

**West Middlesex Borough  
Council Meeting  
July 15, 2025**

**Call to Order:** The West Middlesex Borough Council was called to order at 6:35 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, Mr. William Novak, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mr. Dennis Bollinger, Mayor Stacey Curry.

**Others Present:** Solicitor: Attorney Robert Tesone, Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, Mr. Jerry Sardedeler, Michael Saadeh, Bill Schwartz, Jim Sanderbeck, Ester Sanderback, Ray Lucich, Bob Hazlet, Police Chief Jason Newton, Fire Chief Rich Garrett, Mr. Jeff Richardson, Barb Lindsay, Mrs. Roman, Mrs. Fulford, Thelma Barnes, Pam Mickey, Michael Confer and Tina Adkins, Mrs. Debbie LaRouche, Mr. Mario LaRouche.

An Executive Session was held on June 17<sup>th</sup> for Contact Negotiation.

**Public Comments:**

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Lark, and seconded by Mr. Bollinger to accept the Minutes from the June 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 Special Meeting, June 11, 2025 Work Session Meeting, and June 17, 2025 Council Meeting. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

**Police Department Report:** Chief Newton Read the Police Report. Chief Newton presented a question to the Council: He stated that he has been told that the Borough of West Middlesex has reached out to other communities for a request for proposal for Police Service. Mr. Webster explained that is why Executive Session have been held because the Council is aware the contract is due to expire, and as a Council they are doing their due diligence to inquire on all options. Chief Newton asked why Shenango Twp. did not receive a request for proposal? Mayor Stacey Curry explained that after the DCED Study, they recommended that the Council explore all of the options. Due to the fact that the Police coverage is over 40% of the Budget, it was recommended that the council explore all options. Mr. Webster stated that we have not reached out to Shenango Twp as of yet because it is still early in the process. But we can. Chief Newton said they will be starting the Budget soon. Mr. Webster asked when he will start working on the Budget? Mr. Webster added we will get a letter to Shenango Twp. Mr. Novak added that this is a new Council. The only person on the Council that was here at the last negotiation is Mr. Lark. If you feel offended that we did not reach out to you first, it was not our attend to offend you. It is just the processes this Council chose to follow. Mr. Novak added that with our Union Contract for our employees, the Union reached out to the Borough. So, it was the Council understanding that Shenango Twp. Would be reaching out to the Council for the Police Coverage.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Garrett Read the Police Report.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** A Motion was made by Mr. Lark and seconded by Mr. Novak to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

**Ordinance 1 of 2025: Amendments to the West Middlesex Borough Zoning Ordinance and the licensing of skill gaming devices.** A motion was made by Mr. Novak to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2025 as written, Seconded by Mr. Webster.

Roll Call:

Mr. Webster: Yes

Mr. Lark: Yes

Mr. Novak: Yes

Mr. Rankin: Yes

Mr. Bollinger: Yes

Motion Carries.

**Main Street Property Maintenance Update:** Mr. Webster updated all that Mr. Richardson has issued a letter suspending any future action until advised by the Borough.

**Penn Ave Property Maintenance:** The Council, Solicitor, Attorney Robert Tesone, and Jeff Richardson from Richardson Inspection broke into an Executive Session to discuss the Penn Ave., Property Maintenance.

***Council, Attorney Tesone, and Mr. Richardson returned from Executive Session.***

**Public Comments:** Mr. Webster allowed comments from Michael Confer and Tina Adkins. They were not aware that they should have addressed Council in the beginning of the meeting. They contacted Mr. Richardson and had a report done on the rental property that they live. They were asked to bring a copy of the report to the office.

**Garfield Street Storm Sewer Project:** Mr. Novak asked Senior Laborer what is the quote for the pipe: \$7400 for 30-inch pipe and \$4800 for 24-inch pipe. Mr. Webster said we do have another option to look into.

**Chestnut Street Storm Sewer Project:** The ditch on Rt 18 needs dug out. There is a lot of stone in the ditch. Mr. Lark stated that PennDOT said it is the Borough responsibility. Mr. Webster suggest that we reach out to PennDOT so they are aware if we move forward to dig. Mr. Bollinger is willing to use his machine and time to dig out the ditch. But PennDOT will need to be notified and the resident will need to be notified.

**Hogback Run: Haywood Street Maintenance:** Mr. Bollinger spoke with the Army Corps of Engineers. If we need to take anything out of the creek, we will need a permit. We are allowed to go and maintain the banks.

**West Middlesex Estates Sanitary Sewer Update:** Tree is down. Mr. Novak feels since the pipe near the tree was repaired, there does not seem to be as much water getting into the lines.

**Update on Penn Ave. Road Project:** Youngblood will be starting the project tomorrow if no rain, or Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Council Approval for Grant Application: Mercer County Regional Planning Grant**

**Program:** Mr. Lark made a Motion to apply for the grant, Seconded by Mr. Novak. The deadline to apply is August 19<sup>th</sup>. All in Favor, No opposed. Motion Carries.

**Bruce & Merrilees:** Mr. Lark made a motion to check with the Insurance Company, Check with PennDOT, and if able to according to Insurance company we need to pay the invoice. Seconded by Mr. Bollinger, All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

**Zoning Hearing Update:** Mr. Lark updated Council on the outcome of the Zoning Hearing. The appeal was approved by the Zoning Hearing Board.

**LSWM Pool Update:** Mr. Lark passed out reports on the pool, and updated Council. Mayor Stacey Curry informed the Council that on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Shenango Township Supervisors, sent out a letter stating that Shenango Township will no longer be a part of the operation of the Lackawannock, Shenango and West Middlesex Swimming Pool in 2026.

**Mercer County Animal Shelter Golf Scramble:** Mr. Rankin updated all that on July 19<sup>th</sup> at Shenango Lakes Gold Course they will be holding a scramble fundraiser. Mayor Stacey will make a basket to be donated for the basket raffle on behalf of the Borough of West Middlesex.

A Motion was made by Mr. Novak to adjourn, and seconded by Mr. Rankin. All in favor, No opposed. Motion Carries.

**Adjournment:** 8:08pm