

**Minutes
West Middlesex Borough
Council Meeting
November 18, 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, Mr. Dennis Bollinger, Mayor Stacey Curry.

Others Present: Solicitor Attorney Robert Tesone, Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, Cristal Bollinger, Keiuffer Ritter, Joey Brandt, Ray Lucich, Mr. Harry Kornbau, Dalene Raiti, Thelma Barnes, Carol and Cindi Smith, Mr. David Dye from the Herald

An Executive Session was held on November 12, 2025 for personnel reasons.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Lark, and seconded by Mr. Bollinger to accept the Minutes from the October 8, 2025 Work Session Meeting, October 14, 2025 Council Meeting, October 21st Council Meeting Recessed from October 14, 2025, and October 24, 2025 Special Council Meeting, Seconded by Mr. Novak, 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.

Fire Department Report: Chief Garrett was not present to read the Fire Department Report, but he did email the report. Council President Tim Webster read the Fire Department Report. Mayor Stacey added a Thank You to the Fire Department for their assistance with Halloween, all Borough activities.

Treasurer's Financial Report: 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.

Street Department Report: No report to be read. The Street Department Report was conducted at the Council Work Session Meeting on Wednesday November 12, 2025.

DCED Grant for 2026: Mr. Webster updated all that last year, November of 2024, the Borough submitted an application for the LSA- Local Shared Account Grant. The grant application was for a street repair project in the amount of \$237,000. He explained the process on this grant application. The application is submitted but not awarded until the following year. The Borough

is currently waiting to hear if the application that was submitted last year in 2024 will be awarded. He also explained that it is recommended that if you are not awarded the grant, to continue to submit a new application each year. Mr. Webster explained that with each grant application that is submitted, a resolution must be passed by Council to submit the grant application. A Motion was made by Mr. Novak to pass a Resolution to apply for a LSA grant, seconded by Mr. Rankin. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Employee Contract: A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to pass Resolution 3 of 2025 for a new Employee Union Contract for the next 4 years. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Police Contract: A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to pass Resolution 2 of 2025 to enter into an Inner- Municipal Agreement with the City of Farrell for a 3 Year Police Contract, Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

General Fund and Sanitary Sewer Budgets: The Council discussed the 2026 proposed Borough Budget. The Per Capita Tax was discussed. It was decided that the Per Capita Tax would stay the same for the Tax year 2026. A Motion was Made by Mr. Lark to accept the 2026 preliminary budget, keeping the tax rate the same at 29.167 with No Tax Increase for the year 2026, Seconded by Mr. Rankin. All in Favor, No Opposed Motion Carried. A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to advertise a Legal Notice to have the 2026 preliminary Budget advertised for public view, seconded by Mr. Rankin, all in favor, no opposed, Motion Carried. The Proposed 2026 Budget will be posted on the Borough bulletin board to be viewed by the public. The final Budget will be on the Agenda for the December 16th, 2025 Council Meeting for Final Approval. It was also discussed, because we will have 2 new members on Council in 2026, the Budget can be reopened in January if they would like to make any changes within the Budget. They would have 30 days to do so. Also, next month, a Resolution will be voted on to not raise the real estate tax in 2026.

Campbells Pump Station: The Council received a quote from Advanced Industrial Solutions for the repair of Campbells Pump Station in the amount of \$950.00. A Motion was made by Mr. Lark to authorize the repair needed, Seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Knox Box: Mr. Novak addressed the Council with information on Knox Box for area Business in case of an emergency. Information was presented to Attorney Tesone to study and review. This item will be on the December Work Session meeting for more discussion.

Update on Sewer Authority Meeting: Mr. Lark presented to Council a list of Tentative 2026 Dates for Sewer Authority Meetings. He also updated Council on the Fee of \$27.40 that is part of the current sewer billing. He spoke about the wet well at WM Estates. The project is completed except for a cement pad. Also, he updated Council of the meeting being held with Shenango Twp., to avoid going to arbitration. Meetings have been held, and he next scheduled meeting is December 1st 2025.

New Business: Mr. Lark made a motion to advertise and change the date of the next work session meeting, to allow time for a presentation from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) on Home Rule, seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried. The advertisement will be sent to the Herald to be published.

Mayor Stacey addressed everyone who was present, concerning the information that has been being discussed concerning Shenango Twp wanting to merge with the Borough of West Middlesex. She stated that there is a lot of mis-information concerning the Police Negotiations being presented on Facebook. She updated all on information that she learned from watching the Shenango Twp. meeting. She asked all residents to come to meetings, and to educate themselves with the correct information. And to be informed if they are approached concerning these issues.

A motion was made by Mr. Lark to adjourn, Seconded by Mr. Novak. All in Favor No Opposed. Motion Carried.

Adjournment: 7:35pm.