

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 4, 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
KAREN COOK, SOLICITOR
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY
CHIEF LEON GRIM, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPT.
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
KEN FULMER, GVC
DANIEL GRIFFE, ROADMASTER
TIM LEVAN, PUBLIC WORKS**

ABSENT:

**JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

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

Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2022 Council Meeting.

J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Deb West, 309 N Walnut St.

Brian Worrell, 54 Pine St.

Deb West, 309 N Walnut St: Ms. West told Council that the WMA filed a claim with their insurance company regarding her sinking issue.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 367 calls for the Month of April. 87 calls were in the Borough.

Chief Grim told Council that South Heidelberg Police will be holding a car seat check at the Wernersville Library on Saturday, July 16th. Time to be determined.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 66 Calls for the month of April. 7 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 55 calls for the month of April. 7 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: Written report submitted.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: Final Plans were submitted April 27, 2022.

Bachman Roofing Land Development: Awaiting construction to begin.

Stone Ridge Development: See memo dated April 26 with comments reviewing the Construction Cost Estimate. Mr. Sweigart of C2C Design would like to meet with me on Friday, May 6th to discuss the Construction Cost Estimate. L. Dapcic-Angst, J. Pierce and R. Gordon will be in attendance.

Gerhart St. Drainage Ditch: See memo dated April 26 along with drawing showing survey info for Gerhart St. and the existing drainage ditch between Penn Ave. and Holland St. and Norfolk Southern Railroad Tracks.

Motion made by J. Swartz to allow status to remain. This would ensure the Borough's ability to maintain the stormwater system there without issue. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried by a 5-2 vote. L. Dapcic-Angst and E. Merin objected.

MS4: See memo dated April 29 regarding potential MS4 Improvements at Best Management Practice Site 1 and 2. Council asked K. Fulmer to get cost estimates for the MS4 improvements. We have until December 2023 to complete these projects.

Ordinance 575: The only comment I have is Section 117 – Insurance limits minimum coverage is \$3,000,000. Council may want to increase to \$5,000,000.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted. 6 Permits were issued for April. 7 Property Maintenance issues and 2 Zoning issues.

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

Mayor's Report:

Written report and suggested master plan for the Borough submitted.

Mayor Dean told Council that the Mayor's Facebook and Instagram pages are live.

Mayor Dean asked Council to consider using \$23,000 (approximately 8%) of the ARPA funds towards the improvement of the Wernersville Parks. Council will take this into consideration.

Council's Report:

Linda Dapcic-Angst: L. Dapcic-Angst talked to Council about the Greenway Trails Grant which is up to \$100,000 with a 15% match. The deadline is May 31st. Motion made by R. Gordon to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of the Greenway Trails Grant. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

L. Dapcic-Angst also reported to Council that she attended the PSATS convention in Hershey. She told Council that the Borough should consider possible adoption of an Ordinance for charging stations. Glenn Kraft also added that the Borough may want to consider a Solar Ordinance.

Rob Gordon: Council should consider the idea of hiring a Borough Manager. Council discussed and will consider. L. Merin said she can look at salaries of other Borough Managers.

R. Gordon talked about the Trash COG. He told Council that our 3-year contract expires on 12/31/22 with Waste Management. We have the option to renew for 1 year with a 4% increase. Council will need to vote on this by the July 6th meeting.

Elizabeth Merin: E. Merin asked Council for an update on getting email addresses for the Mayor and Council Members. J. Pierce told her that we are waiting to get the new Firewall installed before getting the emails.

Jim Pierce: J. Pierce informed Council about the letter that the Borough received from Windstream (phone provider) informing us that they will no longer service our phones effective August 2nd. Council will need to decide on a new service provider.

Solicitor's Report:

Matthew Speck Lawsuit Update: Borough dismissed as a defendant.

345 Furnace Rd. Zoning Hearing Decision: Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize Kraft Codes Services to issue the necessary building permit for 345 Furnace Rd. subject to the property owner's compliance with the terms and conditions of the May 3, 2022 letter from their attorney. L. Palm seconded and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Spraying License: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to add the herbicide/pesticide coverage with a limit of \$250,000 for a cost of \$379 for the year. The Borough will have a chemical hazard communication and safety program put in place. L. Palm seconded and carried unanimously.

EMC: D. Latino reached out to Mike Palm to discuss him continuing as EMC and Fire Marshall. M. Palm is still interested and Council will discuss more at the June meeting.

Purchase Order Amount: The Auditor recommended that Purchase Orders should be used if the price exceeds \$750.00. Council tabled the discussion on this matter until the June meeting.

New Business:

Shredding Event: The Shredding event will be held on Saturday, June 4th from 10 to 2 at Lower Heidelberg Township. Vist Bank is sponsoring this event. There is no charge to the Borough.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Strawberry Festival: Motion made by J. Swartz to close Hill Rd. from Rebecca St. to Lincoln Dr. and Rebecca St. from S. Walnut St. to Hill Rd. on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 2 pm to 8 pm. Rain date would be June 12. 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. R. Gordon seconded and carried. J. Pierce abstained.

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

Motion made by R. Gordon to adjourn the public meeting at 8:20 pm. Seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 7pm.

Attest:

Borough Secretary