

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**DAVID LATINO, PRESIDENT
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
ROB GORDON
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
JIM PIERCE
LINDA PALM**

ALSO PRESENT:

**MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN
MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
CORPORAL MATTHEW HOOK, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPT.
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT
KEN FULMER, GVC
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
DANIEL GRIFFE, ROADMASTER**

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

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

Visitors:

Donald Spitler, Spitler's Towing
Tyler Wray, Spitler's Towing & 218 N Bucks St.
Steve Bensinger, West Ridge Suites
Sal Folino Esquire, Grande Construction
Gian Grande, Grande Construction
Laura Grande, Grande Construction
Ron Swope 628 Christopher Dr.
Sean McKee, South Heidelberg Township

Donald Spitler & Tyler Wray: Mr. Spitler and Mr. Wray inquired about proposed amendment to Borough Ordinance 623 to amend the Truck Parking Prohibition regulations to be considered under Old Business.

Steve Bensinger, Sal Folino, Gian Grande, & Laura Grande: Mr. Bensinger and Mr. Folino asked Council to rescind the denial of the Plan and reconsider granting the 150-day extension for West Ridge Suites that occurred at last month's meeting. Motion made by J. Pierce to rescind the denial of the pending Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan from the November

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Council meeting and grant the 150-day extension for review of the Plan starting immediately (December 7, 2022). Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

K. Fulmer addressed Mr. Folino about the Stone Ridge development and the pending conditional plan approval. Mr. Folino indicated that he would be in contact about the status of the outstanding conditions for the plan approval requirements.

Ron Swope: Mr. Swope spoke to Council about loaders for sale at Eblings. He gave some information to Linda Dapcic-Angst.

Sean McKee, South Heidelberg Township: Mr. McKee informed Council that Chief Leon Grim has resigned. Corporal Hook will be Acting Chief and Officer in Charge. They are hoping to conduct interviews in January and appoint a new Chief in February or March.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 326 calls for the Month of November. 80 calls were in the Borough.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 102 Calls for the month of November. 12 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 64 calls for the month of November. 7 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: Written report submitted.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: No Update.

Bachman Roofing 208 W. Penn Ave.: Nothing to report.

Stone Ridge Development: Mr. Folino will be in touch with K. Fulmer.

Omega Builders 36 Mountain Blvd: Issued Review Letter October 8, 2022.

MS4 Waiver Process: Still awaiting a response

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

Mayor's Report: Written report submitted

Council's Report:

Jim Pierce: Informed Council that the Western Berks Police Department fund distribution has been finalized and all money has been split between the municipalities.

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Rob Gordon: Trash cost will be going up \$2 per month, per residence. This will be a \$6 per quarter increase, making the cost \$96 per quarter. Trash COG monthly bill for 2023 will be \$24,221.60 per month.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

Old Business:

EMC: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to hire Justin Schlottman as our EMC for 2023 at a cost of \$650.00 per month. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously. R. Gordon and Mayor Dean agreed to work with Justin.

Truck Parking Prohibition Ordinance: Motion made by L. Palm to enact an amendment to the Truck Parking Prohibition Ordinance. Motion seconded by J. Swartz. Motion failed by a vote of 4-2 with J. Pierce, L. Dapcic Angst, R. Gordon and D. Latino voting in opposition and J. Schwartz and L. Palm voting in favor. The proposed Ordinance is not enacted.

West Ridge Suites: See Visitor Notes.

New Business:

Resignation: Motion made by R. Gordon to accept, with regret, the resignation of Elizabeth Merin from Borough Council effective December 7, 2022. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously. Council has 30 days to fill the position.

2023 Budget: Motion made by J. Pierce to advertise proposed 2023 Budget and authorize Solicitor to prepare the appropriate Ordinance for the 2023 Tax Rate and Ambulance rate which is proposed to increase from \$35 to \$50 per property. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Special Budget Meeting: A Special Meeting is needed to adopt the 2023 Budget on December 28th at 8am. Motion by J. Pierce to advertise the special meeting. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

Trash/Recycling Rate for 2023: Motion made by L. Palm to set the trash and recycling rate for 2023, \$96.00/quarter; \$384/year per unit or \$374/unit for the year if paid in full by 1/31/2023. This is a savings of \$10.00. Motion seconded by J. Pierce 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. J. Pierce abstained.

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

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

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Council recessed into Executive Session to discuss 2 litigation matters.

Council returned from Executive Session. Motion made by R. Gordon to authorize M. Gombar to send a letter to the zoning hearing board requesting conditions on the approval of the CDL training facility, etc. located at 600 E Penn Ave for the Zoning Hearing to be held on 12/19/22 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Attest:

Borough Secretary