

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**STEPHEN PRICE, PRESIDENT**  
**JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT**  
**BRIAN CLEMENTS**  
**DAVE LATINO**  
**DOUG MILLER**  
**JIM PIERCE**

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR**  
**DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY**  
**MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE**  
**GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES**  
**ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE**  
**JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**ABSENT:**

**ROBERT GORDON**  
**KEN FULMER, GVC**  
**WILLIAM SCHLICHTER, CHIEF WBRPD**

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 November 6, 2019 Council Meeting. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

**Visitors:**

Chief Grim, South Heidelberg Township  
Amy Kreider, 117 N. Walnut St.  
Kate Sowers, Wernersville Library  
Linda Dapcic-Angst, 319 N. Walnut St.  
Doug Rauch, Georgeadis Setley Law Firm

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Amy Kreider, 117 N. Walnut Street, presented Council with pictures showing the outside of Barton Henderson's property at 123 N Walnut Street. She voiced her concerns about the appearance of the property. Council told Ms. Kreider that Kraft Code Services will be monitoring the progress of the property.

Linda Dapcic-Angst, 319 N. Walnut Street, advocate for B. Henderson, said she will concentrate more on cleaning up the outside of 123 N. Walnut Street. Ms. Dapcic-Angst also asked Council to think about tabling the Feral Cat Ordinance until she comes on Council in January of 2020. She would like to get a committee together to review the Ordinance.

Kate Sowers, Wernersville Public Library, thanked Borough Council for their generous support during the year.

Chief Leon Grim, South Heidelberg Township, told Council that South Heidelberg Township would be sending out a flyer to all of Wernersville Borough Residents with information regarding the new Police Department and contact numbers.

Doug Rauch, Geogeadis Setley, was present in his capacity as Bond Counsel for THE Y.M.C.A OF READING AND BERKS COUNTY which is in the process of obtaining tax-free financing through the Wernersville Municipal Authority and Mid Penn Bank in order to refinance some of its debt and to finance the acquisition / renovation of a new facility in the Northern Berks area, among other things. Attorney Rauch explained that WMA has approved the transaction and, as a result, Borough Council, in its capacity as the entity that created WMA, also must now approve the transaction. Attorney Rauch further clarified that the Borough is neither pledging any of its tax revenues nor assuming any repayment obligation for the YMCA loan.

**Police Report:** Written Report Submitted. 85 Calls for service in Wernersville for month of November.

**Fire Report:** Written Report Submitted. 44 Calls for the month of November. 10 calls were in the Borough.

**Western Berks Ambulance:** Written Report Submitted. 37 Calls for the month of November. 19 of the 37 calls were for Phoebe Berks.

**Zoning and Building Enforcement Report:** Written report was submitted. 7 Permits were issued. 10 Property Maintenance Issues and 3 Zoning Issues for the month of November.

**Engineer Report:**

MS-4: Nothing to report.

**Mayor's Report:**

None.

**Council's Report:**

B. Clements reported that Advanced Disposal will be our Trash/Recycling Hauler beginning January 1, 2020.

J. Pierce reported that the Police Commission remains on course for dissolution and transition of police services to South Heidelberg at the end of the year.

Council thanked B. Clements for his Service to the Borough for the last four (4) years.

**Solicitor's Report:** Written report was submitted.

**Reading Berks YMCA Tax Free Financing through Wernersville Municipal Authority:** Motion made by B. Clements to adopt the Resolution and Approval of Applicable Elected Representative for a project to be financed by the issuance of a tax-exempt revenue note by the Wernersville Municipal Authority on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. of Reading and Berks County. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

**South Heidelberg Police Department:** Motion made by D. Latino to adopt a Resolution supporting the SHPD so they can apply for a State Grant which would help to fund the Municipal Police Services due to the Intergovernmental Agreement. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

**Mayor Vacancy Position:** Motion made by B. Clements to adopt a Resolution to appoint Keegan Worley, 59 N. Church Road, as Mayor to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term through the end of 2021. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**274 E. Penn Ave.:** No update.

**Feral Cat Ordinance:** Motion made by J. Swartz to table action on the Feral Cat Ordinance until the call of the President/Chairman of Council a future meeting. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

**Police Pension Plan Co-Chief Administrative Officer:** Motion made by J. Swartz to adopt the Resolution appointing the Borough Secretary to be the WBRPD Pension Plan Co-Chief Administrative Officer. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

**2020 Trash and Recycling Rate:** Motion made by J. Pierce to adopt the Resolution setting the trash and recycling rate for 2020 to \$90.00/quarter, \$360.00 per year OR \$350.00 for the year if paid in full by 1/31/2020.

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**2020 Budget:** Motion made by D. Latino to advertise the Proposed 2020 Budget. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

**Special Meeting and 2020 meeting schedule:** Motion made by J. Pierce to have a Special Meeting to adopt the 2020 Budget and any other business that should come before the Board on Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8 a.m. and to set the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. (except for the mandatory Reorganization meeting on January 6, 2020) as the 2020 meeting date schedule for Council in 2020. B. Clements seconded and carried unanimously.

**Computers:** Motion made by J. Swartz to authorize the purchase of new computers and an update to the Quick Books software at an approximate cost of \$4,000. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

**Leaves:** At the request of the Public Works department, motion made by J. Pierce to authorize the Solicitor to send a letter to Michael Snedeker, 49 N. Pearl Street, requesting placement of leaves for disposal from the property on N. Pearl Street instead of in the alley for safety reasons. 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. J. Pierce abstained.

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

**Executive Session:** Not needed at the recommendation of the Solicitor.

**Next Regular Council Meeting:** Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

January Meeting: Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7 p.m.

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

Attest:

Borough Secretary

