

**MINUTES**  
**West Middlesex Borough**  
**Council Meeting**  
**May 12, 2026**  
**6:30 pm**

**Call to Order:** The West Middlesex Borough Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the Borough Council President, Mr. Tim Webster

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Tim Webster read the Pledge of Public Comments.

**Council Present:** President: Mr. Tim Webster conducted the meeting, Vice-President: Mr. Dennis Bollinger, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mrs. Cristal Bollinger, Mr. Keiuffer Ritter, Mayor Stacey Curry.

**Others Present:** Attorney Tesone, Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, Mr. Harry Kornbau, Carol and Cindy Smith, Mr. David Dye, Chief Erik Gatewood.

**Public Comments:** None

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Bollinger to Accept the Minutes of April 8, 2026 Work Session Meeting, and April 21, 2026 Council Meeting, Seconded by Mr. Ritter, All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

**Police Report:** Chief Gatewood read the Police Report. A complete report was submitted to Council. He also updated Council on an event that was held at the West Middlesex School District. It was in concern with Prom Safety. It was a very successful event. The police will be conducting an after-school event at the Farrell Library, 4 days a week.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Garrett was not able to attend. Mr. Webster read the Fire Report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca read the Treasurers Report. A Motion was made by Mr. Bollinger, to accept the Treasurers report, and pay the bills, Seconded by Mr. Ritter. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carried.

**Street Improvement Project:** Mr. Webster updated Council that the LSA Grant can be used up to 6/30/2028. A request for reimbursement has to be submitted by that date. If more time is needed, a 1-year extension can be requested. To do a street project, we will use the grant money and also payment from the Liquid Fuel account. PennDOT has submitted to the Council a bid package on the street project. With the ADA requirements, the bid package might be higher than Council had hoped. He also stated that Council should expect a 10% over run on a project. A discussion was made to look for possible grant

money for the ADA crosswalks. Buddy, from PennDOT is going to inquire on a different type of ADA sidewalks, that may be acceptable for the bid. Mrs. Cristal Bollinger said she will do some research for grants that might be available for the ADA requirements. Mr. Bollinger also informed Council that PennDOT will do the bid package in 3 parts. 1. Erie Street- Main to Walnut, with binders. 2. Walnut Street regular asphalt. 3. Oak Hill Ext. regular asphalt. Once put out for bid, the Council has the rights to accept or reject any part or the entire bid. Mrs. Bollinger made a motion to have Buddy from PennDOT to update the bid package, and to advertise, seconded by Mr. Rankin, All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

**Penn Ave.** Project Update: Mr. Webster asked Attorney Tesone for an update on the process. After the 30 days, the next step will be to proceed with the Court the necessary information. Mr. Webster made a Motion, if everything is in order and they have not appealed, to authorize Attorney Tesone to move proceed forward with the necessary Court filings. Seconded by Mr. Bollinger, All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

**Penn Ave Drainage:** Mr. Webster updated all concerning the pipe at the top of Penn Ave. A grate was fabricated and installed for safety. The grate clogged up after a rain storm, it was taken off. Mr. Webster added, that it will be reinstalled tomorrow. He also explained that there is an issue at the bottom of the hill on Penn Ave. The employees will have to keep an eye on the issues at the bottom and also once the grate is put back up, they will have to maintain the area if there is blockage, to keep the area clear.

**Garfield Street Project:** Quote for In House. A break down was submitted by Mr. Bill Schwartz. Not including the pipe, the in-house expense will be around \$11,500. Mrs. Bollinger added that she would like to look into possible grants to apply for.

**West Middlesex Estates:**

**Cement Pad around the Wet Well:** Mr. Webster informed all that a cement Pad is needed to be installed at the WM Estates. At the Sewer Authority Meeting, the bids were discussed. A Motion was made by Mr. Webster to hire TS Concrete for the Pad at WM Estates, not to exceed \$2,400. Seconded by Mr. Bollinger.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Webster    YES                      Mr. Bollinger:    Yes

Mr. Rankin:    Yes                              Mr. Ritter:        Yes

Mrs. Bollinger: Yes

Motion Carried

**Maintenance Agreement:** A letter had been sent to the owners of WM Estates after the new pump was installed, to have the sewer lateral lines inspected. The inspection has not been completed as of yet. Attorney Tesone informed Council that of an agreement was completed, both parties would have to be in agreement on the terms. He suggested a letter be sent, to put them on notice, that if there is an issue with the new pump, they will be held responsible. Mr. Bollinger is also concerned with the large water usage. The sewer invoice is based on the Monthly Fee and the Debt Service. The property is currently for sale.

**Street Cleaner:** A Motion was made by Mr. Rankin to accept the quote from the City of Farrell to have the street sweeper contracted for up to 8 hours, Seconded by Mr. Ritter, All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

**911 EMS Rotation Update:** Mrs. Bollinger reported that she sent out a questioner to all three companies to compare and to make sure and validate that all three are all equally qualified. She received back from McGonigal, and also Elite. Shenango Twp reached out and will be submitting the information, but has not as of yet. Mrs. Bollinger questioned if they should be given a 10-day request, and if nothing is submitted, possibly taking them off of rotation until it is received. Mr. Webster suggested to reach back out before taking them off of the rotation. Mayor Stacey Curry suggest to reach out to David Garon directly. He is the Director of the EMS. Mr. Webster also suggested, if reaching out again, to have the letter printed on the official Borough Letterhead. So, they are aware it is coming from Borough Council.

**ARLE Grant Application:** The pre application has been submitted. The Borough is waiting on a response on the pre application.

**Red White and Blue Glow Parade:** A Motion was made by Mrs. Bollinger, to submit a Parade Permit on July 3, 2026, with the state time of 8:30 Seconded by Mr. Ritter, All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Bollinger passed out grant information that she had researched online. Some of the Grants do not require any match money. She discussed a Small Water and Sewer Grant. Because this topic was not on the Agenda, the Agenda can be amended to add to the agenda. A Motion was made by Mr. Bollinger to amend the agenda to add: Authorize Mrs. Bollinger to add Grant Application for the small water and sewer grant to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Ritter, all in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carried.

***The Amended Agenda will be placed on the door for Public Review.***

Mr. Bollinger updated council that he is working on the Road Closed Signs. He reached out to Sherwin Williams and they donated the paint and a letter was submitted to Home Depot requesting the donation of the lumber and brackets. Mr. Ritter found signs online.

Mr. Rankin updated Council that he attended the Mercer County Borough Association meeting. He reported it was a very good meeting. The discussion at the meeting was the Mercer County Assessment Project.

Mayor Stacey updated Council that she has made contact with a possible donation for a playground. She also updated Council that the Pool Committee hired a Pool Manager. Also, all of the life guards are in order. All is going well with the Community Pool.

Mr. Webster updated everyone on all upcoming meetings and events.

A Motion was made by Mr. Ranking for Adjournment, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.  
Adjournment: 7:42 pm.