

WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

BRIAN CLEMENTS **ROBERT FISCHER**
EDWARD EVANS, MAYOR **JIM PIERCE**
ROBERT GORDON **JIM SWARTZ**
DAVE LATINO

ALSO, PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

STEPHEN PRICE
JARED RENSHAW, Wbfd

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

Motion by B. Clements to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2018 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Chris Stoy, 307 Edison St.
Whitney M. Brady, 274 E. Penn Ave.

307 Edison Street: Motion made by J. Pierce that sidewalk would have to be installed at 307 Edison Street upon the future transfer of the property (the existing waiver for Mr. Stoy as owner remains in place). B. Clements seconded and carried by a 4-1 vote. R. Gordon voted No.

274 E. Penn Ave: Motion made by J. Pierce to require homeowner to install curb and sidewalk along S. Church Road per Borough standards with the condition that the property owner and Borough engineer will consult with PENNDOT requiring the sidewalk connection to the existing sidewalk on Penn Ave and, if PENNDOT requires a Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP), then the installation of the sidewalk connection is waived due to the economic hardship but, if PENNDOT does NOT require the HOP, then the sidewalk connection at the corner of West Penn Avenue and South Church Road is required to be installed in a manner/location consistent with Borough ordinances and with the approval of the Borough Engineer. R. Fischer seconded and carried unanimously.

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Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 144 Calls for the month of November.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 74 Calls for the month of November. 7 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: No Report Submitted.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report was submitted. 2 Permits were issued. 9 Property Maintenance Issues and 1 Zoning issue were handled in November.

Engineer Report:

Catch Basin at W. Gaul Street and N. Walnut Street (Pennypacker Property 55 W. Gaul St.)

Motion made by D. Latino to rescind the motion made at the October 3, 2018 meeting authorizing Bertolet Construction to do work at the catch basin at 55 W. Gaul St., not to exceed \$1,500. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion made by D. Latino to authorize Forino Co. to do the work at the catch basin at 55 W. Gaul St. which includes lowering the catch basin in grass area at Walnut St and extending the drainage pipe and tie it into the Catch Basin at a cost of \$2,100 (this amount includes Maggie Cochran's portion of the work to connect her pipe for \$800 if done at the same time as the Borough's work or \$1,400 if Forino does it later and has to remobilize) with the condition that Ms. Cochran must pay Forino directly for her portion of the work (or contract with a contractor of her choice and the prior consent of the Borough Engineer) with the goal of completing the work by March 31, 2019. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

License Agreement (Leaf Waste Composting) at Clements Property: Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize the President and Secretary of Council to sign the License Agreement. R. Fischer seconded and carried unanimously. B. Clements abstained.

New Zoning Hearing Board Application: Motion made by B. Clements to adopt the New Application for the ZHB. R. Fischer seconded and carried unanimously.

Trash COG: Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the Trash and Recycling Contract Settlement Agreement and amendment. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously. Trash day will now be on Wednesday and Recycling day will remain on Thursday. NO GLASS will be accepted with the recycling beginning January 1, 2019.

Mayor's Report: E. Evans reported that 304 & 306 E. Penn Ave. have tires and debris in the yard again.

Council's Report:

Motion made by J. Pierce to appoint R. Gordon to be Wernersville's 4th Representative on the WBRPD Commission for 2019. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Old Business: None.

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New Business:

2019 Budget: Motion made by D. Latino to advertise the Proposed 2019 Budget and also to advertise the Tax Ordinance. R. Fischer seconded and carried unanimously.

Special Meeting: Motion made by B. Clements to hold a Special Meeting on December 28, 2018 at 8 am to adopt the 2019 Budget and any other business that comes before Council. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

2019 Trash and Recycling Rate: Motion made by R. Fischer to adopt a Resolution to set the Trash and Recycling rate for 2019 to \$75.00 per quarter per unit or \$290.00 per unit for the year if paid in full by January 31, 2019. This is a savings of \$10.00. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

Non Uniform Pension: Chester Perfetto Agency is no longer doing the MMO. Council is looking into other options for review at a future meeting.

Animal Rescue League: Services Agreement for 2019 is still being negotiated. This will be reviewed again at a future meeting.

Western Berks Fire Department: Motion made by B. Clements to appoint J. Pierce to be Wernersville's Representative on the Wbfd Committee to review the Inter-Municipal Agreement which was adopted in 2009. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

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

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

Executive Session: At 8:15 p.m. we recessed into Executive Session.

General Meeting: At 8:45 p.m. we resumed our regular meeting. Action was taken on the following:

W. Gaul Street Swale: Motion made by B. Clements to have the W. Gaul Street swale surveyed by GVC not to exceed \$2,000.00. R. Fischer seconded and carried unanimously.

Wernersville Community Corrections Center - Southwestern Berks County Joint Zoning Ordinance: Motion made by D. Latino to adopt a Resolution declaring our support for South Heidelberg Township in its efforts to enforce the Southwestern Berks County Joint Zoning Ordinance of 2004, as amended, with respect to the Wernersville Community Corrections Center.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Motion by R. Gordon to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary