

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**EDWARD EVANS, MAYOR BRIAN CLEMENTS
DAVE LATINO JIM PIERCE
JIM SWARTZ**

ALSO, PRESENT:

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
KEN FULMER, GVC
JARED RENSHAW, WBFD**

ABSENT:

**STEVE PRICE, PRESIDENT
ROBERT FISCHER
ROBERT GORDON
WILLIAM SCHLICHTER, CHIEF WBRPD
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES**

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 July 10, 2019 Council Meeting. Motion seconded by D. Latino and carried by a majority of the quorum. B. Clements abstained.

Visitors:

Chief Leon Grim, South Heidelberg Township
Sean McKee, Manager, South Heidelberg Township
Leigh-Anne Yacovelli, Wernersville Public Library
Greg & Carrie Coleman, 309 N. Reber Street

Chief Leon Grim, South Heidelberg Township Police Department introduced himself to the Council. He is looking forward to working with the Borough and the Residents this January.

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Leigh-Anne Yacovelli, Wernersville Public Library reported that the Library won the STEM category for 2019 Best Practices in Youth Services Programming. Leigh-Anne Yacovelli, director and Tara Gouldey, Youth Services Coordinator, will receive this competitive, state-wide award on October 14 at the Pennsylvania Library Association's annual conference. The program submitted was T. Gouldey's Imagination Station, a STEM program for children 6-11 years old.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 135 Calls for service in Wernersville for month of July 2019.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 116 Calls for the month of July. 8 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written Report Submitted. 42 Calls for the month of July.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report was submitted. 7 Permits were issued. 19 Property Maintenance Issues and 1 Zoning Issue for the month of July.

Engineer Report:

2019 Street Work: Motion made by J. Pierce to approve Payment Application No.1 in the amount of \$55,618.05 to Ronnie C. Folk Paving, Inc. for the 2019 Street Work. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

309 N. Reber St.: Mr. and Mrs. Coleman asked Council what was going to be done regarding the water drainage issue on their property. Council advised GVC and the Solicitor to investigate this problem more thoroughly.

Gaul Street Stormwater Easement: GVC provided options and cost estimates for establishing monuments and/or property pins along the Gaul Street stormwater easement. Council will review and make a decision at September meeting.

Wilson Court: GVC is still reviewing the no parking in cul-de-sac problem.

Yard Waste Drop Off Site: GVC should be ready to advertise the bids within the next two weeks.

Wernersville Water Authority: The Water Authority conducted an Infiltration Study as part of the action plan with the Borough to address flooding issues. The study has now been completed and they will be grouting the sewer mains.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Evans reported that 123 N. Walnut St. - Barton Henderson's residence is looking terrible. Council will advise Kraft Code Services to take necessary action to get the property cleaned up. It was discussed that Council could direct the Public Works or a third party to clean up the property and file a lien for the costs against the property. But, the Solicitor advised against this and that it should only be considered as a last resort because of the risk of potential uninsured liability to the Borough.

Council's Report:

B. Clements reported that Maggie Cochran 28 W. Wilson Ave. is still getting water in her house even after connecting the pipe in her yard to the storm drain.

D. Latino reported that we need new basketball nets at the playground. Council agreed to buy new ones.

D. Latino also reported that we need cross walks across Penn Ave. Since that is a State road B. Clements will contact Craig Lutz at State Senator David Argall's office to see what can be done.

J. Piece reported that Denise Curtis, Police Secretary has resigned effective August 8, 2019.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

Trash Collection Delinquent Accounts: Motion made by B. Clements to hire FirstStates Financial Services to collect our delinquent trash bills. They will charge a 25 percent contingency fee to the property owner. There will be no cost to the Borough. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Police: Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise the Ordinance for adoption of the Intermunicipal Agreement with South Heidelberg at a future meeting. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

274 E. Penn Ave. Whitney Brady: Motion made by J. Pierce to deny her request for Sidewalk/Curb installation waiver. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

New Business:

Resignation: Motion made by J. Pierce to table action until next meeting to accept the resignation of Robert Fischer, Councilman, who submitted a written resignation to the Borough dated August 1, 2019 due to his relocation outside of the Borough. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Health Insurance: Motion made by J. Pierce to renew our Health Insurance which expires 9/30/2019 with the same plan we currently have. The Plan has increased only by 1.12 percent. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

Tree Problem: We received a letter from Kurt and Denise Hencken 120 W. Wilson Avenue complaining about trees planted in the shade tree space. Council authorized M. Gombar, Solicitor to send a letter to the Hencken's addressing that the Borough did not plant the trees, the developer planted them back in the 1970's and that the Borough is not responsible.

Wernersville Library: The Library asked permission to use the Council Room on October 14 for a Dance Program. Council denied their request.

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

Balance Sheet: Motion made by D. Latino to accept the Balance Sheet. B. Clements seconded and carried by a majority of the quorum. J. Pierce abstained.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Motion by J. Pierce to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary