

WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020
REORGANIZATION and GENERAL BUSINESS**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**KEEGAN WORLEY, MAYOR
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
DAVE LATINO
ROBERT GORDON
JIM PIERCE
LINDA PALM**

ALSO, PRESENT:

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

ABSENT:

**STEPHEN PRICE
KEN FULMER, GVC**

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

K. Worley took nominations for President. J. Pierce made the motion for Stephen Price for President of Borough Council. D. Latino seconded the motion. K. Worley moved the nominations to be closed. All were in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

K. Worley took nominations for Vice President. R. Gordon made the motion for James Swartz for Vice President of Borough Council. J. Pierce seconded the motion. K. Worley moved the nominations to be closed. All were in favor. The motion was carried unanimously.

Appointments:

Motion made by J. Pierce to appoint Dan Semar 311 Beckley St. for 5 years to the Wernersville Zoning Hearing Board subject to the condition that he accepts. He would be the alternate on the ZHB. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Pierce to reappoint Jim Kellum to the Wernersville Municipal Authority for (5 years). D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion made by R. Gordon to reappoint Michael Drobeck for 5 years to the Robeson/Robeson/Wernersville Joint Authority. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion made by D. Latino to reappoint Robert Gordon to the Wernersville Planning Commission for 4 years. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion made by R. Gordon to appoint the following:
Great Valley Consultants: Engineer for the Borough
SSM: Engineer for Planning Commission
Kraft Code Services: Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer
Michael J. Gombar: Solicitor for the Borough
Andrew George: Solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board
Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Motion made by D. Latino to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2019 and the December 23, 2019 Council Meetings. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Officer Hook, South Heidelberg Township Police Department
Randy Leibig, Fairview & N. Elm St.
Steve Mannino, US Census Bureau 2020 Census

Randy Leibig, asked Council what to do to get his plans reapproved for his property located at Fairview St. and N. Elm St. He had approval from a Zoning Hearing back from 1994 and another in 2006, however the time has expired. Council told him that he needed to reapply for a Zoning Hearing since the time period has expired.

Steve Mannino, US Census Bureau talked to Council regarding the 2020 Census. He said workers are needed to help with the Census.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 28 Calls from Dec. 22 to Dec. 31, 2019 covered by South Heidelberg Township Police Department. J. Pierce reported that the Western Berks Regional Police Department ceased coverage on December 21, 2019 at the direction of the Commission and South Heidelberg Township Police Department agreed to assume coverage at no additional cost to Wernersville for the remainder of 2019 in exchange for transfer of title for a certain police car from the Commission to South Heidelberg.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 41 Calls for the month of December. 12 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written Report Submitted. 54 Calls for the month of December.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report was submitted. 1 Permits was issued. 11 Property Maintenance Issues and 3 Zoning Issues for the month of December.

2020 Residential and Non-Residential Building and Zoning Permit Fee Schedule: Motion made by J. Pierce to adopt the 2020 Residential and Non-Residential Building and Zoning Permit Fee Schedule. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

G. Kraft reported that a Zoning Hearing is scheduled for January 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm. The hearing is for 116 E. Penn Ave. Threshold is purchasing the property and they are asking for a special exception for a group home. The consensus of Council was to not take a position on the zoning hearing application at this time.

Engineer Report:

MS-4: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report:

K. Worley, Mayor welcomed everyone and said he is very happy to take on the role of Mayor.

Council's Report:

J. Pierce reported that there are still loose ends (bills and correspondence) to be finalized for the WBRPD.

D. Latino reported that he is still working with PennDot to get cross walks across West Penn Ave.

L. Dapcic-Angst reported that she is still working on the feral cat issue and she also provided an update on the clean-up efforts for Barton Henderson's property.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

Yard Waste Recycling Facility: M. Gombar met with J. Meeks, Berks Solid Waste Authority and B. Clements to revise the bids for the Yard Waste Recycling Facility so we can re-advertise the bids in March.

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Western Berks Regional Police: Motion made by D. Latino to appoint J. Swartz and J. Pierce to be our Representatives for the Western Berks Regional Police Department for all matters that arise in the future and to serve as the “Account Managers” under the Dissolution Agreement. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

W. Gaul Street Swale: One property (129 W. Gaul St.) still has made no response even after receiving the paperwork for the Civil Action that was filed in the Court of Common Pleas. The next step will be obtaining a judgment allowing the Borough to do the work and deciding who should do the work to remove the items that are located in the swale.

Old Business:

274 E. Penn Ave. Whitney Brady: No update.

Electric for the Christmas Decorations: We received a quote from Schatz Electric for \$3,166.05 to replace the 3 existing breaker boxes and timers for the Christmas lights. Council put this on hold until Council decides what they want to do with adding more Christmas lights. D. Latino offered to reach out to the Women’s Club and the Lions Club to see if they want to purchase some new Christmas lights.

New Business:

Trash COG: Motion made by D. Latino to appoint R. Gordon to the Trash COG. Robert will take B. Clements place. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Banking/Check Signing (Vist Bank): Motion made by J. Pierce to remove Brian Clements as a check signer and add Robert Gordon as the new signer. The signers will be James Swartz, Stephen Price, Debra Pierce and Robert Gordon. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Shade Tree: Motion made by J. Pierce to waive obtaining permits and the fees for trimming trees in the Shade Tree space. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

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

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

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

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

Attest:

Borough Secretary

