

**MINUTES
WEST MIDDLESEX BOROUGH
BUDGET MEETING AND SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: President Cyndi Gilkey, Ron Preston, Maleia James, Ron Preston and Mayor Debra Larouche. Vice-President Eric Lucich was not present.

Others Present: Secretary/Treasurer Sandra Ricci.

For the Record: Ms. Gilkey addressed that due to a scheduling conflict with the Women's Club the meeting is being held in the Borough Secretary's Office. Ms. Gilkey asked Mr. Preston if he has checked the Meeting Room for anyone from the public who wishes to be present. Mr. Preston confirmed.

Public Comments: None

Braho property clean up invoice in the amount of \$8,500.00 from Woods Construction: Mr. Preston explained it took five (5) days of clean up and twenty-eight (28) truckloads. Ms. Gilkey said this was very much an encouragement from the public. Mr. Preston made a motion to pay said invoice, seconded by Ms. James. Ms. James said when they had discussed the price it was for \$4,500.00, so that in the future when somebody gives them a bid, they should have to stick to the bid amount. Ms. James explained further how business should be done. Mr. Preston agreed. Ms. Gilkey asked for a Roll Call Vote: Mr. Preston-yes, Ms. James-yes, Ms. Gilkey-yes, and Mr. Lark-yes. Mr. Preston said he contacted three companies for said project by phone which included Sereday's, Lorenzo's and Woods Construction. Mr. Preston said Sereday's does not do that kind of clean up, Lorenzo's was not interested at all and the only one was Woods Construction who expressed any interest. Mr. Preston said when Woods arrived much of the stuff was hidden inside the brush and the trees which was misjudged. Mr. Preston said Woods Construction initially said it would take two to three days in the amount of \$4,000.00-\$5,000.00. Ms. Gilkey said she understood that once you start getting in there, things could change. Mr. Preston said he received three telephone bids with quotes. Mr. Preston said there was no one else to call but that he understands what Ms. James concerns are and he agrees with her.

Ms. Gilkey asked Council's schedule for the Budget reviewal. Council set the recessed date for Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and notice will be placed on the FaceBook page.

Mayor Larouche discussed the concrete in front of the fire department and asked if a fundraiser could be performed to cover the cost of repaving. Council discussed further.

Truck Stickers and Installation Invoice in the amount of \$150.00: Mr. Preston made a motion for payment, seconded by Mr. Lark with all in favor.

Mr. Lark addressed Jeff Richardson's fees and expressed for his office to let Council know the breakdown of the invoices, what they are for and other Zoning issues. Mr. Preston said he would talk to Jeff Richardson tomorrow for clarifications. Council and Mayor Larouche discussed matters further, along with trees at the swimming pool area.

Ms. James suggesting having a voice regarding the Women's Club.

Mr. Lark discussed both Farrell and Greenville Budget increases along with the fire department not merging regarding the 3. mils compared to the 2.5 mils that the fire department receives. Council discussed further.

Meeting Recessed at 6:32 p.m. until Monday, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.: Mr. Preston made the motion, seconded by Ms. Gilkey with all in favor.