

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 6, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

**MAYOR, MELISSA DEAN
MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MATT ZERR, ROADMASTER
CHIEF HOOK, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPARTMENT
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT
KEN FULMER, GVC**

ABSENT:

GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT MUNICIPAL GROUP

FastBridge Fiber met with Council for a special public meeting at 6:15pm to discuss the installation of Fiber Optics in the Borough.

The FastBridge representatives discussed the advantages of Fiber and the process of installation. FastBridge will make sure that all ordinances, permitting, bonding and insurance processes are followed, and proper notification is given to the residents. There was no specific timeframe given for commencement and completion of work. Of note, the representatives from Fastbridge indicated that there would no charge for residents to connect their home to the network.

Borough Council authorized Ken Fulmer, GVC, and Glenn Kraft, Kraft Municipal Group, to work directly with FastBridge. The special meeting ended at 6:59 pm.

D. Latino called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2023 Council Meeting.

K. Worley seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Linda Bean, 57 E Wilson Ave
Mr. and Mrs. Stubblebine, 333 Lincoln Dr.

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Linda Bean: Ms. Bean was interested in finding out more information from FastBridge. She asked questions about the installation of the fiber optics.

Mr. and Mrs. Stubblebine: Mr. and Mrs. Stubblebine came to Council to get more information about the legality of the Chickens and Rooster owned by their neighbor under the Borough ordinances. Kraft Municipal Group and South Heidelberg Township Police will look into this situation further.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 376 calls for the Month of August. 80 calls were in the Borough.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 131 Calls for the month of August. 9 calls were in the Borough.

J. Renshaw told Council that they will possibly be taking over the administrative oversight for Greenfields Fire Dept in Bern Township.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 51 calls for the month of August. 13 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: Written Report submitted.

Engineer Report: Written report submitted.

West Ridge Suites: Nothing to Report.

Bachman Roofing Land Development 208 W. Penn Ave.: The Borough has received “as-built” drawings of the project which have been forwarded to the Planning Commission for review. Also, the final paving of the parking lot is scheduled for the week of Sept. 18, 2023.

Stone Ridge Subdivision: Motion made by K. Worley to Release Escrow Payment #1 in the amount of \$312,672.50. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Penn Ave. Pedestrian Crosswalks: Council Discussed and agreed that it would be best to push off these crosswalks until the Spring, due to several factors.

DCED Grant Paving Improvements: Sent Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed to Schlouch Inc. on August 28th. Work started this week and ADA ramps have been installed. There was some discussion about the existing fence. Mr. Zerr and Council will work with Schlouch to determine the best course of action and, if necessary, a change order may be issued by Schlouch.

Optimist CDL Coaching School: Sent memo August 28 and asked for HOP but received no response. Motion made by R. Gordon to authorize Kraft Municipal group to send a letter to Optimist CDL School to cease operations, due to noncompliance with agreement with Council and the ZHB decision. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report submitted for August. 8 permits were issued. 25 property maintenance issues and 15 zoning issues.

Public Works: Written report submitted.

M. Zerr told Council he received his credentials for his pesticide license.

Matt said they painted 5100 Linear feet of crosswalks.

Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize the purchase of a used Line Sprayer at the cost of \$1995 at Sherwin Williams. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst for M. Zerr to purchase 6 new tires for the 2012 Dump Truck from Keppley's in the amount of \$2077. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

M. Zerr also told Council that SHT will be taking care of the weeds at the track and playground this week.

Discussion regarding purchase of a new truck. Council will get clarification regarding liquid fuels funds to support this purchase.

Mayor's Report: Written Report Submitted.

The Mayor reported that she has been working with some students to repaint the pavilion and restrooms at the playground.

Council's Report:

Linda Dapcic-Angst: Linda spoke to Council and asked for input about 2 possible grants that she is working on.

Rob Gordon: R. Gordon told Council that we have to start looking at Trash/Recycling contracts in the first quarter of 2024 for the 2025 Contract.

Solicitor's Report: Written report submitted.

23 E Wilson: Curbing has been completed. The Long family Thanks the Mayor for her help with this and for Council's patience.

Old Business:

Linda Palm Resignation: Motion made by R. Gordon to accept Linda Palm's resignation with regret. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously. Council has 30 days to appoint someone to fill the vacancy.

New Business:

Street Light Agreement with PPL: Motion made by L. Dapcic-Angst to adopt a Resolution to enter into an agreement with PPL to change the Street Lights to LED at no cost to the Borough. Motion seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Winter Traffic Service Agreement with PennDOT: Action will be taken at October meeting to adopt the Resolution accepting the Five-Year Winter Service Agreement with PennDOT for Furnace Rd. and N. Elm St. and to include S. Church Street.

MMO: Motion made by K. Worley to adopt the Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2024 for Budgeting Purposes in the amount of \$9,885.45. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried. J. Pierce abstained.

Health Insurance: Motion made by K. Worley to stay with current plan at an increase of 4.8%. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried. J. Pierce Abstained.

Wernersville Lions Club: Motion made by J. Pierce to amend the agenda and approve closure of portions of Borough streets on October 28, 2023 for the Halloween parade as more specifically set forth in the September 1, 2023 letter to the Borough. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

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

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

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 7pm.

Motion made by R. Gordon to adjourn meeting at 8:25pm. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary