

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
April 6, 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.
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
KEN FULMER, GVC
DANIEL GRIFFE, ROADMASTER
TIM LEVAN, PUBLIC WORKS**

ABSENT:

JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

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

Visitors:

Deb West, 309 N Walnut St
David Lorah, 520 W Washington St
Lydia Danielski, 446 W Washington St
Ron Swope, 628 Christopher Dr
Brian Clements, 300 N Elm St

Deb West, 309 N Walnut St: Ms. West has concerns about a water main break in front of her property at 309 N Walnut St. She is concerned because her yard and driveway have been sinking. She was told that someone was going to come out from the Water Authority, but said they have not been out yet. The Borough made WMA aware of this issue after the March meeting. She was told to contact WMA because this is not the Borough's responsibility.

Ron Swope, for the Water Authority: The sewer lines on the West end of the Borough have been completed. The WMA is not asking for any money from the Borough ARPA funds.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 379 calls for the Month of March. 99 calls were in the Borough.

Chief Grim told Council that the recent Theft incident on Ann and Christopher is being looked into and all cars affected were unlocked.

Chief Grim also told Council of 2 upcoming events. South Heidelberg Police will be doing a car seat safety check at the Cole Funeral Home from 4-7pm on April 22nd.

The South Heidelberg Police Department will also be having a fundraiser for the 7 year old Daughter of one of their Officers. She was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer. The Fundraiser will be on June 17, 2022 at the Conrad Weiser Pool from 6-9pm. More information to come.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 76 Calls for the month of March. 12 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 52 calls for the month of March. 11 calls for Phoebe Berks. Anthony Tucci told Council that their building will hopefully be ready by July.

Wernersville Public Library: Written report submitted. Leigh-Anne Yacovelli told Council that they are now almost 100% in person for library activities. The Library will continue to offer some virtual for residents who prefer that.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: No Change.

Stone Ridge Development: We are reviewing Mr. Focht's submissions regarding the conditions of the final plan approval. Also, the HOP was submitted and returned for correction on March 31.

2022 Street Work: The Borough will be holding off on street work for now.

MS4: It appears that the Borough does have an easement for the drainage ditch between Holland St. and the railroad tracks. We have contacted DEP requesting information on what they will require for the (2) BMP facility locations to comply with the MS4 requirements. We are awaiting a response.

Gerhart St.: See memo dated March 28 regarding comments and info. regarding review of the Borough's file on the status of Gerhart St. and the downstream drainage ditch. Motion made by R. Gordon to authorize K. Fulmer to perform a survey of Gerhart St. at a cost of appx. \$4,000. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted.

4 Permits were issued for March. 9 Property Maintenance issues and 5 Zoning issues.

Glenn Kraft told Council that he had the Penn Werner checked per concerns from the Mayor at the March meeting. There was a concern about mattresses being stored in the front of the building. Glenn Kraft said that the mattresses are stored in a closed off area and are not in violation.

Public Works: Written report submitted. Dan Griffe reported to Council the work completed in March in the Public Works Department.

Dan discussed the costs associated with renting a street sweeper to perform Borough Street sweeping and presented quotes for the rental. Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to accept the bid of Golden Equipment for the Borough to rent a street sweeper at a cost of \$2,500 per week. Seconded by J. Pierce and carried by a vote of 6-1. Motion opposed by L. Palm.

Dan discussed with Council the quotes that he received for getting mulch for the Playground. Motion made by J. Pierce to allow the purchase of enough mulch for 6" of coverage at the playground, not to exceed \$3500. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

Tag a Drain: Asking Council's approval to paint storm drains throughout the Borough. This project will be in conjunction with CW East Elementary and the Middle School. Sherwin Williams will be donating all paint and supplies to the Borough at no cost. Motion made by L. Merin to approve this project. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Proposals/information were sent to members of Council for consideration of the following:

Playground @ W. Fairview St.: proposing to replace the roof on the playground climbing structure at a cost of \$4,007.68.

Reseed/sod and plant a natural barrier at the plot of land currently being farmed and add shade trees. Shade Tree cost \$2,022. Natural Barrier \$3,500 for a total of \$5,522.

Basketball Court at Playground: Update and refinish basketball court. (2) quotes, \$20,000 or \$25,900.

Truck Lot on E. Penn Ave: Discuss adopting a new Ordinance for licensing of paid parking lots. The consensus of Council was to pursue such legislation at this time.

Council's Report:

Linda Palm: Spoke to Council about having a Facebook Policy about what can and cannot be posted. Also, about posting more often to keep residents engaged. L. Palm will work with J. Velez. M. Gombar will look at other Facebook policies.

Jim Pierce: Our Firewall for the office computers needs to be updated. We received a quote from LYNX for \$1559.00. Motion made by R. Gordon to approve the quote from Lynx for \$1559. Seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

Linda Dapcic-Angst: Discussed the idea of requiring purchase orders for purchases above a certain amount. We will look into this and talk to the Auditor.

Jim Swartz. Discussed UGI doing a lot of work in the Borough. M. Gombar will work with GVC to see if any updates are needed to the Borough Street Cut / Excavation ordinance.

Solicitor's Report:

Trailer Parking Ordinance: Motion made by J. Pierce to enact the amendment to the Trailer/Large Vehicle Parking Ordinance. Seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

CFA Local Share Assessment Grant: Motion made by R. Gordon to enact the Resolution authorizing the submission of the CFA Local Share Assessment Grant. Seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

WBRRP: Motion made by J. Swartz to enact Resolution #1-2022 authorizing the execution of an Amendment to the Western Berks Regional Police Commission Dissolution Agreement to divide the remaining funds 54/46 with Robesonia Borough. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Zoning Hearing Application for 345 Furnace Rd: the owners of 345 Furnace Rd. applied to allow Wheel Repair Specialist Corp. to rent the front half of the existing garage. Does Council want to support, not support, or take no position on the Application? Council chose not to take any action.

Old Business:

Spraying License: still waiting to hear back from Insurance Company for a price to add this to our Policy.

Justin Schlottman, EMC: Discussion on hiring Mr. Schlottman as the Borough's EMC put on hold. D. Latino will reach out to Mike Palm to discuss him continuing as EMC. Council will discuss further at the May meeting.

New Business:

Pension: Motion made by R. Gordon to ratify the appointment of Dave Latino as our Chief Pension Administrative Officer. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Friends of the Library: Motion made by J. Pierce to grant permission to the Friends of the Library to use the evidence room to store boxes of books until next Spring. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Office Chairs: Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the purchase of 2 office chairs at a cost of \$756.00. Seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

Herbein & Co. Yearly Audit: Audit went well and there were no findings.

2022 Conrad Weiser Senior Car Parade: CW Seniors are planning to have a Car Parade on May 31st at 6:30 pm starting in Sinking Spring and ending in Womelsdorf. To obtain a permit, they need an approval letter from all the Municipalities the parade passes through. Motion made by J. Pierce to support the parade and send a letter, if they are willing to change the date to a Saturday. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously. Chief Grim will contact Nicole Moore about the date of the parade.

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

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

Motion made by J. Pierce to adjourn the public meeting at 8:30pm. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried..

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7pm.

Attest:

Borough Secretary