

WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

EDWARD EVANS	ROBERT GORDON
BRIAN CLEMENTS	ROBERT FISCHER
DAVID LATINO	STEPHEN PRICE
JIM SWARTZ	

ALSO, PRESENT:

JOHN BUCOLO, SOLICITOR
NICK JOHNSON, GVC
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE

ABSENT:

DEBBIE PIERCE
JIM PIERCE
WESTERN BERKS REGIONAL POLICE
WESTERN BERKS REGIONAL FIRE

VISITORS:

Gloria Lutz
Western Berks Ambulance Representative

S. Price called the Wernersville Borough Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2017 meeting. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Gloria Lutz, 62 E. Washington St.: Mrs. Lutz brought a complaint to Council's attention regarding trees planted in front of her property by the Shade Tree Commission in 2009 stating the roots were causing damage to the curb/sidewalk she installed pursuant to Borough Ordinance. Council accepted the complaint and advised Mrs. Lutz, the matter would be researched and discussed and she would be contacted in the near future.

Western Berks Fire Company:

Written Report Submitted. No representative from WBF was present.

Western Berks Regional Police Dept.:

Written Report Submitted. No representative from WBRPD was present.

Western Berks Ambulance:

Written and Oral Report submitted. Representative from WBA was present and gave short presentation on services provided in the first quarter of 2017. 50 calls 1st quarter and 22 Narcan administrations 1st Qtr.

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Engineer Report:

Nick Johnson reported regarding the stepped up MS-4 requirements/regulations for permit renewal. He indicated that he will be preparing our initial plan (to reduce stormwater pollutants by 10%) to be submitted in September, 2017, that there is an advertising and public comment period which will take place over the summer. There was discussion of potential cooperation with neighboring Townships, as well as the potential for capital construction project(s) in order to comply, and the availability of Grant money.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report:

A written report was submitted. Glenn Kraft briefed Borough Council on the current issues. There was also a discussion regarding the Miller property on Beckley Street, Blandford on Penn Ave, and that the Miller property remains “out of compliance” and what should be done to obtain compliance. There was also a brief discussion of the ZHB decision on “Rocky” Ruth, and a new filing by A&M Pizza.

Solicitor’s Report:

Zoning: The “Reverse Lot Frontage” Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance will be advertised and ready for consideration at the June, 2017 meeting. The medical marijuana zoning ordinance has been distributed and is currently being considered by each Municipality in the SW Berks Joint Zoning organization. It places Dispensaries in General Commercial and Manufacturing/Growing facilities in Light Industrial.

Hearthstone: Will need a zoning amendment to rezone to allow Personal care center permitted by right.

Council’s Oral Report:

Mayor: There was some discussion of the Homan Property regarding curb/sidewalk and PENNDOT’s failure to act on the HOP for the driveway. Judy Schwenk’s bill regarding State Police coverage for Townships. Wernersville Fair will be held on May 12th & 13th.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Ruth Miller requesting a Handicap Parking designation at 115 W. Penn Ave. – Motion by R. Fischer, Seconded by B. Clements, carried unanimously.

Robert Shartle appointed to Zoning Hearing Board, Motion by Rob Fischer, Seconded by R. Gordon passed unanimously.

Strawberry Festival- Motion J. Swartz, D. Latino, 2nd carried to approve Borough cooperation for festival.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

Monthly Bills: Motion made by J. Swartz to approve bill list and bills previously paid to avoid penalty. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously

Balance Sheet: Motion made by R. Fischer to accept the Balance Sheet. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Attest:

Borough Secretary