

WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

BRIAN CLEMENTS	DAVE LATINO	JIM SWARTZ
ROBERT GORDON	JIM PIERCE	

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
SCOTT ANDERSON, GVC
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
WILLIAM SCHLICHTER, CHIEF WBRPD
JARED RENSHAW, WBFD

ABSENT:

EDWARD EVANS, MAYOR
STEPHEN PRICE, PRESIDENT
ROBERT FISCHER
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE

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

Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by B. Clements and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Maggie Cochran, 28 W. Wilson Ave.
William & Melanie Stoudt, 105 S. Walnut Street
Jeff Showalter, CW Teacher
LeighAnne Yacovelli, Wernersville Public Library
Chris Stoy, 307 Edison Street

William and Melanie Stoudt, 105 S. Walnut Street: M. Stoudt asked Council where they could take their yard waste. Council advised them that they could still take it to the South Heidelberg Township drop off site on Pointe Road. The Borough is still sharing the site with South and Lower Heidelberg Townships. Wernersville Borough is in the planning stages to have their own yard waste drop off sight.

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Jeff Showalter, Teacher at CWE: Mr. Showalter presented Council with information regarding the Conrad Weiser Area Hometown Heroes Program. Individuals or organizations can purchase banners honoring Military Personnel from the area. Mr. Showalter asked Council if they would be willing to display the banners in the Borough. Council will check into this and report back to Mr. Showalter.

LeighAnne Yacovelli, Wernersville Public Library: Ms. Yacovelli provided an update on the Library's activities and its recent award of a bronze star from the PA Forward library program.

307 Edison Street Sidewalk: Chris Stoy, 307 Edison Street previously asked Council for a waiver to install sidewalk at his property if and when he sells the property, which request was denied. He now asked Council if he could have a partial waiver whereby he would install sidewalk from the existing sidewalk at his neighbor's property at 323 Edison Street to a point in his front yard meeting with the existing paved walkway leading to his front door and be exempt from putting sidewalk from that point to the end of his property abutting the rear yard of 208 Rosewood Street because Edison Street dead-ends after his property. Council directed Kraft Code Services to look into this matter and report back at the April meeting.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 144 Calls for month of February 2019.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 59 Calls for the month of February. 7 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: No Report Submitted.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report was submitted. 3 Permits were issued. 7 Property Maintenance Issues and 1 Zoning Issue.

Engineer Report:

West Gaul Street Swale: Discuss in executive session.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

Ordinance #613 No Parking on the North Side of East Washington St: Motion made by R. Gordon to adopt Ordinance #613. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously. Council directed the Borough Secretary to send a letter to the residents in that block informing them of the parking regulation change and that the Police will start enforcing on April 1, 2019.

Zoning Hearing for 89 E. Penn Ave.: The Zoning Hearing Commission approved numerous variances to build an extension the existing building and expand the parking area in year. Council did not have any issues with the approvals.

Mayor's Report: None.

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Council's Report:

D. Latino reported that the Highway Department has been doing a good job plowing our roads this winter.

Old Business:

Stray Animal Agreement: Motion made by B. Clements to spend up to \$333.00 to purchase a chip reader and a holding crate. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Memorial Day Parade 2019: The parade is cancelled for this year due to lack of volunteers.

New Business:

343 Edison Street: Request from Council for direction on curb/sidewalk installation because property is in the Borough but Glen Tilt Avenue is in South Heidelberg Township. Council agreed that curb and sidewalk must be installed along Glen Tilt Avenue 120 days after settlement takes place per the Borough ordinance and the Borough Secretary should send a letter responding to the request.

Monthly Bills: Motion made by D. Latino to approve the bill list and bills previously paid to avoid penalty. B. Clements seconded. J. Pierce abstained.

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

Executive Session: At 7:45 p.m. we recessed into Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter, personnel matters and a potential litigation matter.

General Meeting: At 8:25 p.m. we resumed our regular meeting. Action taken on the following:

W. Gaul Street Swale: Motion made by B. Clements to accept the recommendation of the Borough Engineer (GVC) and conditionally allow sheds in the easement area as long as they are not closer than eight (8) feet into the easement from the south (line closest to West Washington St) – this is conditioned on the Borough reserving the right to require removal of the sheds at any time. All other sheds, fences and other material will have to be removed. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously. GVC will send specific notice to each property owner.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

Motion by R. Gordon to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary