

Minutes
West Middlesex Borough

Council Meeting

February 18, 2025

6:30 pm

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: President: Mr. Tim Webster, Vice President: Mr. Robert Lark, Mr. Bill Novak, Mr. Robert Rankin, & Mayor Stacey Curry. Absent: Mr. Dennis Bollinger

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, Streets Department Senior Laborer Bill Schwartz, Police Chief Jason Newton, Fire Chief Rich Garrett, Mr. Ray Lucich. Mr. Harry Kornbau, Attorney Tesone arrived late.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Lark, to Accept the Minutes for January 8, 2025 Work Shop Meeting, and January 14, 2025 Council Meeting, Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Police Report: Chief Newton read the Police Report.

Fire Department Report: Chief Garrett read the Fire Department Report.

Treasurer's Report: Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca read the Treasurers Report. A motion was made by Mr. Lark to accept the Treasurers Report, Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Department of Environmental Protection Report: A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to accept the DEP Report, Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries. Council will need to reply to the DEP a response withing 30 days.

William Schwarts Sewer Operator Certification Exam: A Motion was made by Mr. Rankin, to register Bill Schwarts to take the course and exam for certification. Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed, Morion Carries.

Seal Coating of Streets: A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to join the Mercer County Joint Seal Coat Bid Program. Seconded my Mr. Rankin. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Resolution 1 of 2025: A Motion was made by Mr. Rankin to adopt the Mercer County Joint Seal Coat Bid Program and Designate Representatives voting Delegates, Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

Real Estate 2024 Tax Over Payment: A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to issue a refund for the Overpayment of Real Estate Tax in the amount of \$78.92. Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries.

South Street Property Rental/Reduction in Sewer demands Units: Streets Department Senior Laborer will inspect the location to confirm disconnection and the sewer line capped. A motion was made by Mr. Novak, once inspected, for the reduction in Sewer Demand Units, Seconded by Mr. Lark. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carries. Mr. Lark also added there is a fee for reconnection.

Selling of Brush Truck: Mr. Novak presented to Council, The WM VFD would like to sell the Brush Truck and requesting the money received in the sell be used towards the cost to raise the roof in the garage. Mr. Webster asked what amount they felt the truck was worth. The Truck is a 77 GMC $\frac{3}{4}$ Ton. Classic 20,000 miles. It is not sure what the value of the truck is. Mr. Webster stated that it is the Borough Truck. Mr. Webster added it is up to the Council how the money would be dispensed. He feels, if the money is split 50/50 then both are ahead. No One from Council added an opinion. Mr. Novak added that if the money is used towards the raising of the roof, then the Borough would benefit because the building will be worth more. The raising of the roof will add value to the building. Mayor Stacey felt that 50/50 would be a good deal for everyone based on the value of the truck. It is estimated the cost of raising the roof is \$25,000. Mr. Webster feels that because we do not know the value of the truck, that is the issue. Mr. Webster requested a Motion. Mr. Novak made a Motion to sell the Brush Truck and give the VFD 100% of the money to be used on the raising of the roof. Seconded by Mr. Rankin. A roll call was taken.

Roll Call:

Mr. Webster Yes

Mr. Lark: Yes

Mr. Novak: Yes

Mr. Rankin: Yes

Motion Carries

Reminder Information Items: Inventory List of the garage items was presented by Bill. It is about 70% complete. He will continue working on it. Mr. Novak thanked him, and added, he has been asking since he started on Council for this list. Mr. Lark is working on the Quilt Project. A reminder on the upcoming court dates.

Attorney Tesone updated Council on the status on the easement for the WM Estates. He is waiting for more information from GPI. He also asked Council about the status of Sharp Collection. Mr. Webster added that nothing has been finalized on that issue.

Adjournment: Mr. Novak made a Motion for Adjournment, Seconded by Mr. Lark. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carries. Adjournment: 7:20 pm

Executive Session: The Council went into an Executive Session for Negotiations.