

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**EDWARD EVANS, MAYOR
STEPHEN PRICE, PRESIDENT
BRIAN CLEMENTS
DAVE LATINO
JIM SWARTZ**

ALSO, PRESENT:

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
KEN FULMER, GVC
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
JARED RENSHAW, Wbfd**

ABSENT:

**ROBERT GORDON
JIM PIERCE
WILLIAM SCHLICHTER, CHIEF WBRPD
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE**

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 September 4, 2019 Council Meeting. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Jeff Showalter, Conrad Weiser East Elementary
Linda Bean, 57 E. Wilson Ave.
Chief Grim, South Heidelberg Township

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Jeff Showalter, Teacher at Conrad Weiser East Elementary, presented to Council the Hometown Heroes Banners for Veterans. The Banners will honor local veterans who served in the armed forces. The cost is \$125 per banner and the banners will be hung along Penn Avenue in the Borough. Applications to purchase or sponsor a banner are available at the Borough Office.

Motion was made by D. Latino for the Borough to sponsor two (2) banners for a total cost of \$250.00. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

Linda Bean, 57 E. Wilson Ave. expressed her concern that the pitch of E. Wilson Ave. is not correct since they repaved this in 2018. K. Fulmer, GVC, reported that there is nothing wrong with the pitch of E. Wilson Ave. Ms. Bean also proposed the idea of including a bulk pick up item in the next trash contract. B. Clements responded that Womelsdorf and Robesonia Boroughs are not interested in doing this.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 151 Calls for service in Wernersville for month of September.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 51 Calls for the month of September. 5 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written Report Submitted. 41 Calls for the month of September.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report was submitted. 9 Permits were issued. 16 Property Maintenance Issues and 2 Zoning Issues for the month of September.

Engineer Report:

Yard Waste Drop Off Site: Motion made by B. Clements to reject all the bids for the Yard Waste Drop Off Site. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

E. Evans, Mayor reported that the Lion's Club will host the annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm. The parade will start and end at the Western Berks Fire Company on Stitzer Avenue.

Trick or Treat: E. Evans declared Trick or Treat Night will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Council's Report:

Trash COG: B. Clements reported that it is time to advertise for bids for a new COG Trash Contract starting in 2020. Due to the next Council meeting falling too far after the date in which the COG will receive the bids, the COG is requesting a waiver of Council's pre-approval of the award to the lowest responsible bidder by the COG. Motion made by B. Clements to allow the COG to award the next Trash Contract without the Borough's prior review and approval of the bids. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

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Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

Council Vacancy Position: Motion made by S. Price to appoint Doug Miller, 219 Stitzer Avenue to the Borough Council seat effective immediately until January 6, 2020. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Handicap Parking Ordinance: Motion made by B. Clements to have our Solicitor draft an Ordinance regarding Handicap Parking Permits in the Borough. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Western Berks Ambulance Association Agreement: Motion made by B. Clements to approve the 5 year term agreement with the Western Berks Ambulance Association. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

274 E. Penn Ave. Whitney Brady: Motion made by S. Price approving the phasing of the curb and sidewalk installation conditioned upon W. Brady's attorney drafting an agreement outlining the terms of installation and allowing for the Borough to impose penalties (including liens) if she fails to comply. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

New Business:

COG For Chipper: Since the Borough has its own chipper, it is unnecessary to be a part of the COG and share in the use/maintenance cost. Motion made by B. Clements to authorize the Borough Solicitor to send notice of the withdrawal from GOG by Wernersville. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Gerhart Street: This Street is located between 226 E. Penn Avenue and 244 E. Penn Avenue which connects with Holland Street. Residents in the rear of E. Penn Avenue use this to access their garages and driveways. The residents are complaining the road is in bad shape. This is not a dedicated street. Council advised that since this street is not dedicated to the Borough, it is private and the property owners of 226 E. Penn and 244 E. Penn Ave. would be mutually responsible for maintaining the area.

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 D. Latino to accept the Balance Sheet. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

Executive Session:

An Executive Session was requested by the Solicitor to discuss a potential litigation matter. The meeting resumed at 8:02 p.m. No formal action was taken.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2019.

Motion by D. Latino to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary

