

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 3, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
CHIEF LEON GRIM, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPT.
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
KEN FULMER, GVC
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT
KATE SOWERS, PRESIDENT, WERNERSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

ABSENT:

ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE

NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA A CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND PRIOR NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC VIA READING EAGLE AND ONLINE SOURCES PURSUANT TO ACT 15 OF 2020.

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. Pierce to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2020 Council Meeting. L. Palm seconded. L. Dapcic-Angst noted that a correction for Jared Renshaw, Western Berks Fire Department, to be removed from being present.

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Visitors:

None.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 326 Calls for the month of May. 54 Calls were in Wernersville. Chief Grim provided an update on the ongoing investigation involving a deceased individual found on Borough property last month.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 60 Calls for the month of May. 6 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written Report Submitted. 45 Calls for the month of May, 6 of the calls were for Phoebe.

Library Report: Written Report Submitted for May. Kate Sowers, President of the Library Board reported a curbside pickup will begin on June 15, 2020. The Children's Summer Program will take place virtually.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted for May. 7 Permits were issued. 10 Property Maintenance Issues and 3 Zoning Issues for the month of May. G. Kraft asked Council if they should resume conducting Rental Inspections since the County will be moving to the "Yellow Phase" on June 5, 2020. Council agreed that Rental Inspections could resume.

Engineer Report:

2020 Street Work: Motion made by R. Gordon to receive the four (4) bid proposals and award the bid to Ronnie C. Folk Paving, Inc., as the lowest responsible bid received, which includes installation of ADA Ramps in the amount of \$68,996.50 upon the review of the Solicitor. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

None.

Council's Report:

L. Dapcic-Angst reported that the minutes have not been updated on the website since February. She also asked if there could be a link added to the Borough Website for the Joint Zoning Ordinance.

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Also, in the Spring/Summer Newsletter, the names of the Mayor and 2 Council Persons were incorrect. D. Pierce, Secretary apologized for that error. K. Worley, Mayor suggested that for the next Newsletter sending it to him and he will have it printed free of charge.

L. Dapcic-Angst also reported that Residents have been asking her if the Borough would be replacing the playground equipment that was removed. D. Pierce responded that the Borough employees met with a Representative from George Ely & Assoc. today to see what type of playground equipment would work well and what the cost would be. We should have that information for the July meeting.

L. Dapcic-Angst also asked why water builds up at the intersection of N. Walnut Street and W. Washington Street. Council will have the Public Works Department check it out.

J. Swartz reported that he is working with the Public Works Department to compile a list of streets that need to be crack sealed. He will then call three (3) contractors for quotes and report back at the July meeting.

R. Gordon reported that the Robeson-Wernersville Joint Municipal Authority issued correspondence last month to the Borough and the Wernersville Municipal Authority about capacity issues. WMA is taking the lead in responding to the matter in conjunction with the Solicitor.

Council agreed that Gary Heydt, Road Master should attend the Borough Council Meetings. S. Price said he will have a meeting with the Public Works Department and let G. Heydt know he should attend.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

West Ridge Suites: Motion made by J. Pierce to grant an extension of the Land Development Plans for West Ridge Suites to September 2, 2020. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Trailer Parking in R-2 District: The Solicitor and G. Kraft informed Council about a complaint received for a trailer being parked on private property in the R-2 district but the Zoning Ordinance does not prohibit this in the R-2 district which is possibly a mistake because it seems to be prohibited in all other residential zoning districts. Discussion was held about changing the zoning ordinance or requesting voluntary compliance. Council agreed that G. Kraft should send a letter to the property owner requesting voluntary removal of the trailer.

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Old Business:

Yard Waste Recycling Facility: Motion made by R. Gordon to reject all the bids for the Yard Waste Recycling Facility. L. Dapcic-Angst seconded and carried unanimously.

Council authorized the Solicitor to inform South Heidelberg that the Borough will continue using the Yard Waste Facility in South Heidelberg Township except for leaves.

Council authorized the Solicitor and the Engineer to get together to do a revised plan for a road from Laurel St. back to B. Clements property for leaf disposal.

Christmas Lights: Update, the new Christmas Banner and 2 new snowflakes have arrived. We are waiting to receive a quote on installing new electric for all the new items.

Use of Borough Hall for the Primary Election: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to ratify the granting of permission to use the Municipal Building to hold the Primary Election on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

New Business:

Library Keys: The Librarian is asking for keys for the Borough's Multi-Purpose Room in the basement. She also is asking for a key to lock the panic hardware on the two (2) doors leading into the Library from the Borough Hall side. Council decided to table this until they can see exactly what they are talking about.

Opening and Cleaning of the Municipal Building including the Library: Council all agreed that the Municipal Building and the Library will not be opening to the Public in the "Yellow Phase". The Library will be responsible for cleaning their area and the Borough will clean their area. Council directed M. Gombar, Solicitor to draft a letter to be sent to the Library stating this information.

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

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

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, July 1, 2020

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

Attest:

Borough Secretary

