

WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

BRIAN CLEMENTS	STEVE PRICE
DAVE LATINO	JIM SWARTZ
ROBERT GORDON	ROBERT FISCHER
JIM PIERCE	

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
KEN FULMER, GVC
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
CHIEF, WILLIAM SCHLICHTER, WBRPD

ABSENT:

EDWARD EVANS (MAYOR)
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE

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

Motion by J. Swartz to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2018 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Margaret Cochran, 28 W. Wilson Ave.
Linda Bean, 57 E. Wilson St.
Leigh-Anne Yacovelli, Wernersville Public Library, Director
Kate Sowers, Board Member Wernersville Public Library
Ryan Giffing, Assistant Superintendent Conrad Weiser School District
Scott Lamm, 206 Beckley Street
Art Bender, 10 W. Lincoln Drive
Robert Rehrer, 200 N. Walnut St.
Chris Stoy, 307 Edison St.
Jason Mensch, 125 W. Gaul St.
John Hoffa, 123 W. Gaul St.
Bonnie J. Bollinger, 11 S. Pearl St.
Geneva Aulenbach, Reading Eagle
Angelo Giannotti, 105 W. Penn Ave

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Wernersville Public Library: Leigh-Anne Yacovelli, Library Director asked Council if they knew what we would be giving the Library in 2019. Council stated that we are working on the 2019 Budget now and it would most likely be the same as last year which was \$12,500.

206 Beckley Street: Scott Lamm informed Borough Council that there is a Storm Drain in the back yard of his property and the neighbor's property, Art Bender, 10 W. Lincoln Drive. Mr. Lamm stated that he had gotten some water in his basement this year. Council said Great Valley Consultants will look into this storm drain to see if it is working.

11 South Pearl Street: Bonnie Bollinger, 11 S. Pearl Street, asked if the Borough was able to determine any information for her regarding the issues involving the paper alley behind her property. The Solicitor informed her that the Borough had not been able to find anything yet but it is still looking. The Solicitor will respond to her in the next few weeks but it appears that this may be a private civil issue involving her and her neighbors.

307 Edison Street: Christopher Stoy is selling his house and he asked Council if his property could be exempt from putting in sidewalk. His house is the last house on Edison Street which is a dead end. Council did exempt the property in February 2012. Council will look into this and report back at November meeting.

105 W. Penn Ave: Angelo Giannotti asked Council for a waiver from installing sidewalk along N. Walnut Street. Council said that Kraft Code Services will take a look at this and report at the November meeting. Since the Solicitor already provided a 30 day notice last month, Council directed the Solicitor to not take any action on that letter until the November meeting.

W. Gaul Street Swale: Several residents (Jason Mensch of 125 Gaul St. and John Hoffa of 123 Gaul St.) were in attendance in response to the letters received regarding the removal of sheds and other structures from the drainage swale behind their properties. The Solicitor informed them that the structures must be removed and relocated. The Borough will waive any permit fees for relocation. If the property owners are unsure if the structure is in the swale area, the Borough will have the Engineer look into the matter.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 134 Calls for the month of September 2018.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 76 Calls for the month of September. 8 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: No Report Submitted.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report was submitted. 4 Permits were issued. 11 Property Maintenance Issues were handled in September.

Engineer Report: Ken Fulmer reported the Wernersville Municipal will be installing temporary flow meters to collect data for a few months to help zero in are where there could be problems.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted. It was also noted that the Easement Agreement from Mrs. Pennypacker at 55 West Gaul Street for the stormwater catch basin has been signed and completed.

Cul-De-Sac Parking Prohibition Ordinance: Motion made by R. Fischer to adopt the No Parking in Cul-D-Sac's. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: None.

Council's Report:

New Plow for Loader: Motion made by B. Clements to purchase a new plow for the Caterpillar Loader not to exceed \$8,800. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Catch Basin @ 55 W. Gaul Street: Motion made by B. Clements to authorize Bertolet Construction to install a lower frame around the catch basin to get it closer to ground lever, not to exceed \$1,500, and allow the Cochrans (28 West Wilson Ave) to connect their private stormwater drainage pipe to the basin provided that it is done at their own cost and they sign the necessary paperwork. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Western Berks Regional Police: J. Pierce reported that the Police Budget is finished and the Borough's Contribution for 2019 will be \$393,556.44. That is an increase of \$4,859.24.4

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Halloween Parade: The Halloween Parade sponsored by the Lion's Club will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 7:30 pm. The parade starts at Furnace Road and proceeds East on Penn Ave to Stitzer Ave. and ends at the Fire Company.

Trick or Treat Night and Curfew: Motion made by J. Pierce to hold trick or treat night on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 6 to 9 pm. Also, curfew will be from 9 pm to 6am from October 19th thru November 4th, 2018. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

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Resolution for Small Borrowing: Motion made by B. Clements to approve borrowing \$115,900 for a Wheel Loader from Customers Bank. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

MMO: Motion made by J. Swartz to accept the 2019 MMO for Non Uniform Pension in the amount of \$19,253. R. Fischer seconded and carried unanimously.

Grande Apartment Project (West Ridge Suites): Motion made by B. Clements granting a 90 day extension for review and decision on the preliminary plan. R. Gordon 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 and carried unanimously.

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

Executive Session: Motion made by J. Swartz to enter into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss litigation matters. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Swartz to end Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

General Meeting: Resumed at 8:20 pm. The following items were discussed:

Trinity Lutheran Church, 130 S. Walnut Street: The church would like to put up a fence for their preschool along the Hill Road side. It would be 13 ft. from the center of the road instead of 25 ft. as the zoning states. They need an exemption. If Council approves, then the Church needs to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement. No Action was taken in order to allow Council and the Code Enforcement officer with additional time to review the matter.

Grande Plan (West Ridge Suites): Motion made by R. Fischer to authorize the Solicitor to send letter to the Zoning Hearing Board stating that Borough Council no longer has any objection to the zoning relief requested by Grande Land, L.P. provided that it submits a revised Land Development Plan that lowers the number of single family dwelling lots on the Felty property to six (6), eliminates the Columbus Street connection, still maintains the Lincoln Drive connection, and increases the Woodland preservation from 30% to 70%, among other things. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 7, 2018.

Motion by J. Pierce to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary