

**Minutes
West Middlesex Borough
Council Meeting
December 16, 2025
6:30 pm**

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, Mr. William Novak, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mayor Stacey Curry. Absent: Mr. Dennis Bollinger

Others Present: Solicitor Attorney Robert Tesone, Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, Keiuffer Ritter, Ray Lucich, Barb Lindsay, Thelma Barns, Carol & Cindy Smith

Public Comments: Barb Lindsay asked if there is any progress with the Circle K. Mayor Stacey updated all on the situation. The Tax Office is working with their solicitor to try to resolve the issues.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Lark, and seconded by Mr. Novak to accept the Minutes as written from the November 12, 2025 Work Session Meeting, November 18, 2025 Council Meeting, All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Police Department Report: Chief Newton was not present to read the Police Report but did email the report. Council President Tim Webster read the Police Report. Mr. Lark stated that he has spoken to Chief Gatewood from the Farrell Police Department. Mr. Lark delivered a copy of the Borough map that was requested. Chief Gatewood told Mr. Lark that the want to be pro-active and to get off to a great start. They will be visiting local businesses and organization meetings.

Fire Department Report: Chief Garrett was unable to attend the meeting, and there was no Fire Department Report. Mr. Webster thanked the Fire Department publicly for their assistance in the Light Up Night, and Polar Express. He also thanked the Streets Department, and volunteers. Mayor Stacey also thanked Lackawannock Township for allowing the Borough to borrow street signs.

Treasurer's Financial Report: A Thank you to Bark Lindsay for her donation to be used towards a new playground. A Motion was made by Mr. Novak and seconded by Mr. Lark to accept the Treasurer's report and to pay the bills. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

2026 Budget: A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to accept the 2026 Balanced Budget as presented, Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carried.

Tax Resolution 5 of 2025: A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to approve the Tax Resolution 5 of 2025 to keep the Real Estate Tax as is, no increase, Seconded by Mr. Novak.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Tim Webster: Yes

Mr. Robert Lark: Yes

Mr. Bill Novak: Yes

Mr. Robert Rankin: Yes

Mr. Dennis Bollinger: Absent

2026 Re-Organization Meeting: Mr. Webster explained that the rule is to have this meeting on the first Monday of January, unless it is a Holiday. A Motion was made by Mr. Rankin to approve the date January 5, 2026 and to Advertise the meeting in the Herald, Seconded by Mr. Webster. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Up-date on Rt. #18 Bridge over Hogback Run: Mr. Lark gave an update on the last meeting at Regional Planning. He brought up a question if this could be a possible future project. He received a report back that the bridge is fine, and no replacement is scheduled.

Update on the Guttman Property: Mr. Webster updated all that Apex Engineering is currently working with Mr Guttman to clean up the area. The Borough had received a letter requesting permission to pump the treated Water down the sanitary sewer lines. Mr. Lark sent a letter of request for additional information. The Borough is concerned of this treated water causing a problem with the sewer lines and /or the pump station.

Status of the Operation of the Swimming Pool in the Summer of 2026: Mr. Lark gave a copy of the Proposed COG budget to Council. Also, a copy of the proposed COG contract for the operation of the swimming pool for the year 2026. This matter will be discussed more in the new year and addressed by March of 2026. Attorney Tesone has concerns about the contract, because there is no mention of cost in the contract. Mr. Lark also passed out information pertaining to the bucket truck. Mr. Lark also updated all on the Arbitration meetings that have been being held with Shenango Township Municipal Authority.

Draft of proposed Ordinance for Knox Box: Council all received a copy of the proposed Ordinance drafted by Attorney Tesone. This item will be tabled for consideration until the New Year. Attorney Tesone suggest a copy of the Ordinance be given to the Chief also for his opinion.

LSA GRANT: Mr. Webster updated all that the Council did submit a grant application for a side by side vehicle.

Personal Days for Secretary and Senior Laborer: A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to approve the request for personal dates, Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Informational Items: Mr. Webster updated everyone on the work session meeting that was held on the 10th of December. DCED representatives were present to explain information to the Council on the Home Rule Charter. A copy of the hand out will be in the office for residents to read if interested. Mr. Rankin gave a brief update on the Animal Shelter new building. Secretary Paula Luca updated Council of the upcoming Liquid Fuel Audit for the Liquid Fuel year 2024. It will be on Thursday January 8th 2026.

Thank You: Mr. Webster Thanked both Mr. Novak and Mr. Lark for their time on Council.

Adjournment: A Motion was made by Mr. Novak for adjournment, Seconded by Mr. Lark. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried. Adjournment: 7:50 pm