

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
August 5, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**STEPHEN PRICE, PRESIDENT
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
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**

ABSENT:

**KEEGAN WORLEY, MAYOR
DAVE LATINO
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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 July 1, 2020 Council Meeting. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council recessed into executive session to discuss a pending litigation matter. The Council returned from executive session and no action was taken.

Visitors:

Chuck Frantz, C2C Design representing Paradise by the Slice
Calvin and Sarah Lascoskie, 40 N. Pine St.
Jack Lykens, 116 N. Pine St.
Attorney Henry Koch representing Jack Lykens
Patrick & Barbara Dalton, 441 Lincoln Dr.
Maggie Cochran, 28 W. Wilson Ave.
Michael DeAngelis, 267 W. Penn Ave.

Paradise by the Slice: Paradise by the Slice presented to Council adding an outdoor eating area. Council directed them to take their plans to Planning Commission.

40 N. Pine Street Sidewalk Ordinance #530: Mr. and Mrs. Lascoskie new owners of 40 N. Pine St. asked Council for a waiver for installing sidewalk. They stated that this was not disclosed to them when they purchased the property. Council indicated that they will likely not be granted a waiver but, before a decision is made, Council directed them to contact their Realtor to attempt to resolve the matter and that they should attend the October Council meeting.

116 N. Pine Street Sidewalk Ordinance #530: Attorney Koch representing Mr. and Mrs. Lykens asked Council for a curb and sidewalk waiver for 116 N. Pine Street which they are proposing to sell in the near future. And also for along W. Washington Street. This is a corner property. Motion by J. Pierce to deny the waiver. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously. The waiver is DENIED.

441 Lincoln Drive Sidewalk Ordinance #530: Motion made by R. Gordon to **approve** the temporary waiver for curb and sidewalk for 441 Lincoln Drive which is being transferred in August. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously. This temporary waiver was granted because Lincoln Drive is a State Road and PennDOT DENIED the permit for curb and sidewalk but indicated that circumstances may change in the future when the sidewalk installation may be permissible. This temporary waiver allows the Borough to mandate the installation in the future on a new property owner. The Solicitor then noted that there is a similar pending situation for 469 Lincoln Drive and, as a result, that property will also qualify for the same temporary waiver.

28 W. Wilson Avenue: Ms. Cochran reported to Council that she got water in her basement again. She asked Council if it would consider allowing a swale to be constructed in her rear yard area to run into the Borough's stormwater facilities on the adjacent Pennypacker easement. Council directed the Solicitor to look into the matter. Also, she complained about a neighbor's stormwater being discharged onto her property. Kraft Codes will look into it.

267 W. Penn Avenue: Mr. DeAngelis asked Council if the Borough could do something about a property line dispute, he is having with his neighbor about a garage that is allegedly on his property. Council advised him that these homes were built back in the 1930's and that this is a civil matter that the Borough cannot get involved in.

Mr. DeAngelis also asked Council if something could be done about people parking vehicles on the street and do not move them for days at a time. Council directed the Solicitor to look at what other municipalities do with long term parking for consideration on a 72 hour parking limit ordinance at next month's meeting.

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Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 424 Calls for the month of July. 109 Calls were in Wernersville.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 54 Calls for the month of July. 11 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written Report Submitted. 47 Calls for the month of July, 11 of the calls were for Phoebe.

Library Report: None.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted for July. 5 Permits were issued. 5 Property Maintenance Issues and 2 Zoning Issues for the month of July.

Engineer Report:

2020 Street Work: K. Fulmer, GVC reported that the ADA ramps are completed and that the Street Work will be starting in the next week.

MS4 Report: K. Fulmer, GVC reported that they will assist the Borough in completing the MS4 Report.

Mayor's Report:

None.

Council's Report:

L. Palm reported that the Penn Werner has bed bugs. Kraft Codes will be sending a Notice of Violation to them.

Parks and Playgrounds: M. Palm asked Council if we need to be disinfecting our playground equipment every day. Council replied no.

Also, Council approved removing the borders around the playground equipment and getting a small dumpster to get rid of them.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

Mr. & Mrs. Clements Leaf Spreading Agreement with the Borough: Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize the signing of the Termination Agreement with Mr. & Mrs. Clements for license to use their property for leaf spreading. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

South Heidelberg Township Yard Waste Facility: Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the mailing cost for letters regarding purchasing key cards and rules and regulations for the South Heidelberg Township Yard Waste Facility. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Library: The Library reported to the Borough that they found 2 bugs in the Library and they would like an exterminating company to check it out. Council said not at this time.

Borough Audit: Herbein and Company conducted the yearly financial audit. Everything looked good.

Jim Kellum resignation from WMA: Council tabled the matter until the September meeting.

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

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

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 2, 2020

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

Council reconvened the meeting and Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize the filing of a lien against Jason Schemerhorn and Erin Schemerhorn 151 W. Wilson Ave. for failure to pay the bill to Rocky's Tree Service for removal of their tree. L. Palm seconded and carried unanimously.

Council agreed to have Kraft Code Services prepare a plan to survey the entire Borough for curbs that need repair or replaced.

No further action was needed.

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

Attest:

Borough Secretary