bids
2. Excavation and Installation of Wet-Well Bid received from TRU Plumbing
3. Quote received for new Wet Well- Received from Costar Contractor: Trombold Equipment Company

Zoning Ordinance for Skilled Games: A letter was received from Mercer County Regional Planning with recommendations for the Zoning Ordinance for Skilled Games. Attorney Tesone will be contacted and changes will be made. Once Council agrees on the changes, and Public Hearing will be Scheduled, possibly to be held, right before the July Council Meeting, and the Ordinance will be voted on at the July Council Meeting.

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Penalty Notice: The notice will be sent to Attorney Tesone for advice moving forward.

Scrap at Pump House: Council has decided to keep the guard rails that were included in the items that were to be scrapped. Bill will put together a list of items to be scrapped. Mr. Jeremy Hoffman will be informed that the guard rails can not be included on the purchase of the scrap, and he will be invited to attend the next Council Meeting if he has any issues or would like to adjust his offer to purchase the scrap. It was also discussed that possibly Bill and Scott can haul the items away to be scrapped.

2025 Mercer County Joint Seal Coat Bid: No updates at this time. Youngblood Paving will contact us when they will be completing the work at Penn Ave. The dates for the work to be done are between June 2nd and August 29th.

Penn Ave Update: A grass letter was sent to the property owners at 9 Penn Ave. The property owner did come and cut some of the grass. It was not completed. The grass will be completed by our Streets Department. Also discussed was the condition of the home and the court date. Attorney Tesone will be updated at Tuesdays Council Meeting so that going forward everything will be in order.

Property Maintenance: Non – Compliance: The property on Main Street was discussed. The garbage container will need to be removed. It is sitting on top of a sewer grate. The owner will

need to be notified to have it moved. Other issues discussed: There is a power line down in the alley way. Council believes it to be a hot wire. It will need to be secured properly. Other items discussed is the condition of the buildings. Children have been seen playing in the area. There of concerns due to windows not properly closed and the overall condition of the buildings. A non-compliance will be sent to Richardson Inspection.

New Phone System in Office and Internet at the North Street Pump Station: Secretary Paula Luca updated Council that Internet will be installed at the North Street Pump Station. This is necessary so that Eric Davis can hook up the computer and the Borough will begin again to get the trends and totals for the North Street Pump Station. The Verizon and AT&T Phone accounts will be cancelled for the pump station due to no longer needing them. Charter Communications offered a bundle deal with the internet to update all phones in the Borough Office, Mayors Office, and the Fire Department. This bundle will lower the cost of the monthly Charter Communication Account.

Secretary Paula Luca put in for a person day for Friday June 20th.

Additional Information:

Signs: The intersection of Erie Street and Garfield Street were discussed. Added to the Council Meeting will be the discussion to purchase yield to pedestrian in cross walk signs. Mr. Lark suggested that the lines be repainted and not wait till school is ready to start. Also, a no parking in Alley Way Sign or Paint Stripes in that area.

Council was updated that the last day for Fact Finding in the Sewer Authority Arbitration Case is June 16· 2025.

Information Item: Mr. Novak updated Council: The push button lock located at the front of the building was not working properly. NC Lock & Key was contacted for repair.