

WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

BRIAN CLEMENTS STEVE PRICE
DAVE LATINO JIM SWARTZ
EDWARD EVANS (MAYOR)
JIM PIERCE

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR, SOLICITOR
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
KEN FULMER, GVC
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
CHIEF, WILLIAM SCHLICHTER, WBRPD
OFFICER, CRAIG JOHNSON, WBRPD
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE

ABSENT:

ROBERT GORDON
ROBERT FISCHER

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

Motion by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2018 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Tom & Barbara Shaaber, 25 W. Wilson Ave.
Josephine Melnyk, 19 W. Wilson Ave.
Margaret Cochran, 28 W. Wilson Ave.
Barry Schaeffer, 46 W. Gaul St.
Amy & Shawn Kreider, 117 N. Walnut St.
James & Kim Dugan, 17 W. Gaul St.
Linda Bean, 57 E. Wilson St.
Leigh-Anne Yacovelli, Wernersville Public Library, Director
Brad Boltz, Bachman's Roofing
Robert Rehrer, 200 N. Walnut St.
Michael Hetrick, 60 W. Washington St.
Doug & Phyllis Malone, 35 W. Gaul St.
Bonnie J. Bollinger, 11 S. Pearl St.

Visitors (Con.)

Peter Edelman, Stevens & Lee

Mike Setley, Solicitor, Wernersville Municipal Authority

Lisa Schlappich, 202 N. Walnut St.

Jennifer Huff, 308 Werner St.

Brian & Carin Latshaw, 210 Stitzer Ave.

Kathy Zerbe, 337 Werner St.

Keith Crammer, 50 W. Washington St.

Geneva Aulenbach, Reading Eagle

Flooding Issues: Many residents came to the Council Meeting, Amy Kreider and Robert Rehrer addressed Council about their concerns regarding their water and sewer issues. Mike Setley addressed the residents and Council on behalf of Wernersville Municipal Authority and its efforts to respond to the issue. Jared Renshaw, Chief of Western Berks Fire Department also addressed the residents and Council about efforts provided by the Fire Department to assist residents impacted by the flooding. Council advised the residents in attendance that we will be working with the Wernersville Municipal Authority and Great Valley Consultants to develop a plan to address the issues.

Wernersville Public Library: Leigh-Anne Yacovelli, Library Director reported that their Summer Reading Program was a huge success. She also, thanked Borough Council for all their support.

11 South Pearl Street: Bonnie Bollinger, 11 S. Pearl Street, asked Council who owns the alley behind her home. Council directed the Borough Solicitor, Michael Gombar, Jr. to look into this and get back to her with an answer.

Diakon Lutheran: Peter Edelman, Esquire reported to Council about the Project. Motion made by B. Clements to adopt a Resolution for Tax Free Financing for Diakon Lutheran and Wernersville Municipal Authority. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Bachman's Roofing 36 S. Elm St.: Brad Boltz reported to Council about the Project. On the recommendation of the Planning Commission, motion made by D. Latino to grant the Waiver of Land Development for Bachman's Roofing at 36 S. Elm St. for a 5,000 square foot addition subject to Bachman agreeing to pay all Borough engineering, legal and administrative fees, securing a building permit, complying with all zoning ordinance requirements and submitting the storm drainage design to the Borough for review. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

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Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 163 Calls for the month of August 2018.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 149 Calls for the month of August. 26 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: No Report Submitted.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report was submitted. 2 Permits were issued. 14 Property Maintenance Issues were handled in August.

Trinity Lutheran Church, 130 S. Walnut Street: The church would like to put up a fence for their preschool along the Hill Road side. It would be 13 ft. from the center of the road instead of 25 ft. as the zoning states. They need an exemption. Council delayed making a decision until next month.

Engineer Report: None.

Mavor's Report: None.

Council's Report: None.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

309 N. Reber Street: The Solicitor reported that he consulted with the Code Enforcement Officer and he will send a letter to the neighbors reminding them to keep the public right-of-way area clear of parked cars, stone and other debris.

Old Business:

Washington Ave/Street: Motion made by D. Latino to adopt the Resolution declaring Washington Ave./Street to Washington Street. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Wilson Court: Motion made by J. Pierce to have the Solicitor draft an Ordinance for No Parking in the center of Cul-de-sacs. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

New Business:

105 W. Penn Ave.: Motion made by D. Latino to have the Solicitor and Kraft Codes take appropriate action regarding not installing the sidewalk along N. Walnut Street within 120 days after settlement has taken place. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

County Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan: Motion made by B. Clements to adopt a Resolution for the Updated County Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation Plan. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

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

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

Executive Session: Motion made by J. Swartz to enter into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss litigation matters. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Swartz to end Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

General Meeting resumed at 8:30 p.m.

Motion made by B. Clements to authorize the Solicitor to attend, participate and oppose on behalf of Council the application for Grande's Apartment Project (West Ridge Suites) for the Zoning Hearing scheduled for September 19, 2018. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

The Solicitor addressed Linda Bean regarding the court dispute between her and her neighbors regarding the E. Norman Street stub. The Solicitor informed her that Council's position is that Mr. Giannotti can install the road to his property in Lower Heidelberg Township provided that it is done at his cost and is done in accordance with all Borough public road standards.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

Motion by J. Pierce to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary