

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 1, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**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
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

ABSENT:

**KEEGAN WORLEY, MAYOR
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE
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 J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2020 Council Meeting. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Sean McKee, Manager, South Heidelberg Township
Leigh-Anne Yacovelli , Wernersville Public Library

Sean McKee, Manager South Heidelberg Township talked to Council about the Yard Waste Facility we share with them. Council authorized the Solicitor to update our Intermunicipal Agreement we have with South Heidelberg Township. Mr. Gombar also noted that Brian Clements submitted notice of termination of the License Agreement to use his farm for leaf spreading in the future. So, the Borough will have to find a new farm. It was agreed to apply for permits from DEP so we can take our leaves to David Schaeffer's Farm. In the interim, SHT will accept the leaves as it has done in the past.

SHT will be installing a camera and card system for security. The fee is going to be \$20.00 for the first year and then \$10.00 each year after. Letters will be sent to all Residents explaining the new process.

Leigh-Anne Yacovelli, Wernersville Public Library asked permission to use the elevator and the multi-purpose room and the kitchen. Council agreed that they could use all 3 however it is their responsibility to clean the areas. Council also authorized the Solicitor to assist her with a legal matter.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 405 Calls for the month of June. 71 Calls were in Wernersville.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 49 Calls for the month of June. 2 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written Report Submitted. 55 Calls for the month of June, 11 of the calls were for Phoebe.

Library Report: None.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted for June. 10 Permits were issued. 10 Property Maintenance Issues and 3 Zoning Issues for the month of June. G. Kraft reported that the Department of Emergency Services reached out to Kraft Codes asking for help with the addresses of buildings at the Phoebe Berks Complex. Council authorized the Solicitor to send a letter to Phoebe Berks to make them aware of this problem.

Engineer Report:
None.

Mayor's Report:

K. Worley reported that Jim Kellum who is on the Wernersville Municipal Authority is moving out of the Borough. We need to find a replacement.

Council's Report:

L. Dapcic-Angst reported that the feral cat surveys have been returned and she compiled all the information. Report is attached.

J. Swartz updated Council on the road crack sealing work.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

Old Business:

None.

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 stated that panic hardware cannot be locked because of safety issues. Council also asked the Solicitor to remind them of the no smoking policy for the property.

W. Gaul St. Swale: James Matheny, 140 W. Wilson Ave. is asking about the W. Gaul St. swale in the rear of his property. There is a dead tree that he believes is in the swale and he wants the Borough to remove it. Council asked the Solicitor to send a letter to Mr. Matheny stating that it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove the tree.

Overgrown Trees on Penn Ave.: Council agreed that we need to send letters to the homeowners along East and West Penn Avenue informing them that it is their responsibility to trim the trees that are on their properties in the shade tree space. There are numerous overgrown trees that are obstructing the sight of the traffic lights. The Solicitor will draft a letter and the Secretary will send them to the residents.

Tot Lot: Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the quote from George Ely Associates, Inc. for \$23,300 for new playground equipment for the Tot Lot at Norman St. and Stitzer Ave. This includes installation. L. Dapcic-Angst seconded and carried unanimously.

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Playgrounds and Parks: Motion made by S. Price to reopen the tennis courts on July 7, 2020 and the playgrounds on July 15, 2020. L. Palm seconded and carried unanimously.

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, August 5, 2020

Executive Session: Council recessed into executive session to discuss a potential litigation matter and a personnel matter.

Council reconvened the meeting and Motion made by S. Price to authorize the filing of a civil action at the District Justice against Whitney Brady (274 East Penn Avenue) for failure to install curb and sidewalk at the property. D. Latino seconded and carried.

No further action was needed.

Motion by J. Pierce to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary