

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

JOHN BUCOLO, SOLICITOR
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
DEBBIE PIERCE, SECRETARY
JARED RENSHAW, Wbfd
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE

ABSENT:

GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS

VISITORS:

Vincenzo Giannotti, Norman St.
Shirley Singleton, 118 N. Walnut St.
Robert Rehrer, 200 N. Walnut St.
Amy Kreider, 117 N. Walnut St.
Maggie Cochran, 28 W. Wilson Ave.
Tom & Barbara Shaaber, 25 W. Wilson Ave.
Jeannine Campbell, Wernersville Public Library
Christine Santoro, Wernersville Public Library
Rock Koch, The Cone

S. Price called the Wernersville Borough Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2017 meeting. J. Swartz seconded. S. Price and E. Evans abstained since they did not attend the August meeting.

V. Giannotti: E. Norman Street dead end. Mr. Giannotti inquired about obtaining a right of way to his property located at the dead end of E. Norman Street. Council advised him he needs to contact his lawyer regarding this matter.

The Cone: Rick Koch, the new owner of the Cone, came to introduce himself to the Council.

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Wernersville Public Library: T. Santoro, Librarian and J. Campbell, Library President asked Council if they would consider giving an additional \$2,500 to the Library in 2018. Council said they will take it into consideration as they prepare the 2018 Budget. The Borough already contributes \$10,000 per year. The Borough does not charge the Library rent and also pays the electric and gas.

Flooding & Sewage Issue: Many residents voiced their concerns regarding flooding and back up of sewage in the 100 block of N. Walnut Street and also at 25 & 28 W. Wilson Ave. Council stated that they needed to contact the Wernersville Municipal Authority regarding the sewage issue. As far as the flooding, Council said they will get together with the Borough Engineer, GVC and have a look at our storm sewers to see if there is anything clogged. Also, they will check out if anything is obstructing the flow of water in the swale. Residents might have placed fences, sheds and other items in the easement.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 163 calls were reported in Wernersville for the month of August.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 25 calls were reported in the Borough for August. They responded to over 20 weather related calls in a 3 hour period on 8/18/17, consisting of flooded areas and assisting residents with pumping out basements. Wbfd will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on September 28, 2017 @ 7:00 pm at the Lower Heidelberg Township Building. Public is invited to attend and input, comments and questions are encouraged.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 68 Calls for the Borough for the month of August 2017.

Engineer Report:

None.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report:

A written report was submitted. 3Permits were issued in August. Kraft Code Services dealt with 23 Property Maintenance issues.

Solicitor's Report:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

MMO: Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the 2018 MMO for the Non Uniform Employee Pension. This amount is \$18,714.00. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

Health Insurance: Motion made by J. Pierce to go with our same plan but with a deductible of 4,000/8,000. R. Fischer seconded and carried unanimously.

Rep. Jim Cox: Council approved the use of the Borough Hall for Rep. Jim Cox to hold a Town Hall Meeting on October 19, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

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Next Meeting: October 4, 2017 @ 7:00 pm.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Attest:

Borough Secretary