

**WEST MIDDLESEX BOROUGH  
WORK SESSION  
OCTOBER 14, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Present:** President Cyndi Gilkey, Robert Lark, Ron Preston and Mayor Debra Larouche. Vice-President Eric Lucich and Maleia James were absent.

**Others Present:** Ray Lucich

**Executive Session – Litigation**

**Meeting resumed at 6:15 p.m.**

**2020 Budget:** Ms. Gilkey addressed the 2020 Budget Worksheet and asked Council if they would like to set up times to meet. Council discussed that they would try to adopt a tentative Budget in November so that they could adopt the final Budget in December. Council will discuss at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Mr. Lark reminded Council of the meeting with Mrs. Babcock regarding Per Capita Taxes and would like to discuss that with the Budget also. Council talked further.

**Sale of Truck:** Council discussed how to sell the Street Department Truck. Ms. Gilkey spoke of the cost of extensively advertising which would be expensive. Mr. Lark suggested advertising in the Area Shopper and the Herald since advertising in these two papers would appeal to the kind of people who might buy the truck with snow plow and salt spreader. Ms. Gilkey agreed since people with farms would read those. Mr. Lark said places like the Mall would be interested. Ms. Gilkey agreed. Mayor Larouche suggested that Council know the value of the truck and also that someone like Eric Lucich should drive the truck for better information on how the truck performs. Ms. Gilkey asked that Eric Lucich print out what Kelley Blue Book would be for the value of the truck. Ms. Gilkey said they can request bids from the Area Shopper. Council discussed further.

**New Street Department Truck Stickers:** Mr. Lark explained the stickers and said that he is researching the costs. Mr. Preston said Mike Fraley can make the stickers. Council briefly discussed.

**Swimming Pool issues:** Council discussed the property at the Swimming Pool and surrounding areas. Ms. Gilkey read the cost for removal of the trees would be \$2,650.00 from Yanak and also that monies donated from the Wheatland Reconstruction Fund will cover the costs. Council discussed further.

Ms. Gilkey addressed the Mercer County Regional of Government's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony invitation for the new compressed natural gas drilling station on October 28, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. and to please RSVP. Council discussed.

Mayor Larouche asked if there were any thoughts at all on having a Christmas Parade, while not having people coming into the building. She said they could have masks and gloves on. Mr. Preston said he talked with Janet Horgos and she said information based from the Mercer Borough Police Department was that the State will not issue any Parade Permits. Council discussed further along with the current circumstances regarding Co-Vid19.

Mr. Lark said on October 12th the Women's Club had a clean-up at the Cemetery, there were approximately twenty people there and they did a lot of work. Mr. Lark discussed further on the clean-up issues. Council talked further. Mr. Lark said their plan is to come back in the Spring to do another clean-up at the Cemetery in conjunction with Memorial Day. Mr. Lark said on October 24<sup>th</sup> the Women's Club will have an activity at Kiwanis Park for the kids with pumpkin carving, etc. to lead up to Halloween. Mayor Larouche asked that they would reach out to the Fire Department to borrow their sign to place in her yard.

Mr. Lark stated that Veteran's Day is November 11<sup>th</sup> and they need to make some plans sometime between Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving to take the flags down and put the Christmas decorations up. Mr. Lark said he would speak to Bobby Cochran. Mr. Lark said this involves the bucket truck and in conjunction with that, Tri-County Industries are committed on coming on November 6<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> for a Fall clean-up. Mr. Lark suggested in conjunction with them, they could arrange to rent the sweeper from Hermitage to have the streets swept at the same time. Ms. Gilkey agreed.

**Adjournment: 6:30 p.m.**