

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
January 3, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
ROBERT GORDON
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
LINDA PALM
JIM PIERCE
ELIZABETH MERIN**

ALSO, PRESENT:

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
CHIEF LEON GRIM, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPT.
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES**

ABSENT:

**MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN
KEN FULMER, GVC
DANIEL GRIFFE, ROADMASTER
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE**

J. Swartz, as standing Vice President, called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7 pm.

For reorganization, motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to appoint J. Swartz as the Presiding Officer since the Mayor was not Present. Seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously.

J. Swartz took nominations for Council President. L. Dapcic-Angst nominated D. Latino. D. Latino nominated R. Gordon. Nominations were closed and votes were taken on the nominations in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. D. Latino received the majority vote and accepted the position as President.

D. Latino took nominations for Vice President. L. Palm nominated J. Swartz. D. Latino nominated R. Gordon. Nominations were closed and votes were taken on the nominations in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. J. Swartz received the majority vote and accepted the position as Vice President.

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Motion by R. Gordon to appoint the following:

Robert Shartle, Zoning Hearing Board

Michael Drobeck, Municipal Authority

David Latino: Planning Commission

Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Other Appointments:

Motion by J. Pierce to reappoint Kraft Code Services as our Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer; Great Valley Engineering, Borough Engineer; SSM, Engineer for Planning Commission; Kozloff Stoudt as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor and Michael J. Gombar, Masano Bradley as Borough Solicitor. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Motion made by L. Palm to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2021 Council Meeting and December 22, 2021 Special meeting. J. Swartz seconded. Carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Charles Reidler, Patriotic Order Sons of America

Scott Wagner, Patriotic Order Sons of America

Ann Correll, 525 W Penn Ave

Charles Reidler & Scott Wagner: Mr. Reidler and Mr. Wagner spoke to Council about wanting to organize a Memorial Day Parade in Wernersville. They are looking at logistics and a parade route. Council is in favor of the Memorial Day Parade.

Ann Correll, 525 W Penn Ave: Ms. Correll received a certified letter from the Borough about trimming the tree(s) on her property. She explained to Council that the tree in question belongs to 517 W Penn Ave. The Borough will look at the trees on the property and contact the owner of 517 W Penn Ave if the tree does appear to belong to them. Letters will be sent to the owners once a determination is made.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 344 calls for the Month of December. 81 calls were in the Borough.

Chief Grim told Council about the conditions of the Penn Werner. Council referred this to Glenn Kraft, Codes Officer.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 86 Calls for the month of December. 8 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 65 calls for the month of December. 11 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: Written report submitted.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted. 16 Permits were issued for December. 4 Property Maintenance issues and 5 Zoning issues.

Mayor's Report:
None.

Council's Report:
R. Gordon asked about the thoughts on getting a loader.

D. Latino told Council he is in favor of getting a Backhoe Loader. He discussed different options and price ranges. Dave said that Council needs to come up with a cost that would be feasible. Council will discuss this further at the February meeting. In the meantime, the Borough will look into renting a skid loader to load salt.

MOTION made by J. Swartz to approve the rental of a loader until March 15th, at \$1500 or less per month, as needed if the WMA's loader is not available. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

D. Latino also talked about forming different committees and having official Borough email addresses. He asked Council members to think about these Committees and where they would like to help. L. Palm said that she would like to be the Co-Chair of the committee for the Borough Office staff. At this time, the preference of Council is to continue using personal email addresses.

He also mentioned that the Borough needs to find someone to take down the Christmas lights since we can no longer use Murdough's.

L. Dapcic-Angst told Council that no money was needed for the Feral cats in 2021 and asked if Council would be willing to extend the Feral Cat funding into 2022. MOTION made by R. Gordon to extend the Feral Cat program for 2022. Seconded by J. Pierce and carried by a 6-1 vote. L. Palm opposed.

L. Dapcic-Angst also asked that Council look at revising the ordinance for trailers and tractor trailers parked on the street. Mike Gombar will look at the Ordinance more closely and discuss with Council at the next meeting.

J. Pierce told Council that the Police Financials for the dissolution of the Western Berks PD are almost wrapped up.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

Mike Gombar thanked Council for reappointing him as Borough Solicitor and is looking forward to working with everyone.

Police Services Renewal Agreement: Action needed to authorize execution of the Police Services Renewal Agreement with South Heidelberg Township for term commencing January 1, 2023.

J. Pierce raised concerns about accountability of the Police Department with regards to services promised when the contract was established. Mike Gombar will talk to the South Heidelberg Twp. Solicitor about revising the Agreement. Action was tabled.

Joint Zoning Ordinance: Motion made by J. Pierce to enact an Ordinance amending the Joint Zoning Ordinance to rezone the Jesuit Center Property in LHT. Seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Bachman Property 208 W. Penn Ave.: Motion made by R. Gordon to authorize the execution of the Land Development Agreement and the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement for Bachman Final Plan for 208 W. Penn Ave. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Bachman Property 208 W. Penn Ave.: Motion made by R. Gordon to modify the 10-year inspection requirement of the Stormwater Management Facilities for Bachman Land Development for 208 W. Penn Ave. to only require inspections every 3 years: year 3, 6 and 9. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Motion made by J. Pierce to require masks for entry into the Borough Hall. Motion seconded by E. Merin and carried unanimously.

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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 R. Gordon to accept the Balance Sheet. J. Swartz seconded. J. Pierce and L. Palm abstained.

Executive Session was held to discuss a personnel matter.
No action taken.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, February 2, at 7pm.

Motion by L. Palm to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:
Borough Secretary