

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
April 5, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN  
MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR  
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY  
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
DETECTIVE HEIDEN, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPT.  
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT  
KEN FULMER, GVC  
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES  
MATT ZERR, PUBLIC WORKS**

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

Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2023 Council Meeting.  
J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

**Visitors:**

Tyler Wray, 218 N Bucks and Spitlers Towing  
Justin Schlottman, EMC

Tyler Wray: Mr. Wray spoke to Council asking them again to reconsider allowing him to park his tow truck in the Borough, on Bucks Street. He told Council that Lower Heidelberg Township has allowed him to park it on Wilson, in the Township. Council again told Mr. Wray that they will not allow the truck to be parked on Bucks, as per Borough Ordinance.

Justin Schlottman: Mr. Schlottman spoke to Council about the Borough's emergency management plan.

**Police Report:** Written Report Submitted. 406 calls for the Month of March. 85 calls were in the Borough.

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**Fire Report:** Written Report Submitted. 81 Calls for the month of March. 9 calls were in the Borough.

**Western Berks Ambulance:** Written report submitted. 50 calls for the month of March. 12 calls for Phoebe Berks.

**Wernersville Public Library:** No Written Report submitted.

**Engineer Report:** Written report submitted.

**West Ridge Suites:** Nothing to Report.

**Bachman Roofing Land Development 208 W. Penn Ave.:** Nothing to Report.

**Stone Ridge Subdivision:** There are still several outstanding issues regarding final plan approval compliance.

**MS4 Waiver Process:** DEP has denied the waiver. Still waiting for detailed explanation. Council asked M. Gombar to send a letter to the Senator since he has not received a response from DEP.

**Penn Ave. Pedestrian Crosswalks:** Memo sent 3/23/2023 with preliminary plans. K. Fulmer will proceed with asking Penndot for approval.

**Zoning and Building Enforcement Report:** Written report submitted  
9 Permits were issued, 10 zoning issues and 5 property maintenance issues.  
G. Kraft informed Council that 143 Beckley St is currently in compliance.

**Public Works:** Written report submitted.

Matt Zerr spoke to Council about the Historic Wernersville Borough sign on North Church Rd. It has cracks that need to be repaired. The Borough received 3 verbal quotes for repairs. Motion made by R. Gordon to accept the verbal lowest quote for \$500 for repairs with Hibshman Welding. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Matt also spoke to Council about the road signs that need to be replaced and updated. Motion made by J. Pierce for Public works to move forward with purchasing and replacing the road signs for \$7,847.80. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Matt informed Council that the Klinger Property at 36/38 W Penn Ave has been cleaned up and will continue to be maintained. M. Gombar has received the invoices and will file the lien for this property.

**Mayor's Report:** Written Report Submitted.

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**Council's Report:**

**Jim Pierce:** J. Pierce is in the process of getting quotes for technology for the Borough.

**Linda D.A.:** We received 2 Grants from LSA. One for \$165,017 for a tractor loader backhoe and a storm sewer camera and one for \$107,686 for Basketball and Tennis court repair and resurfacing and repair and resurface the Borough Garage parking lot.

Motion made by R. Gordon to approve purchasing a 320 P-tier Backhoe Loader for \$132,900 and Aries mobile pathfinder inspection system for \$94,636 through the COSTARS program. The difference of \$62,519 will be used from ARPA fund money.

Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Motion made by R. Gordon to advertise for bids for the resurfacing of the basketball and tennis courts. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.

Motion made by K. Worley to approve a resolution authorizing L. Dapcic-Angst to apply for the Greenways Trails and Recreation Program Grant for \$250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Park and Recreation area improvements. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

**K. Worley:** Keegan told Council that the Spring 2023 Newsletter has been printed at no cost to the Borough by The Standard Group. The Borough only pays for postage.

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

**Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with PENNDOT:** Motion made by J. Swartz to adopt a Resolution for a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with PENNDOT.

Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously. Council also agreed that the signal upgrade at Penn Ave. and Werner St. should have the Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) pushbuttons (audible tone or voice message) installed by PENNDOT.

**Letter of Support:** Motion made by R. Gordon to ratify submission of letter of support for South Heidelberg Township grant request for Walters Ave bridge replacement project. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**PSAB Conference:** Motion made by L. Palm to approve Linda Dapcic-Angst as the Voting delegate and Mayor Melissa Dean as the Voting Alternate for the purpose of electing the Officers of the Association of Boroughs and voting on proposed resolutions and policies. The conference is June 4 to June 7, 2023. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

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**Emergency Operations Plan:** Motion made to Adopt Resolution 3-2023, Borough of Wernersville Emergency Operation Plan. Seconded by Linda Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

**DCED Grant Process:** State Representative Barry Jozwiak is holding a workshop on Grants that are available through DCED. He has invited One (1) representative to attend the workshop on Thursday, May 4 at 11 a.m. at the Reading Regional Airport. We need to know who will be attending by May 1, 2023.

**Monthly Bills:** Motion made by K. Worley 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 K. Worley to accept the Balance Sheet. L. Palm seconded and carried unanimously. J. Pierce abstained

**Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 7pm.

Council recessed the meeting into executive session to discuss pending litigation at 8:20pm. Council returned from executive session and reconvened the meeting at 8:45pm.

**600 E. Penn Ave.:** Motion made by R. Gordon to authorize Solicitor to intervene in the Civil Action appeal for 600 E. Penn Ave. (CDL School) Zoning matter. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

**Moyer Nissan Electronic Sign:** Council decided to not take any action on the pending Moyer Nissan sign variance approval.

Motion made by J. Pierce to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary