

WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
SCOTT ANDERSON, GVC
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
WILLIAM SCHLICHTER, CHIEF WBRPD
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE

ABSENT:

GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
JARED RENSHAW, WBFD

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 January 2, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by B. Clements and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Carrie French, 139 W. Gaul St.
Michelle Lynch, Reading Eagle
Whitney Brady, 274 E. Penn Ave.
Carl Reidler, 41 W. Penn Ave.
Maggie Cochran, 28 W. Wilson Ave.

139 W. Gaul Street: Carrie French, property owner, asked Council if a decision had been made regarding the sheds that are located in the Easement of West Gaul Street. Council reported that Kraft Codes and Great Valley Consultants will be getting together to make a decision on this matter.

274 East Penn Avenue: Whitney Brady asked Council for an extension for installing sidewalk along S. Church Rd. Council will review the matter and have the Solicitor get in touch with her lawyer.

28 West Wilson Avenue: Maggie Cochran asked Council when the work would be completed by Forino at the Borough's catch basin on her neighboring property so she could connect her stormwater pipe now that she has signed the necessary agreement. Council advised her that work would likely commence in the Spring but she would be notified when Forino is ready to start so that she can contract with them as well for her work.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 130 Calls for month of January 2019.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 41 Calls for the month of January. 7 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written Report Submitted. 53 Calls for month of January.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report was submitted. 3 Permits were issued. 4 Property Maintenance Issues and 1 Zoning Issue.

Engineer Report:

East Washington Street: Council discussed the \$2,100 costs of a study by GVC to review a change to a one-way street. As an alternative to that, motion made by R. Gordon to advertise a proposed Ordinance prohibiting parking at all times on the North side of East Washington Street between North Reber Street and Stitzer Avenue. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

95 Werner Street: Motion made by B. Clements to ratify the filing of a municipal lien against 95 Werner Street in the amount of \$226.50 for removing overgrown weeds. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: E. Evans reported that the Shade Tree Commission had some trees trimmed along Penn Avenue.

Council's Report:

Sink Hole: B. Clements reported that we had another sink hole at Fairview and Walnut Street which was repaired as emergency work. A. H. Moyer recommended that we should replace the whole pipe. They will be sending us a quote.

2019 Street Work: B. Clements reported that he will be checking out our streets to see which ones are in need of the most urgent care.

Yard Waste Drop Off Site: B. Clements reported that we will be starting work on this shortly since we have accepted the Recycling Grant.

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Old Business:

Animal Rescue League Agreement: Since we opted out of the ARL Agreement at the January meeting, we are now in the process of determining what our best option would be. Discussion about possible purchase of a chip reader and temporary holding area in the Borough's maintenance building. We should know more at our March meeting.

New Business:

POW MIA FLAG: Motion made by R. Fischer to approve flying the POW MIA Flag on the Borough's flag pole. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

DEP Recycling Grant Agreement: Motion made by J. Pierce to accept the 902 Municipal Recycling Grant Agreement in the amount of \$264,767.00. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

Memorial Day Parade 2019: It is the Borough's turn to host the Memorial Day Parade on May 27th. We will be working to get volunteers so we can make this event a success.

CW Youth Baseball: Motion made by J. Pierce to allow the CW Youth Baseball to use our baseball field from March 19 through August 3, 2019. Monday through Friday, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Saturdays 9 am to 8:30 pm and Sundays 1 pm to 8:30 pm. They will provide a porta-potty and insurance. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

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

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

Executive Session: At 7:45 p.m. we recessed into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and a potential litigation matter.

General Meeting: At 8:10 p.m. we resumed our regular meeting. No action was taken.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

Motion by R. Gordon to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary