

MINUTES WEST MIDDLESEX BOROUGH

WORK SESSION

JANUARY 3, 2022

6:10 p.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Council Present: President Eric Lucich, Vice-President Mike Williams, Pro Tem David Moyer, Robert Lark, William Novak and Mayor Stacey Curry.

Others Present: Sandra Ricci, Secretary/Treasurer, Bobby Cochran, Street Department Senior Laborer, Scott Haddox, Street Department Laborer, Tax Collector Cheryl Babcock, Ray Lucich and Mrs. Barnes.

Tax Collector Cheryl Babcock asked if she could speak, Mr. Lucich confirmed. Mrs. Babcock explained the per capita tax which was usually due in the Spring, but last year it was changed to August instead of March. She said her plan is to again collect the per capita tax in March and she will have more information pertaining to cost of billing by the next meeting. Mrs. Babcock said she would give a printout to Council of her request when she has more information.

Street Department Report: Mr. Cochran said he will have the actual Report for the next Council Meeting. Mr. Cochran explained the need for an extra pump for the Lillibridge Pump Station. He stated prices that he has seen for a new motor would cost \$5,100.00. Mr. Lucich and Mr. Cochran discussed further.

Resignation of Joseph J. Walsh – Sewer Authority Council: Mr. Lucich read a letter from Mr. Walsh requesting his resignation from the Sewer Authority. Mr. Lucich said it would be good to have a replacement before it is accepted and this subject will be on the Agenda on January 18, 2022. Mr. Lark explained what the Sewer Authority Council entails and he said it must exist as long as the debt exists, which runs from late 2028 to early 2029. Mayor Curry asked then after that they would be dissolved? Mr. Lark stated it depends on the situation at that time, because Shenango Township has now given us this additional bill and we have to decide where we're going with that. Mayor Curry thanked Mr. Lark for explaining. Mr. Lark said there are five people on the Board currently, Mr. Walsh is the Junior Member, Tim Webster is the Treasurer, Mr. Lark said he is the Secretary, Mr. Preston is the Chairman and Mayor Larouche is another member. Mr. Lark said they all had rotating turns via years.

2022 TCC Voting Appointment Resolution: Mr. Lark said they have to select someone, although they very rarely meet, which is a function of the County and deals with the taxes. Mr. Lark said each Municipality is supposed to have a Representative to the Mercer County Tax Collection Committee. Mr. Lark said Ms. Gilkey was our Representative. Council discussed who would be the best Representative. Council decided to place this on the Agenda at the next Council Meeting.

Cyber Liability Insurance Quotes: Council discussed the need for Cyber Liability Insurance in case of a Cyber attack, which insurance they had never had before. Mr. Novak asked who handles the website. Ms. Ricci said it is through COG. Mayor Curry said these offers are frequently offered, but that her boss never had this insurance and it is probably not really necessary. Mr. Novak said the only thing was that if they were hosting their own website service, that may be needed through their insurance, but since it's with COG they would probably have something like this in place already. Mr. Lucich said this can be placed on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Curry said she has the keys to the closet door for the safekeeping of the laptop. She had a key for Mr. Lucich and the Fire Department.

Mr. Williams asked if the time of the meetings could be changed to possibly 6:30 p.m. for everyone to be able to attend. Mr. Williams asked for everyone's emails, addresses, etc. Ms. Ricci said she would supply the information. Mr. Williams thanked Mr. Lark for sending him informative information, as did Mr. Moyer and Mr. Novak.

Mayor Curry said she would like to do a Public Relations, Goodwill, Make the Town Nice Project. She said she likes kids and culture and she would like to do an art project possibly once a month for educational purposes with the Mayor. Mayor Curry said she would like to get copies of great works of art from museums all over the world and have an art exhibit for the children. Mayor Curry said since this would be a museum for the town, she would need Council's permission and help and would like this topic to be on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting. Mr. Williams said that was a great idea with the Community and School District.

Adjournment @ 6:42 p.m.