

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR  
KEN FULMER, GVC  
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

**PRESENT, VIA ZOOM:**

**STEPHEN PRICE, PRESIDENT  
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY  
CHIEF LEON GRIM, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPT.  
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES  
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE**

**ABSENT:**

**LINDA PALM  
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE  
GARY HEYDT, SUPERVISOR**

**NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM DUE TO THE COVID19 PANDEMIC AND PRIOR NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC VIA ONLINE SOURCES PURSUANT TO ACT 15 OF 2020.**

S. Price called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2021 Council Meeting.  
J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

**Visitors:**

Tom Bertolet (Via ZOOM), Bertolet Construction  
Calvin & Sarah Lascoskie (Via ZOOM), 40 N Pine St.  
Chris Marderness, (VIA ZOOM) 44 N Pine St  
Brian Worrell, (VIA ZOOM) 54 N Pine St

**Tom Bertolet, Bertolet Construction:** Mr. Bertolet submitted a letter stating that he does not want the water runoff from Stone Ridge development going into his Quarry. He is unsure if the Quarry will be able to handle the water. He is waiting for C2C Design (Developer's engineer) to get back to him with calculations and more information. Steve Price advised Mr. Bertolet to take video of the Quarry during a rainstorm. The Borough is willing to work with him to assist once the Developer provides the information requested to Jim McCarthy (Bertolet's engineer.)

**Police Report:** Written Report Submitted. 411 calls for the Month of March. 96 calls were in the Borough, 37 of which were traffic violations. Chief Grim also mentioned that they will be participating, with other First Responders, in an Autism Awareness Day at Conrad Weiser East Elementary on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm.

**Fire Report:** Written Report Submitted. 47 Calls for the month of March. 6 calls were in the Borough. Jared Renshaw reported to Council that they purchased a new Inflatable Boat for Water Rescue.

**Western Berks Ambulance:** Written report submitted. 56 calls for the month of March. 13 calls for Phoebe Berks. Mr. Tucci spoke to Council about their need for additional funding due to the Pandemic. Any funds that we could donate would be appreciated. He also mentioned that they are looking into different options for rebuilding their station due to the fire.

**Wernersville Public Library:** A written report was submitted.

**Engineer Report:**

- **2021 Street Work:** Motion made by J. Swartz to award the 2021 Street Project to the low bidder, Ronnie C Folk Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$31,185.00 conditional upon review of the Solicitor and PennDOT Municipal Services Approval. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

- **Stone Ridge Development:** Revised plans were submitted altering the stormwater management system, among other things. Motion made by R. Gordon to have Grande take his revised plans back to Planning Commission for review. Motion seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously.
- **40 N Pine St Sidewalk:** Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize GVC to get quotes for the ADA ramp at Pine and Fairview Streets. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously. Ken Fulmer will try to coordinate with the Homeowner so that the ADA ramp and the sidewalk can possibly go in simultaneously. Ken will be in touch through Debbie Pierce to coordinate.

Mr. and Mrs. Lascoskie (40 N Pine St) were told by Council that the sidewalk needs to be installed and that it should stop short of the tree roots of the sycamore tree on the neighboring property (44 N Pine St) but, if and when that tree is removed for whatever reason, the remainder of the sidewalk would then need to be installed on their property.

Mr. Marderness (44 N Pine St) discussed his concerns about the tree on his property which affects the sidewalk installation at 40 N Pine St. He is worried that the sidewalk installation will damage his tree and its roots. Council stated that the Lascoskie's still have to put the sidewalk in.

- **23 E Wilson Ave:** Council agreed that vertical curbing should be installed at this property to replace the damaged and missing rolled curbing.
- **Whitney Brady (274 Penn Ave):** Installation of the curb should be completed by the end of April prior to the agreed upon deadline.

**Zoning and Building Enforcement Report:** Written reports were submitted for March. 4 Permits were issued. 2 Property Maintenance Issues and 2 Zoning Issues for the month of March.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Worley told Council that The Standard Group will once again be printing and mailing the Newsletter. The cost of printing will be donated to the Borough.

The mayor suggested that the savings, of approximately \$2000, from the printing of the Newsletter should be used towards purchasing new backboards, rims and nets for the playground basketball courts. Motion made by D. Latino to spend up to \$2000 for the basketball boards, rims and nets. Seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Mayor Worley announced to council that Rob Gordon is resigning immediately from his position on the Robesonia Wernersville joint Municipal Authority. Motion made by S. Price to accept, with regret, R. Gordon's resignation and appoint Ronald Swope to fill his position, effective April 7, 2021. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

**Council's Report:**

D. Latino told Council that he, Linda Dapcic-Angst and Rob Gordon hope to have the Job Descriptions for the Highway Department for the May Council meeting.

**Solicitor's Report:** Written report was submitted.

**PPL Request to trim trees on Penn Ave:** M. Gombar told Council that he sent a letter to PPL stating that they will have to comply with the Shade Tree Ordinance.

**Caron Foundation Assessment Appeal:** M. Gombar is expecting that the Borough should have the signed Settlement Agreement and PILOT agreement by next month's Council meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Tree Trimming:** Letters were sent to all residents who did not comply with trimming their trees March 25,2021.

**2020 Financial Audit with Herbein & Co:** The Audit was conducted and there were no findings. Herbein & Co. did recommend that Council should Commit the MS-4 money that we Budget each year. Solicitor will draft a proposed Resolution for this for consideration at a future meeting.

**Loader:** Council discussed options for replacing the old Loader. Options discussed were the possibility of renting a loader when needed, buying a used loader, purchasing a new loader or borrowing the loader from the Water Authority. Keegan will reach out to the Water Authority about this situation. These options will be discussed further at the May meeting.

**New Business:**

**Conrad Weiser Youth Baseball:** Motion made by Linda Dapcic-Angst to allow the CW Baseball the use of our baseball field from March 28 to August 7, 2021 conditioned upon them providing the usual agreement, porta potty and copy of Insurance. Seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

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**Stimulus Plan:** We will be receiving approx. \$267,000. It appears we will be getting half this year and half next year. We are not yet sure what the stipulations are on what we can use it for. Debbie and Mike Gombar will keep council posted on this.

**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 abstained.

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

**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 7pm.

Motion by J. Pierce to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary