

WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| BRIAN CLEMENTS | ROBERT FISCHER |
| EDWARD EVANS, MAYOR | JIM PIERCE |
| ROBERT GORDON | JIM SWARTZ |
| STEPHEN PRICE | DAVE LATINO |

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
SCOTT ANDERSON, GVC
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
JEFFREY FUTCHKO, WBRPD
JARED RENSHAW, Wbfd

ABSENT:

None

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. Swartz to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2018 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously. S. Price abstained.

Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2018 Meeting. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously. R. Gordon abstained.

Visitors:

Nicholas French, 139 W. Gaul St.

Thomas Troup, 229 Werner St.

Bill Pfautz, Schlouch Inc. Representing Hearthstone @ South Mountain

Walter Greth, Hearthstone @ South Mountain

Maggie Cochran, 28 W. Wilson Ave.

139 W. Gaul Street: Nick French, property owner, asked Council what was going to happen if residents have sheds and or fences in the easement. Council stated that this would be discussed in Executive Session and that action would be taken. Council invited the residents to stay until the end of the meeting to find out the decision.

229 Werner Street: Thomas Troup, property owner, voiced his concern regarding the trash company placing his trash/recycling bin in the middle of his driveway. The office staff has reported this problem to County Waste several times. The issue seemed to be resolved for a few weeks but then the problem would reoccur. B. Clements stated that he will call Jonas at County Waste to prevent this issue from happening again.

Hearthstone @ South Mountain: Motion made by R. Fischer to approve the eight (8) SALDO waivers requested and grant conditional Preliminary/Final Plan approval contingent upon 1.) Developer will install traffic light at Furnace Rd. and Penn Avenue. and 2.) compliance with the outstanding issues in the November 9, 2019 Borough Planning Commission Engineer (SSM) review letter as recommended by the Planning Commission at its Meeting dated December 12, 2018.

28 West Wilson Avenue: Maggie Cochran, property owner, questioned the status of the proposed Agreement with the Borough allowing connection of the stormwater pipe from her property to the Borough stormwater catch basin at 55 West Gaul Street (Pennypacker property). The Solicitor informed her that he is still waiting to waiting to hear from her attorney about possible changes to the agreement. She then asked Council if there is a Borough easement for a drainage swale in her backyard. Council informed her that the issue was previously researched and determined that the Borough does not have an easement in that area. She expressed further concern about stormwater management issues at her property.

Police Report: Written Report None. Officer J. Futchko reported he had 2 DUI arrests and 1 drug arrest on New Year's Eve.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 43 Calls for the month of December. 0 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: No Report Submitted.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report was submitted. 4 Permits were issued. 5 Property Maintenance Issues and 1 Zoning issue were handled in December.

2019 Building and Zoning Permit Fee Schedule: Motion made by J. Pierce to adopt the 2019 Building and Zoning Permit Fee Schedule. R. Fischer seconded and carried unanimously.

Engineer Report:

West Gaul Street Swale: Scott Anderson from GVC submitted a report showing pictures of sheds and fences that are located in the swale and easement of the West Gaul Street Swale. Discussed further in executive session.

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Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

Phoebe Escrow: Motion by R Fischer to approve the release of the remaining funds to Phoebe and closing of the account. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Comcast Franchise Renewal: Council approved the Solicitor to start the renewal process of our Comcast Franchise Renewal.

Mayor's Report: E. Evans is asking the Borough to consider making East Washington Street from Stitzer Avenue to N. Reber Street, ONE WAY or NO PARKING on the North side. Council stated they will have the Engineer check into this to see what the costs would be for a traffic study to make it ONE WAY.

Council's Report:
None.

Old Business:
None.

New Business:

Reappointments: Motion made by R. Gordon for the following reappointments: Nicholas LaLanne and Michael Palm/Planning Commission for a 4 year term; Troy Smith/Zoning Hearing Board for a 5 year term; Keegan Worley/Wernersville Municipal Authority for a 5 year term. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Reappointments for Professional Services: Motion made by B. Clements for the following reappointments: Michael J. Gombar, Jr., Masano Bradley, Solicitor; Andrew George, Kozloff Stoudt, Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board; Great Valley Consultants, Borough Engineer; SSM, Engineer for the Planning Commission; Kraft Code Services, Zoning and Code Enforcement; Herbein & Company, Auditing Firm. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

West Ridge Suites: Motion made by R. Fischer to extend the review period expiration to April 6, 2019 for the West Ridge Suites Project. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

Monthly Bills: Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the bill list and bills previously paid to avoid penalty. D. Latino seconded. J. Pierce abstained.

Balance Sheet: Motion made by R. Fischer to accept the Balance Sheet. R. Gordon seconded. J. Pierce abstained.

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Executive Session: At 7:50 p.m. we recessed into Executive Session.

General Meeting: At 8:15 p.m. we resumed our regular meeting. Action was taken on the following:

Animal Rescue League: Motion made by R. Gordon to NOT contract with the Animal Rescue League of Berks County to provide animal control services for 2019. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

W. Gaul Street Swale: The Solicitor, the Engineer and Kraft Code Services will look at the sheds that are located on the Easement and report back to Council with their findings of possible areas outside of the drainage swale but within the 30 foot easement area for relocation of sheds. Fences within the easement area WILL have to be removed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

Motion by R. Gordon to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary