

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 7, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
ROB 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
KEN FULMER, GVC
DANIEL GRIFFE, ROADMASTER**

ABSENT:

GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES

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

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2022 Council Meeting.
J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Greg Mazurek, Library Board Member.

Greg Mazurek: Mr. Mazurek spoke about programs at the Library and told Council that the Library appreciates everything that the Borough does for them.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 431 calls for the Month of August. 84 calls were in the Borough.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 91 Calls for the month of August. 11 calls were in the Borough. Jared showed Council a slideshow/video presentation regarding the explosion/fire at Reading Alloys on August 3, 2022.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 48 calls for the month of August. 9 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: Written report submitted.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: Issued Memo dated May 17, 22 with our comments regarding Final Plan. Transportation Impact Study was received July 19th. We issued a memo 7/29/22 with our comments. We have not received a reply to that memo.

Bachman Roofing Land Development: Have not received an update from developer regarding paving of the alley and the parking lot. Last update was the that the paving was anticipated to occur in September or October. I responded to Mayor Dean's questions with my memo of August 8, 2022.

Stone Ridge Development: We have not received any additional submissions and there are still outstanding issues that have not been addressed from the Conditional Plan approval that Council granted. I have provided a memo to Solicitor Gombar. Mr. Gombar has provided me with a copy of the Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment Report, and I offered my comments to Mr. Gombar.

Wenger's Bakery Lots 1 & 2 Furnace Rd.: Still awaiting submission of Stormwater Management Study for both Lots 1 and 2. I am not aware if submission has been submitted to the Conservation District for E&S approval.

108 S. Walnut St. Curbing: Attended a field meeting with Shaugnon Lavariere with Mr. Latino and Mr. Pierce to discuss curb placement on Rebecca St. Due to where curbing would fall, motion was made by R. Gordon to grant a temporary waiver for curbing along Rebecca St. until the PPL and/or Verizon utility pole(s) can be relocated to allow for the curbing to be located in the proper area per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously. Council will have M. Gombar check in with the utility company about relocating the pole on Rebecca St.

MS4: Received feedback from DEP on technical questions regarding their proposed Stormwater Management Ordinance. Prepared draft of the Stormwater Management Ordinance and transmitted to Solicitor Gombar.

Vacant Lot@ 36 Mountain Blvd: Reviewed submission from Omega Builders for Stormwater Management Facilities for a new home. Prepared a review and submitted same to Omega Builders. Received Revised Stormwater Management Report on September 1, 2022, which we are reviewing.

MS4 Waiver Process: We will be submitting a waiver request to DEP within the next week.

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Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted. 9 Permits were issued for August. 11 Property Maintenance issues and 7 Zoning issues.

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

Mayor's Report: Written report submitted. Mayor is asking K. Fulmer (GVC) to sketch the corner-to-corner crosswalks to submit to PENNDOT for approval. K. Fulmer was given the list of requested crosswalks.

The Mayor also told Council that over 20 MS4 drains have been tagged to date.

The Mayor is also going to request a representative from DCED attend a future meeting to discuss potential grant opportunities for the Borough.

Council's Report:

Jim Pierce: New phone line installation at the Borough Hall was completed.

Linda Dapcic-Angst: L. Dapcic-Angst Talked to Council about the Local Services Grant to repave the basketball court, tot lot path, tennis courts and lot at the Garage. R. Gordon asked if the track could be considered also. Motion made by J. Pierce for L. Dapcic-Angst to submit for the grant. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously. L. Dapcic-Angst also told Council that she recently took cat traps to a resident who called her about stray cats.

Rob Gordon: R. Gordon spoke to Council about the Trash contract. Due to cost of living and inflation the cost will go up about 8.8% effective January 1, 2023.

Elizabeth Merin: L. Merin would like to start a Rec Board. She asked if something could be put in the Fall Newsletter and on Facebook to find Board member volunteers.

Solicitor's Report:

Stormwater Management Ordinance: Motion made by R. Gordon to enact the revised Stormwater Management Ordinance. This is needed for MS4 compliance. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

Animal Waste Ordinance: Motion made by J. Pierce to enact the Animal Waste Ordinance. This is needed for MS4 compliance. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

Act 44 Resolution: Motion made by L. Palm to adopt a Resolution establishing Act 44 procedures for hiring pension plan professional services. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Joint Zoning Ordinance Amendments: Update on Joint Zoning Ordinance amendments that were tabled at the August 3rd Council meeting. M. Gombar informed Council that the Lower Heidelberg Ordinance was withdrawn. The South Heidelberg ordinance will be voted on at the October Council meeting. He also provided a summary

of the joint meeting with Lower Heidelberg and South Heidelberg officials that took place on September 1, 2022. Notably, the proposed South Heid. Zoning Ordinance amendment will not stop any current uses at the State Hospital, except for the CCC which is the subject of ongoing litigation. The municipalities also agreed to reconstitute the Joint Planning Commission starting in January 2023 and consider having joint meetings with governing body members or liaisons on on-going basis.

Old Business:

EMC Position: Does Council want to hire Justin Schlottman as our EMC? The Borough will look into how much the other municipalities pay for this and it will be discussed at the October meeting.

New Business:

MMO for Non-Uniform Pension Plan: Motion made by L. Palm to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2023 Budget Purposes for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$15,885.00. This is funded with State Aid Money. Motion seconded by E. Merin and carried unanimously J. Pierce abstained.

Handicap Parking Space Request: Adam Casner 52 N. Pearl St. is requesting a Handicap Parking Space. Motion made by J. Pierce to install a handicap parking space. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Health Insurance Renewal: Our Health Insurance renews 10/1/2022. Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to stay with the plan that we currently have at a 6% increase in cost. Motion seconded by E. Merin and carried unanimously. J. Pierce abstained.

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

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

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 7pm.

Motion made by J. Pierce to adjourn the public meeting at 8:45 pm. Seconded by L Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Executive Session was held after the meeting to discuss two pending litigations. No action taken.

Attest:

Borough Secretary