

MINUTES

West Middlesex Borough Council Meeting

August 18, 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, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mrs. Cristal Bollinger, Mr. Keiuffer Ritter, arrived late, Mayor Stacey Curry.

Others Present: Attorney Tesone, Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, Pam Mickley, Cindy and Carol Smith, Thelma Barnes, Darlene Raiti, Mr. Robert Lark, Mr. David Dye, Police Chief Erik Gatewood, Fire Chief Rich Garrett, Mr. Bill Novak

Public Comments: Pam Mickley brought to the attention of Council of a situation: There have been 2 kids riding their E-Bikes in her driveway. She is concerned, if they were to get hurt, would it be her responsibility. She also brought to the attention of Council that a house on Main Street leave their garbage tote at the street all week long. They bring their garbage bags and throw them in the tote, after the garbage truck comes, they do not return them. It is a rental, so she is going to reach out to the property owner. Pam has requested that a reminder be put in the newsletter, on the front page, in hopes that the problem may be resolved. She also commented on the garage on Main & Erie Street. She counted 40 cars on the lot, and 20 on the lot across the street. She feels it is a safety issue and that Council should address the problem.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Rankin to Accept the Minutes of July 8, 2026 Work Session Meeting, July 21st 2026 Council Meeting, Seconded by Mrs. Bollinger, All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Police Report: Chief Gatewood read the Police Report. He also updated Council that Kiwanis Club gave out 40 bike helmet, bikes, and toys. Also, on August 19 from 11am-4pm, the Farrell Police Department will conduct Fill the Cruiser with School Supplies at Wal-Mart. The supplies will be distributed to Farrell School Students, West Middlesex School Students, Zion Church and Crossroads.

Fire Report: Chief Garrett presented Council with the Fire Report. He also reported that the cost to repair the Fire Engine will be \$14,789.12. Mr. Webster Made a Motion to Pay the Invoice once the work is completed, Seconded by Mr. Rankin. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

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

Fill Council Vacancy Seat: Mr. Webster explained to the Council; there are two ways that Council can vote to fill the vacancy. 1. A motion can be made, and get a second. OR 2. Council can just vote on the candidate, who they would like to fill the position. Mrs. Bollinger suggested that it be by a motion and a second then put to the vote. All agreed. Mr. Tim Webster explained to all present how the process has been to fill the vacant seat. An advertisement was placed in the Herald, on FB and in Newsletter. The Borough Council received 3 letters of intent. Mrs. Darlene Raiti, Mrs. Cindy Smith, and Mr. Robert Lark. Mr. Webster read to all present all three letters of intent. At this time, it was open for a Motion from Council Members. Mrs. Bollinger made a Motion to appoint Ms. Cindy Smith to fill the vacancy. The Motion did not receive a Second. The Motion Dies. Mr. Webster made a motion to appoint Mr. Robert Lark to fill the vacancy, Mr. Ritter Seconded the Motion. A Roll Call was taken: Mr. Webster: YES, Mr. Rankin: YES, Mrs. Bollinger: YES, Mr. Ritter: YES. Motion Carried. Attorney Tesone Read the Oath of Office, and Mr. Lark was sworn in. The term will be valid until December 31st 2027. At this time, Mr. Robert Lark moved and joined in the Borough Council seating. Mr. Webster read Resolution 5 of 2026, To Appoint a Successor to the Vacancy Existing on the Borough Council. A Motion was made by Mrs. Bollinger to enact Resolution 5 of 2026, Seconded by Mr. Webster. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried. Mr. Robert Lark abstained from the vote.

Daman Industries: Maintenance at North Street Pump House. Mr. Webster explained all of the Maintenance that needed to be done at the North Street Pump Station. A Motion was made by Mrs. Bollinger to pay Damain for the packing at the North Street Pump Station, Seconded by Mr. Ritter, All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried. Mr. Bollinger added that when they were doing the packing, they discovered another issue with the coupling. Daman will need to come back to do the repair. Bill is to reach out to Daman Industries for a quote on the cost of the repair.

Garfield Street Ext. Stormwater Project: Mr. Webster updated all on the project. Because the property owner would like the location of the pipe moved when it is being replaced, the construction will be disturbing new land, so the proper permitting will need to be acquired.

