

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
WILLIAM SCHLICHTER, CHIEF WBRPD
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE
JARED RENSHAW, Wbfd

ABSENT:

KEN FULMER, GVC

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 D. Latino to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

William McEllroy, 270 Wernersville Blvd.
John Hoffa, 123 W. Gaul St.
Rocky Ruth, 132 N. Elm St.
Linda Dapcic-Angst, 319 Walnut St.
Deb West, 309 N. Walnut St.
Brian Jordon, 260 E. Wilson Ave.
Bruce Osterhout, 131 E. Gaul St.

With the exception of comments from Mr. Hoffa on a different matter, all visitors, including about 40 Residents, came to the Borough Council Meeting to show their support for our Local Police Department. A few of them spoke in support of the Police Officers and that they do a great job. The residents would like to keep a local police force.

John Hoffa, 123 W. Gaul Street: Mr. Hoffa asked Council what was going to be done if the Residents did not move their fences, sheds, debris, etc. from the swale since the 30 day period has expired. Council reported that it would be getting an inventory from the Borough Engineer of all non-compliant properties for review at next month's meeting and that it would be discussing its legal options for enforcement against non-compliant properties in Executive Session.

Executive Session: After all visitors were heard, Council President called an Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss the Police personnel matters.

At 7:45 p.m. Council resumed the Regular Council Meeting.

Motion made by J. Pierce to accept the proposal dated April 12, 2019, as amended on June 5, 2019, for South Heidelberg Township Police to provide police services to the Borough effective 1/1/2020, subject to the final review and approval of an Intermunicipal Agreement with South Heidelberg Township. B. Clements seconded and carried by a 5-2 vote. J. Swartz and R. Gordon voted No.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 172 Calls for service in Wernersville for month of May 2019.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 46 Calls for the month of May. 8 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written Report Submitted. 38 Calls for the month of May in the Borough.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report was submitted. 5 Permits were issued. 13 Property Maintenance Issues and 3 Zoning Issues.

Engineer Report:

2019 street work project is expected to begin this month. A more detailed report on the project will be given at the July meeting.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Evans thanked Boy Scout Troop 459 for placing the flags along Penn Avenue for Memorial Day. He also thanked Mike Palm for planting new flowers and trees at the War Memorial.

Mayor Evans asked about delinquent trash bills and what the Borough can do to collect the outstanding money. Council asked M. Gombar, Solicitor to draw up a Resolution regarding collection procedures including the ability for the Borough to hire a 3rd party collection agency to collect the outstanding trash bills. Council will then review the Resolution at the July meeting.

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Council's Report:

J. Pierce said that a special meeting with South Heidelberg police residents should be held in the near future to explain to the residents why the decision was made to go with South Heidelberg Township for our police coverage and to provide more detail about the scope of the police coverage that will be provided.

B. Clements said that Forino Construction will be doing work on the catch basin at N. Walnut St. and W. Gaul St. in the next few weeks.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Monthly Bills: Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the bill list and bills previously paid to avoid penalty. R. Fischer seconded and carried unanimously. J. Pierce abstained.

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

Executive Session: An Executive Session was requested by the Solicitor to discuss a litigation issue. The meeting resumed at 7:58 p.m. No formal action was taken.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 10, 2019.

Motion by D. Latino to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary