

**West Middlesex Borough
Council Meeting
June 17, 2025**

Call to Order: The West Middlesex Borough Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Borough President Mr. Tim Webster

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: President Mr. Tim Webster conducted the meeting, Vice President: Mr. Robert Lark arrived late, Mr. William Novak, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mr. Dennis Bollinger. Absent: 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, Ms. Barb Lindsay, Mr. Seth Anthony, Mrs. Newton

Public Comments: Ms. Barb Lindsay brought to the attention of the Council that the new paved road next to her home is higher than her sidewalks. Mr. Novak added that there is also an issue with the roads and the connection to private businesses.

Mr. Webster Updated all that an Executive Session was held on Wednesday June 11th concerning upcoming negotiations.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Rankin, and seconded by Mr. Bollinger to accept the Minutes from the May 7, 2025 work session Meeting and the May 13, 2025 Council Meeting. Mr. Novak abstained because he was not at the Work Session Meeting. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Police Department Report: Chief Newton read the Police Report for the Month of May. Mr. Webster asked Chief Newton a question in connection with the notice that was posed on the Shenango TWP Facebook page posted on May 22nd. It was concerning the kids with weapons. Because it involved both communities, Mr. Webster asked if going forward could the Borough be notified directly, so the information can be shared on the Borough FB page also and with our Residents. Mr. Webster also asked Chief Newton a question concerning 4 wheelers on the sidewalks. Is it legal. Chief Newton said it is not legal. He explained that he was presented with a question from a resident if 4 wheelers were allowed to be driven on Sidewalks. Chief Newton reported he did not receive any calls with this concern. Mr. Novak asked about the Shots fired in the report. Chief Newton replied that there is not report filled.

Fire Department Report: Chief Garret read the Fire report for the April and May.

Treasurer's Financial Report: A motion was made by Mr. Lark to accept the Treasurers Report and to pay the monthly bills, seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Street Department Report: Senior Laborer Mr. Bill Schwartz updated council on Garfield Street, and Chestnut Street.

LSWM Pool Committee Report: Mr. Lark Updated Council: The pool is open. The new heater is working well. The pool average of attendance is 52 people a day.

Storm Sewers: A Motion was made by Mr. Novak, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger to Jet the Lines and Trace the lines on Garfield Street, and also the two-man holes on Chestnut. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried. Bill will work with Seth Anthony on Monday and Tuesday.

West Middlesex Estates: A letter will be sent to the owners of the issues that are happening at the park, with an explanation that the lines to the pump station are the responsibility of the owners. The Manager at the Park will be notified of the tree removal.

Mr. Webster explained to all that there are three items to be voted on in connection with the purchase of the New Wet Well purchase for West Middlesex Estates

1. **Pump Station Wet Well:** We received one bid from a Costar Company: Trombold Equipment. The total amount is \$73,649.00. Once Paid and ordered there is a 5 week turn around to have the devise built and delivered.

Mr. Bollinger addressed the Council with concerns of a maintenance agreement that would cover issues that are more than normal use. Attorney Tesone added that it is the Borough Responsibility to process the Sewer.

Mr. Lark made a motion to Purchase the New Wet Well from Trombold Equipment Company for the amount of \$73,649.00. Seconded by Mr. Webster.

Questions: Mr. Bollinger asked is there any way to monitor the usage of the pump? Attorney Tesone suggest the lines will need to be inspected. Possible dye testing.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Webster: Yes

Mr. Lark: Yes

Mr. Novak: No

Mr. Rankin: Yes

Mr. Bollinger: Yes

Motion Carried.

2. **Excavation and Installation of the wet well :** Mr. Webster read a letter received from the Borough Engineers, GPI with an approval of the Bid that was received. The Borough reached out for 3 telephonic bids. The three companies are: McLallen Construction,

Shoman Excavating and TRU Plumbing. The Borough only received one bid on June 5, 2025 from TRU Plumbing Company in the amount of \$22,600.

Mr. Lark made a Motion to accept and award the Bid to TRU Plumbing Company for the Excavation and Installation of the Wet Well.

Mr. Novak asked a question why GPI did not reach out to a Local Company for a telephonic Bid? Mr. Webster answered that is a question for GPI. But he did add that GPI does business with all of the companies for this type of work. Mr. Novak asked a second question: Why was a special meeting held on June 5th at 3:30. He questioned why a public meeting was held when it is not needed to open telephonic bids. Mr. Webster did agree that you do not have to hold a public meeting to open telephonic bids, but following the advice of Attorney Tesone, it would be better to do it in a public meeting. A public meeting was advertised, the meeting was held, and the bids were accepted. Mr. Novak added that we spent money on advertisement for the special meeting, our solicitors time and our engineer's time. How much is this going to cost the Borough? Mr. Novak addressed issues with Attorney Tesone. Mr. Webster brought the meeting back to order. Mr. Webster addressed Mr. Novak that he is correct, it did not have to be done at an advertised public meeting, however it is allowed to do it that way.

Mr. Webster asked if we have a second to the Motion from Mr. Lark to award the Bid to TRU Plumbing, Mr. Bollinger seconded the Motion. No Questions.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Webster Yes

Mr. Lark: Yes

Mr. Novak: No

Mr. Ranking: Yes

Mr. Bollinger: Yes

Motion Carried.

3. **Tree Removal:** Mr. Lark asked Bill Schwartz if he knew of the three companies. Bill answered he knew all three companies. All three were very good companies. The three bids received are:

1. Penn West Tree Service: \$3500.00
2. Gerasimek Tree Removal: \$2350.00
3. Richardson Tree and Landscape: \$5289.90

Mr. Lark made a Motion to award the bid to Gerasimek Tree Removal Company in the amount of \$2350.00, Seconded by Mr. Webster. The Manager Mrs. Shephard will be notified. No Questions: All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Scrap at Pump House: This item was moved up on the agenda, due to the gentleman that is interested in the scrap to be purchased is present but will need to leave to go back to work. Mr.

Webster read the proposal received from Jeremy Hoffman for the purchase of the scrap. Mr. Hoffman said he actually is only interested in the playground equipment. Mr. Webster told him the Borough is not interested in selling the guard rails. Bill will make a list of all of the items and if interested, he can update his proposal, and it will be voted on at the next council meeting.

Zoning Ordinance Skilled Games: The Ordinance was updated following the advice received from Regional Planning. A public hearing will need to be advertised 2 times for the public hearing. The public hearing will be held before the July Council Meeting on the 15th at 5:45. The regular Council Meeting will be held directly after the Public Hearing, and the Council will vote on the Zoning Ordinance. Attorney Tesone will do all of the necessary legal actions needed. Mr. Novak made a motion to advertise for the Public Hearing for the adoption for the Ordinance, Seconded by Mr. Lark. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Property Maintenance Penn Ave: Mr. Novak updated Council that Mr. Richardson sent a check list of items that need to be completed in the legal process. Mr. Novak updated everyone that Mr. Richardson informed him that Mr. Braho did not appeal the demolition order. They are objecting to the violation code that was just issued. Mr. Novak made a motion to move forward on the Municipal Guide checklist of items so the process will be followed correctly, Seconded by Mr. Webster. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried. Questions were asked by Mrs. and Chief Newton. Attorney Tesone suggest that Mr. Richardson will be asked to attend the next meeting to answer all questions. Attorney Tesone will reach out to Mr. Richardson also to discuss the situation.

Property Maintenance Main Street: Council discussed the situation of the three building on Main Street. There is a concern. A letter will be sent to Mr. Richardson for a non-compliance inspection request. Also, a letter will be sent to the property owner concerning the trash container sitting on top of the sewer cover that will need to be moved.

Signs: Bill is to get a list of prices for the signs for Garfield and Erie Street. And the No Parking in front of Alleys.

Pennsylvania Public Utility Notice: Bill was able to take a course and the fines have been dropped.

Mr. Lark made a motion to Adjourn, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Adjournment: 7:48 pm

Council went into an Executive Session for Legal Actions and Contract Negotiations.