

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
March 2, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

**MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN  
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  
KEN FULMER, GVC  
DANIEL GRIFFE, ROADMASTER  
TIM LEVAN, PUBLIC WORKS**

D. Latino called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7 pm.

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2022 Council Meeting.  
L. Palm seconded and carried unanimously.

**Visitors:**

Berl & Sandra Werner, for Werners Used Car Lot  
Deb West, 309 Walnut St  
Shaunnon Lavariere & Rodney Homan, 108/110 S Walnut St  
Elizabeth Matz, 230 E Fairview St  
Justin Schlottman, EMC for South Heidelberg and Lower Heidelberg Townships

**Berl & Sandra Werner, Werners used Car Lot:** Mr. Werner voiced concerns about the property at the Werner Used Car Lot on W Washington and Stitzer. He said that the property has black mold and a leaking roof. Glenn Kraft from Kraft Code Services is working on getting permission to enter the property so that he can determine if it should be condemned.

**Deb West, 309 Walnut St:** Ms. West has concerns about a water main break in front of her property at 309 N Walnut St. This water main break was patched in January 2006 and again in February 2022. She said there is damage to her driveway and also sink holes in her yard from

the water under her property. Council told her to contact the Wernersville Municipal Authority. D. Pierce will also contact WMA to make them aware of what happened at the property.

**Shaughn Lavariere & Rodney Homan, 108/110 S Walnut St:** D. Latino and J. Pierce met Mr. Homan & Mr. Lavariere at the property at 108/110 S Walnut St. prior to the meeting to discuss installation of sidewalk and curbing. All other Council members looked at the property on their own time. Motion was made by R. Gordon to require installation of curbing up to Hill Rd, but waive Sidewalk installation. Motion seconded by L. Palm. Motion opposed by J. Pierce and E. Merin. Vote was 5 to 2 in favor of a sidewalk Waiver. M. Gombar will send out a letter stating that sidewalk installation has been waived.

**Elizabeth Matz, 230 E Fairview St:** Ms. Matz came back to Council to ask for a sidewalk Waiver at her property at 230 E Fairview St. Council members all had a chance to look at the property since last Council meeting. Due to the slope of the property, a motion was made by R. Gordon to grant a waiver for sidewalk at this property. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously. M. Gombar will send out a letter stating that sidewalk installation has been waived.

**Justin Schlottman, EMC for South Heidelberg and Lower Heidelberg Townships:** Mr. Schlottman spoke to Council about his services as an EMC and the pricing to provide those services to the Wernersville Borough. Council will discuss and consider.

**Police Report:** Written Report Submitted. 289 calls for the Month of January. 55 calls were in the Borough. Chief Grim told Council that South Heidelberg Police Department has 2 new Full time Officers.

**Fire Report:** Written Report Submitted. 89 Calls for the month of January. 7 calls were in the Borough. J. Renshaw told Council that they are in the process of remodeling the Firehouse. He asked if Council could provide a letter of support for ARPA Grant money from the County that they are requesting. Motion made by J. Pierce for the Borough to write up a letter of support for Western Berks Fire Dept. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

**Western Berks Ambulance:** Written report submitted. 49 calls for the month of January. 6 calls for Phoebe Berks. L. Palm also asked Council if the Borough could provide a letter of support for Western Berks Ambulance for their ARPA Grant from the County. Motion made by J. Pierce for the Borough to draft a letter of support for Western Berks Ambulance. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

**Wernersville Public Library:** Written report submitted. Leigh-Anne Yacovelli told Council that a decision will be made on mask wearing at next weeks Board meeting.

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**Engineer Report:** Written report submitted.

**West Ridge Suites:** No Change.

**Stone Ridge Development:** K. Fulmer told Council that several conditions still need to be met. No response was received from C2C.

**2022 Street Work:** See memo from 2/23/2022 for preliminary cost estimate with streets to be considered. Council will make a decision at the April meeting.

**MS4:** See memo from 2/23/2022 updating Council. Council will have to enact an update to the Stormwater Management Ordinance and the Animal Pollution ordinances by September 30, 2022.

**Gerhart St:** Discussion on whether this is a Borough Street. This will be investigated and discussed more at the April Meeting. M. Gombar and K. Fulmer will look into this and report to Council at the April meeting.

**Zoning and Building Enforcement Report:** Written reports were submitted.

8 Permits were issued for January. 5 Property Maintenance issues and 4 Zoning issues.

**Streets Department:** Written report submitted. Dan Griffe reported to Council the work completed in February in the Public Works Department. He also presented information to Council comparing Back Hoes and Loaders. Council will discuss this information at the April meeting. Also, L. Dapcic-Angst will look into a Grant for the Backhoe and check with Heidelberg Township about potential purchase of their Backhoe.

Tim Levan spoke to Council about transferring his spraying license to the Borough. M. Gombar will look into the Business License for the Borough to see what is needed.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Dean told Council that she has several ideas/proposals for different projects and Grants. She spoke briefly about Mayors Marigolds and working with Conrad Weiser East Students.

Mayor Dean Also told Council of her plans to work with Conrad Weiser Students and Teachers to tag and paint the Stormwater Drains in the Borough. She will keep Council updated.

Mayor Dean asked Council for approval to submit 2 ARPA Grants to the County for improvements to the park and Basketball court. There was discussion about these grants and what she would like to accomplish. On the request and recommendation of Mayor Dean, motion by J. Swartz and second by E. Merin to authorize the submission of a grant application to the County. After extensive deliberation and discussion on the matter by Council, J. Swartz and E. Merin withdrew their motions prior to the call of the vote at the request of Mayor Dean.

Mayor Dean addressed concerns about the Penn Werner and asked Glenn Kraft when it was last inspected. He said that Kraft will check into this.

Mayor Dean also requested that the Borough Council look into re-establishing both the Shade Tree Commission and Recreation Board.

The Mayor also raised concerns about the lot owned by Omega Builders at the end of the Borough on E Penn Ave. where Tractor Trailers park overnight and throughout the week. Kraft

Codes is reviewing the matter to confirm that the proper zoning permit(s), if necessary, have been obtained. M. Gombar told her that the Borough cannot get involved or dictate what the owner does with the lot for uses and insurance as long as they are complying Borough ordinances and regulations.

**Council's Report:**

**J. Pierce** told Council that Lynx has sent quotes for individual emails and other services requested by the Borough. It will cost about \$54 per month for the individual emails. He will also speak to them about a large screen being installed in the Council room for presentations. He is waiting to get a second quote for the services. Also, he will work with M. Gombar to complete the dissolution of the Police Commission for division of the remaining funds between the Borough and Robesonia.

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

**Trailer Parking Ordinance:** Proposed revisions to the Trailer/Large Vehicle Parking Ordinance were reviewed with Council. It was suggested that the Ordinance state that Commercial Trucks are prohibited to park no more than 1 hour on Borough Streets and Recreational vehicles for no more than 24 hours.

Motion made by R. Gordon to authorize solicitor to make revisions and advertise for consideration at next month's meeting for enactment. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Trees:** We have 5 properties that did not comply with the trimming of the trees. Martin's Tree Service trimmed the Trees on February 22, 2022. The total bill was \$1200. This was broken down by property on their estimate. D. Pierce and J. Velez will draft a letter to the Property owners, giving them 30 days to pay their portion of the bill.

**Hold Harmless Agreement with LHT:** Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to ratify the signing of a Hold Harmless Agreement with LHT for the use of their Backhoe last week since the WMA's loader was not working. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

**Borough Hall Polling Place Agreement:** Motion made L. Dapcic-Angst to complete the Polling Place Agreement for the County Board of Elections. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

**CWCA Youth Baseball:** Motion made by R. Gordon to allow the CWCA Youth Baseball to use the Wernersville Baseball Field from March 14 thru August 7, 2022 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, Saturdays 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. to

8:30 p.m. This does not include spraying for weeds. They will provide a copy of insurance and also a porta-potty. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

**Deputy for Tax Collector:** Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to approve the appointment of Jan Miller, South Heidelberg Township Tax Collector to be the Tax

Deputy for Wernersville Borough. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

**Transfer of Funds for MS4:** Motion made by R. Gordon to transfer \$37,872.16 from the General Fund to the MS4 Fund Account. We Budgeted \$40,000 in 2021, \$2,127.84 was used to pay Great Valley Consultants for MS4 Reports leaving a balance of \$37,872.16. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously. J. Pierce abstained.

**Street Sweeping:** Do we want to use Reilly Sweeping to sweep the Borough Streets again this year? Cost will be approx.. \$4,500. After some discussion Council tabled a decision until a future meeting.

**Spraying License:** Motion made by J. Pierce to transfer license from Commercial to Public for Tim Levan. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

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

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

**Executive Session:**

Council agreed to enter into executive session after the meeting to discuss potential litigation matters. No action would be taken.

Motion made by J. Swartz to adjourn the public meeting at 9:25pm. Seconded by R. Gordon.

**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, April 6, at 7pm.

Attest:

Borough Secretary