Stormwater capital Improvement and Grant Strategy: Due to the deadlines approaching fast, it was decided that we reach out to Mary Ammann from the DCED to work with us going forward to get organized for next year. Mr. Webster added we need to research information for Handi-Cap Grants for the intersections that need updated.

Visit Mercer County PA Grant Information: Mayor Stacey updated all that she would like to apply for a grant to update and repair the Gazabo Park. From her calculations, she believes the

repairs will be approximately \$17,000. It is a 25% match grant. Mrs. Bollinger made a motion for Mayor Stacey to move forward and apply for the grant, Seconded by Mr. Ritter. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Safety Bollards for Municipal Building: There is a bollard that is down in the front parking lot of the Fire Hall. Mr. Rankin reviewed the specifications with Council to replace it. The cost of a new one, would be \$145 plus delivery. Mr. Garrett suggested that the bollard that is being looked at, would be destroyed if hit by a fire truck. Mr. Webster suggest that we look into other options.

School Zone Special Warning Signs: The application was completed and if approved, will be submitted to PennDOT. A Motion was made by Mr. Rankin, to sign and submit the application, Seconded by Mr. Ritter, All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Security Cameras at Gazabo, Walnut Street Garage, and Kiwanis Park: The Council needs to decide how many cameras are needed, what type would work best, possibly solar powered. More information is needed before the Council can make a decision on what to purchase. Council will need a cost of what is needed. More research needs to be completed.

Fall Leadership Conference: Pennsylvania Borough Association- Erie Pa: Mr. Webster made a Motion to send 1 person for the Saturday Session of the Conference in Erie PA, Seconded by Mrs. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Trick or Treat Hours: A Motion was made by Mrs. Bollinger to set the Trick or Treat Hours: October 31st from 4:00 pm-to 6:00 pm. Seconded by Mr. Ritter. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Street Project Update: The project is to begin tomorrow, August 19th. It should take one to two days. Mr. Webster updated all that the Pool Committee will also have the parking lot of the pool completed. The Pool Committee will be responsible to pay for that project. The Borough will not be paying for the Pool Parking Lot.

Penn Ave Update: There is no update at this time.

Skilled Games Update: Mr. Webster updated all on the Skilled Games Applications. At this time, the Supreme Court has given the legislators 4 months to report how the State will handle the situation. The Council is waiting to get the report from the legislators.

Tentative Agreement with Shenango TWP. Municipal Authority Update: Mr. Webster updated all that the WM Borough Council and the WM Sewer Authority has already voted in favor of the agreement. Shenango Township Municipal Authority is scheduled to vote at their meeting tonight. If they also pass the agreement, the agreement will avoid future arbitration.

Adopt a Bank Resolution changing the Authorized Signatures: Currently there are 4 people who have the authority to sign checks for the Borough. It takes two signatures on each check.

Because Mr. Bollinger has stepped down from Council, he will need to be replaced. Mr. Webster made a motion to remove Mr. Bollinger and add Mr. Lark to join Paula Luca and Mr. Webster, and Mr. Rankin, Seconded by Mrs. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried. Mr. Lark abstained from the vote.

Re-Organization Council Committee's:

Vice President: Mr. Webster Nominated Mr. Rankin to Vice President. Seconded by Mr. Lark. Mr. Rankin Accepts the Nomination. Roll Call: Mr. Webster: YES., Mr. Ritter: YES, Mr. Lark: YES, Mrs. Bollinger: YES. Motion Carried.

Pro-Tem: Mr. Lark Nominates Mr. Ritter, Seconded by Mr. Webster. Mr. Ritter Accepts the Nomination. Roll Call: Mr. Webster: YES, Mr. Rankin: YES, Mr. Lark: YES, Mrs. Bollinger: YES. Motion Carried.

Council Committees- Changed Committees: Streets and Highway Committees: Mr. Rankin & Mr. Ritter. Building and Maintenance: Mr. Rankin & Mr. Ritter. Office & Finance Committee: Mr. Webster & Mr. Lark Mercer County Regional Planning Board: Mr. Lark & Mr. Webster, Parks & Recreation: Mayor Stacey Curry, and Mr. Lark, Grievance/Negotiations Committee: Mr. Rankin & Mr. Ritter.

Mr. Webster informed all on the upcoming Events and Meetings.

Executive Session: The Council went into an Executive Session for Legal Issues.

Adjournment