

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

EDWARD EVANS, MAYOR	
BRIAN CLEMENTS	DAVE LATINO
ROBERT GORDON	
JIM SWARTZ	JIM PIERCE

ALSO, PRESENT:

MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
KEN FULMER, GVC
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
CRAIG JOHNSON, OFFICER WBRPD
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE

ABSENT:

STEPHEN PRICE, PRESIDENT
ROBERT FISCHER
JARED RENSHAW, WBFD

J. Swartz called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7:08 pm. All stood and pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion made by D. Latino to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Christy Geisinger, 343 Edison St.
Tod Wenrich, 137 W. Gaul St.
Maggie Cochran, 28 W. Wilson Ave.

Christy Geisinger, 343 Edison Street: Ms. Geisinger is trying to sell her property and she asked Council why she would have to install curb and sidewalk along W. Glen Tilt Avenue, since this street is in South Heidelberg Township. Council directed Great Valley Consultants to take a look at this property to see exactly where the Borough line is. Great Valley will then be in touch with M. Gombar, Borough Solicitor. If the portion of her property where the sidewalk would have to be installed along W. Glen Tilt Avenue is located in South Heidelberg Twp., then she would not have to install the sidewalk and curb because that area is beyond the jurisdiction of the Borough ordinances. M. Gombar will contact Ms. Geisinger and advise her of the outcome.

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Tod Wenrich, 137 W. Gaul Street: Mr. Wenrich asked Council why after 30 years does he have to remove his shed, fence and debris from the easement in the rear of his property. He also stated that 30 days to do the work is not sufficient time to get everything removed. Council replied that they are trying to alleviate flooding problems in the area. Council also told him that we would work with him as long as we see that he is making progress in removing the items.

Maggie Cochran, 28 W. Wilson Avenue: Ms. Cochran stated that she is still waiting for the work to begin so that she can connect the stormwater pipe from her property to the Borough's inlet on a neighboring property. B. Clements responded that he will contact the contractor on Thursday to find out what is going on. Ms. Cochran also asked Council to look into reconfiguring the meeting room to try and improve the audio.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 139 Calls for service in Wernersville for month of April 2019.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 50 Calls for the month of April. 4 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written Report Submitted. 56 Calls for the month of April in the Borough.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report was submitted. 4 Permits were issued. 11 Property Maintenance Issues and 1 Zoning Issue.

Engineer Report:

2019 Street Work: Motion made by J. Pierce to receive and accept the Street Work Bids and also award the Bid to Ronnie C. Folk Paving, Inc. Shoemakersville, PA for the amount of \$57,238.25. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report: None.

Council's Report: None.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

E. Washington Street Ordinance: Motion made by D. Latino to adopt Ordinance 614 to rescind the previously adopted ordinance prohibiting parking on the North side of E. Washington Street, and (2) establish East Washington Street as a ONE-WAY street in the Westbound direction between N. Reber Street and Stitzer Avenue. R. Gordon seconded. J. Pierce opposed. The vote was 4 to 1 to approve.

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WBRPD Dissolution Ordinance: Motion made by D. Latino to adopt Ordinance 615 to officially dissolve the Western Berks Regional Police Commission and the Western Berks Regional Police Department effective December 31, 2019. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

The Solicitor noted that an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church: Motion made by R. Gordon to close Hill Road from Rebecca St. to Lincoln Dr. and Rebecca St. from S. Walnut St. to Hill Rd. on Saturday, June 8 from 3 to 7 pm. for the Strawberry Festival. Rain date is Sunday, June 9, 2019. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

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

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

Executive Session: An Executive Session was requested by the Solicitor to be held after the meeting to discuss a personnel issue and a litigation issue. No action would be taken.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

Motion by D. Latino to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary