

WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
REORGANIZATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

STEPHEN PRICE
BRIAN CLEMENTS **EDWARD EVANS**
ROBERT FISCHER **JIM SWARTZ**
DAVID LATINO **ROBERT GORDON**
JIM PIERCE

ALSO, PRESENT:

JOHN BUCOLO, SOLICITOR
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
DEBBIE PIERCE, SECRETARY

ABSENT:

GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS
WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE
WILLIAM SCHLICHTER, WBRPD
JARED RENSHAW, Wbfd

VISITORS:

Sandra Drexel, Resident Stitzer Ave.
Linda Bean, E. Wilson Ave.
Roxanne Peters, E. Wilson Ave.
Earl Felty

Edward Evans call the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

E. Evans took nominations for President. R. Fischer made the motion for Stephen Price for President of Borough Council. R. Gordon seconded the motion. E. Evans moved the nominations to be closed. All were in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

E. Evans took nominations for Vice President. R. Gordon made the motion for James Swartz for Vice President of Borough Council. J. Pierce seconded the nomination. E. Evans moved the nominations to be closed. All were in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

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Appointments:

Motion made by B. Clements to reappoint Christopher Yatron to the Municipal Authority (5 years) and to the Robesonia/Wernersville Joint Authority (5 years). R. Fischer seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion made by R. Gordon to reappoint David Latino to the Planning Commission (4 years). R. Fischer seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion made by B. Clements to appoint the following:

Great Valley Consultants: Engineer for the Borough

SSM: Engineer for Planning Commission

Kraft Code Services: Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

John D. Bucolo, Esq.: Solicitor

Herbein & Company: Auditors

Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Motion by J. Swartz to approve the minutes from the December 6th and December 28th meetings. Motion seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Earl Felty expressed his concerns regarding the West Ridge Suites (96 Apartments) which are being proposed to be built by Grande Construction off of Furnace Road. The zoning was changed to R-3 from an R-2. Mr. Felty owns the land which abuts this property and he said he was never notified of this zoning change. The Solicitor and Mr. Kraft are looking into the facts and circumstances related to the adoption of the zoning change and will advise Mr. Felty accordingly.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 96 Calls for the month of November.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 61 Calls, with 2 being in the Borough were reported for the Month of December.

Western Berks Ambulance: None.

Engineer Report: None.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report:

A written report was submitted. 8 Permits were issued. 6 property maintenance issues and 2 zoning issue were handled for the month of December.

Solicitor's Report:

East Norman Street: Petition for Appointment of Board of Viewers for E. Norman St. property owned by Giannotti. There was discussion by S. Drexel, L. Bean & Roxanne Peters regarding this issue. The Solicitor advised Ms. Drexel, Bean and Peters, that if they oppose Mr. Giannotti's proposal to open Norman Street to provide access to his landlocked property, that they should engage private counsel to do so. The Borough has no stake in the dispute, but did observe that the PA Private Road Act, upon which Mr. Giannotti relies, was compromised by a PA Supreme Court case a few years ago such that the purpose of opening the road must be a primarily a public benefit, not just a private benefit to one or more property owners.

Mayor's Report: None.

Council's Report:

B. Clements gave an update on the Stormwater Complaints from residents on East and West Wilson Avenue and North Walnut Street. The Wernersville Municipal Authority added a new sewer line to help the residents who had sewer issues.

Motion by J. Swartz to have Captain Clog televise the pipe at 28 W. Wilson Ave. and Great Valley Consultants to review the Stormwater plans from the development off of Charles Street in Lower Heidelberg Township at a cost not to exceed \$600.00. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

B. Clements reported that the Borough Garage has no heat and asked for a motion to install new gas heaters since this is an emergency. **Motion** by D. Latino to approve the proposal from Michael C. Wall Inc. to install new gas heaters for a cost of \$11,750.00. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 7, 2018, 7:00 pm.

Monthly Bills: Motion made by J. Swartz to approve bill list and bills previously paid to avoid penalty. R. Fischer seconded and carried unanimously.

Balance Sheet: Motion made by J. Swartz to accept the Balance Sheet. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion by B. Clements to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary