

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
May 3, 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  
CHIEF HOOK, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPARTMENT  
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT  
KEN FULMER, GVC  
GLENN BERTOLET, KRAFT CODE SERVICES  
DAN GRIFFE, ROADMASTER**

**ABSENT:**

**JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

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

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2023 Council Meeting.  
L. Palm seconded and carried unanimously.

**Visitors:**

Steve Bensinger, Stackhouse Bensinger  
Laura Grande, Stone Ridge Subdivision  
Brian Focht, C2C Design  
Greg Mazurek, Library Board, 560 Woodrow Ct

Steve Bensinger: Mr. Bensinger asked Council for a 180-day extension on West Ridge Suites Subdivision Plan. Motion made by K. Worley to grant the 180- day extension from May 3, 2023 for review of West Ridge Suites Subdivision plan. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

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Laura Grande and Brian Focht, for Stone Ridge Subdivision: Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the landscaping plan for the Stone Ridge subdivision because the Shade Tree Commission is not currently in operation. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Pierce to enact an ordinance to vacate portions of the paper streets within the Stone Ridge Subdivision being portions of Cherry St., Ruth St. and William St. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize execution of the Improvements Agreement, Stormwater Maintenance Agreement and Agreement for HOP for Stormwater Facilities conditioned upon posting of applicable financial security for the Stone Ridge Subdivision. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.

Solicitor Gombar indicated that there are a few conditions still remaining for compliance to obtain Final Land Development and Subdivision approval.

**Police Report:** Written Report Submitted. 353 calls for the Month of April. 70 calls were in the Borough.

**Fire Report:** Written Report Submitted. 97 Calls for the month of April. 12 calls were in the Borough.

**Western Berks Ambulance:** Written report submitted. 37 calls for the month of April. 9 calls for Phoebe Berks.

**Wernersville Public Library:** Written Report submitted.  
We welcome Maria Gerasklis-Long as the new Library Director.

**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:** Met with Representatives of Grande to review status of conditions for final plan approval. Also assisted Solicitor Gombar on the proposed Homeowner's Assoc. Agreement and Improvement Agreement.

**MS4 Waiver Process:** We received notice April 27th that our Waiver has been granted effective May 1, 2023, and will expire on April 30, 2028.

**Penn Ave. Pedestrian Crosswalks:** Submitted a letter to PennDOT on April 10<sup>th</sup> requesting their review and comments on the proposed crosswalk plans.

**DCED Grant Paving Improvements:** Prepared memo dated April 26<sup>th</sup> with proposed scope of work, preliminary construction plans and estimated construction cost for proposed paving projects.

Ken Fulmer discussed the options and prices regarding the project. Council will review and be ready to make a decision at the June 7, 2023 meeting.

**Zoning and Building Enforcement Report:** Written report submitted.  
8 Permits were issued, 7 zoning issues and 5 property maintenance issues.

**Public Works:** Written report submitted.

Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to purchase white and yellow traffic paint not to exceed \$2,701 from Sealmaster. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Dan asked Council about the paint colors for the Cast Iron Wernersville Borough signs. Motion made by L. Palm to use maroon and gold paint for the refurbished signs. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried by a majority vote.

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

The Mayor reported that the Annual Yard sale is May 13 & 14 and the Memorial Day parade is on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

**Council's Report:**

**Dave Latino:** 62 N Pine Street sidewalk has not yet been installed on the West Washington Side. Glenn Bertolet told Council that a letter has been sent to the property owner and we are waiting for the permit application.

38 N Church Rd property owner parks trailers on Fairview St. which is against Borough Ordinance. The police will follow up on this.

Council should stay informed on the potential sale of the former Hoover Motor property on Penn Ave.

Dave offered assistance on the Hometown Heroes banners.

**Jim Pierce:** Update on the email addresses for Council members should be available next month.

**Linda Dapcic-Angst:** Motion made by K. Worley to approve Borough to apply for a grant for a Speed Safety Device. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

Motion made by R. Gordon to authorize Borough to apply for the next round of LSA Grant program. Motion seconded by K. Worley and carried unanimously.

**Keegan Worley:** Keegan attended the audit review with Herbein & Co. The Audit was a clean audit.

**Rob Gordon:** Rob reported that the Trash COG will be meeting in May to discuss renewal of the contract for 2024.

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

**345 Furnace Rd. Zoning Hearing Board Application:** Review Zoning Hearing Board application received for golf cart sales and repair at 345 Furnace Rd. Council is okay with this request.

**Meeting Rules and Regulations:** Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to adopt a Resolution adopting a Policy to establish Rules and Regulations governing all Public Borough Meetings. K. Worley seconded the motion. Prior to the vote, motion made by K. Worley to amend the initial draft of the policy to include a 2nd round of public comment on non-agenda matters at the end of the meeting. L. Palm seconded the motion to amend and carried unanimously. A vote on the original motion, as amended, then occurred which carried by a majority vote.

**600 E. Penn Ave.:** No update on the pending land use appeal.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**Western Berks Fire Department:** WBFD is asking our help to start the process to replace their radios with funding from our ARP funds in the amount of \$15,503. Council will consider this request when they decide on what the funds will be used for.

**Electric Rates:** Motion made by R. Gordon to enter into a 2-year agreement with Dynege Electric at the rate of .08342 for 2 years starting August 2023 to August 2025. L. Palm seconded 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 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.

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

Motion made by R. Gordon to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary