

**West Middlesex Borough  
Work Session Meeting  
November 12, 2025  
6:30 pm**

**Call to Order:** The West Middlesex Borough Work Session meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by the Borough Council Vice President Mr. Robert Lark

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Present:** Vice-President Mr. Robert Lark conducted the meeting, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mr. Dennis Bollinger, Mr. Bill Novak, Mayor Stacey Curry. Absent: President Mr. Tim Webster.

**Others Present:** Secretary/Treasurer: Paula Luca, Streets Department Senior Laborer: Mr. Willaim Schwartz, Mr. Greg Cromer, Mrs. Cristal Bollinger, Mr. Keiuffer Ritter.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Greg Cromer from Aerial Photography showed everyone a large aerial photograph taken of the Borough of West Middlesex. He presented a price list. Mr. Lark personally purchased the large framed print to hang in the Community Hall.

**Street Department Report:** Street Dept. Senior Laborer, Bill Schwartz updated Council on an issue at Campbells Pump Station. He has reached out to Eric from Advanced Industrial Solutions. It has been determined, that the Alternator Switch needs replaced. He believes that the repair will be approximately around \$300 plus time and labor. North Street Pump Station: The lager that records the numbers is working, but the numbers are not getting recorded. Eric Davis believes it is an issue with the reader in the basement. The computer should be fine, it is new. Eric is currently working to resolve the problem. Heaters for the Garage and the North Street Pump Station: The heaters have previously been voted on and approved to purchase the needed heaters. Mr. Bollinger asked Bill to order the heaters so they can be installed before the cold weather. The New Fittings for the Dump Truck salter that are needed, will be around \$100. He will order and install. The Bucket truck has been postponed due to the weather, until Friday. Mr. Bollinger asked a question concerning the notifications from 911 to have Scott go out if needed to clear the roads of snow. Mr. Novak updated Council: Over the past 10 years, when Shenango Twp would call 911, they would call for the Township and the Borough both to be called out. However, for the last snow fall 2 days ago, when Shenango Twp. called 911, they did not include West Middlesex. Mayor Stacey called 911 to confirm if they called and just did not include West Middlesex. 911 confirmed, they did call for Shenango Twp, but did not have 911 to notify the Borough. Scott Haddox ended up just going out on his own when he saw the weather conditions. Mayor Stacey feels the Borough does need to come up with a plan of action if the Police Dept of Shenango will not be including the Borough. Bill Schwartz asked what should be done with Kiwanis Park for the winter. Mayor Stacey said it should be closed and locked. We will call Prestige to stop the cleaning service for the restroom, until the spring, when the park reopens. Mayor Stacey brought to the attention of the Council some of the picnic tables at the park are going to need to possibly be repaired. Mayor Stacey also updated Council that there was an issue with kids breaking into the pool, and also causing issues in the salt bin at the Borough Garage. The Police were notified. Mayor Stacey asked Bill Schwartz if bales of hay can be stored in the back of the garage covered storage area so we will have it in the spring for the garden. Bill will pick up from Jones Performance.

**Grants:** Paula updated everyone on the status of the LSA Grant that the Borough applied for last year. They are to award the grants at the next meeting, on Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup>. If the Borough does not get awarded the grant request for the street project, it can be resubmitted again for the next year if the Borough chooses to

do so. If the Borough decides to submit the grant again, a new resolution will need to be done. Also quotes received from M&R for the side-by-side and back hoe were presented to the Council. If the Council decides to submit for the machinery, an Ordinance will be needed for that grant application also.

**Sewer Authority:** Mr. Lark updated council on the Right to Know request form that he received concerning information related to the operation of the West Middlesex Sanitary Sewer Authority. Mr. Lark will be issuing a response to be submitted, and Secretary Paula Luca will reach out to Solicitor Tesone for legal advice on sending the requested information. Mr. Lark also discussed the Debt Fee of \$27.40 that is currently a part of the sewer billing. Once that phase of the loan is completed in 2029, that will need to be done and or adjusted going forward based on the new loan debt for the Capital Improvements completed at the Shenango Twp. Authority plant. Mr. Lark also informed the Council of the history of the sewer system.

**Budget:** Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca presented council members a copy of the Budget to date. There was discussion concerning the Per Capita Tax. The County no longer collect Per Capita. There was talk of possibly raising it. It will be discussed more at the Council meeting on Tuesday. Council will all review the budget and it will be discussed in more detail at the Council Meeting on Tuesday. The proposed budget once accepted will be advertised to be on display. The final vote of the 2026 Budget will be done at the December 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**The Executive Session** was moved up on the agenda. The Work Session Meeting resumed after the executive session was complete.

**Review of the proposed written Legal Agreement** between the City of Farrell and the Borough of West Middlesex for Police Coverage beginning 2026. Council received a copy of the proposed written agreement. It will be reviewed by all, and will be placed on the Agenda for the Council Meeting on Tuesday for the Council Vote.

**Review of the Tentative Agreed to Items for the Borough of West Middlesex Employee's.** Mr. Novak went over the tentative agreement for the Employee Union Contract. It will be included on the agenda of the Council Meeting on Tuesday for final discussion and the Council Vote.

**Upcoming Events:** Mr. Lark updated everyone on the upcoming events in the Borough. The Holiday Lights Parade, and the W M Express.

**Adjournment** Executive Session: Personnel Matters – Moved up in the agenda.