

**Minutes  
West Middlesex Borough  
Council Meeting  
January 20, 2026**

**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:** Mr. Tim Webster, Mr. Robert Rankin, Mr. Dennis Bollinger, Mr. Keiuffer Ritter, Mrs. Cristal Bollinger.  
**Absent:** Mayor Stacey Curry, Attorney Robert Tesone

**Others Present:** Secretary/Treasurer Paula Luca, Darlene Raiti, Chief Gatewood, Officer Joey Brandt, Mr. Ray Lucich

**Public Comments:** Council Member Keiuffer Ritter presented a Public Comment on behalf of Resident, Mr. Charlie Hutchinson, who lives on Kiwanis Park Road. He is requesting a possible NO Jake Break Sign be placed on Main Street. Traveling West into town, near Kiwanis Park Road.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Bollinger, and seconded by Mr. Rankin to accept the Minutes as written from the December 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 Work Session Meeting, and December 16, 2025 Council Meeting. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

**Police Report:** Mr. Webster read the Police Report that was received from Shenango Township for the month of December. He also reviewed the Year End Police Report. Mr. Webster also updated everyone that the Borough Council had sent a letter to Chief Newton, requesting the return of the Borough Ordinance Book and the keys to the Red Light. He reported that Chief Newton emailed the Borough back that they have the items, and Mr. Webster will need to set up arrangements to go to the Township Building for the release of the property. Chief Gatewood reported to the Council that at this time, he did not have a report for the Council, but he did want to report an update on the vehicles that have not been moved. Two on Erie Street, and on South Street. The Black SUV on Erie Street is legal, no issues. The car on South Street has been made Street Legal. The 3<sup>rd</sup> car was towed today. They tried to contact the owners with no response.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Garrett introduced himself to Chief Gatewood and Officer Brandt. He then reported to Council that Mr. Luke Lucich is the newly voted Assistant Fire Chief effective this year. Council received a copy of the Fire Report. No question for the Fire Department. Chief Garrett asked Mr. Webster to also request from Shenango Twp Police, the keys for the gates on the VFD property near the Boat Launch. The gates are in the Borough, and he would like to give the keys, once returned, to Chief Gatewood.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** The Treasurers report was read by Treasurer Paula Luca. A motion was made by Mr. Rankin to approve the Treasurer Report and pay the bills, seconded by Mrs. Cristal Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carried.

**Testing of North Street Pump Station:** A Motion was made by Mr. Dennis Bollinger to have the material sent out and tested at the North Street Pump Station for the estimated cost of \$400, Seconded by Mr. Keiuffer Ritter. All in Favor, No Opposed. Motion Carried.

**Update on North Street Pump Station Numbers:** Secretary Paula Luca updated Council that GPI contacted her, and they want to get started on the year-end report as quick as possible since there had been an issue with the North Street Trends and Total numbers. The EDU report and the Campbell & WM Estates totals have been sent. Because the North Street totals are saved in a large file, there is an issue sending the file. Mrs. Cristal Bollinger will stop in the office to assist in sending the files. Paula also updated Council that a report was received from the DEP on the inspection of the North Street Pump Station. No issues were reported, and Mr. Pudlick from the DEP is aware of the issues with the trends and totals.

**Tracer on Electric Lines in Office:** Mr. Dennis Bollinger reported that he has not had an opportunity to do that.

**Town Hall Meeting:** Council has decided to have the Town Hall meeting on Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> with the Work Session Meeting, and will advertise the information in the newsletter.

**Update on Mercer County Joint Bid & Street Project:** Mr. Dennis Bollinger updated Council on the meeting of the Mercer County Joint Bid. It was discussed to look at possibly getting involved in the Joint Bid next year, 2027.

**9 Penn Ave:** Mr. Webster spoke with Attorney Tesone concerning Penn Ave. He asked Attorney Tesone to get everything in order for the next meeting so Council can move forward once everything is in order.

**Letter to Owner of 3153 Main Street:** Mr. Webster gave a copy of the letter concerning the carbon monoxide concerns to the Fire Department for approval, before being mailed to the property owner.

**Community Pool and Playground Act 13 Grant:** Mayor Stacey Curry was absent, but did give an update to Secretary, Paula Luca. She did receive the Sponsorship paperwork for UPMC. She has been sick but will be coming into the office Thursday, if feeling better, to complete the application, and to also work on the Act 13 Grant application.

**Other Business:** Mr. Dennis Bollinger updated Council that he has reached out to PennDOT via email concerning the ditch in front of Chestnut Street, but has not received a reply back. Chief Garrett updated Council on upcoming purchases. The items had been voted on and approved previously.

Mr. Webster updated all on the upcoming meeting dates and times. He also updated Council on the status of the Arbitration with Shenango Twp Municipal Authority.

Mr. Rankin made a Motion to Adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bollinger. All in Favor, No Opposed, Motion Carried.

Adjournment: 7:02 PM