

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**KEEGAN WORLEY, MAYOR
STEPHEN PRICE, PRESIDENT
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
DAVE LATINO
ROBERT GORDON
LINDA PALM
JIM PIERCE**

ALSO, PRESENT:

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
CHIEF LEON GRIM, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPT.
ANDREW KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
KEN FULMER, GVC**

ABSENT:

**LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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. Pierce to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2020 Council meeting. J. Swartz seconded. S. Price abstained.

Visitors:

Amy Kreider, 117 N. Walnut St.
Edwin Guldin, 435 W. Penn Ave. WMA
Chris Yatron, 218 W. Penn Ave, WMA
Kate Sowers, 311 Columbus St. Wernersville Public Library
Maggie Cochran, 28 W. Wilson Ave.
Linda Bean, 57 E. Wilson Ave.

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Amy Kreider of 117 N. Walnut St. asked Council about the status of B. Henderson's property at 123 N. Walnut Street. She said no progress has been done for the past 2 months. Council directed M. Gombar, Solicitor and Kraft Code Services to figure out the next plan of action.

Edwin Guldin and Chris Yatron, Robesonia Wernersville Joint Authority, explained to Council why 4 Board Members resigned from the Joint Authority. They explained that they could not work cohesively with a new board member. S. Price thanked them for their years of service. Mr. Guldin asked Council if Officials from Wernersville and Robesonia Boroughs and their Solicitors could meet to try and resolve the ongoing issue. Council agreed to try and arrange a meeting before the next Joint Authority meeting.

Kate Sowers, Wernersville Public Library asked Council who would be their point of contact for maintenance and safety issues. Council directed them to contact the Borough office or Mike Palm to make them aware of any problems.

Maggie Cochran, 28 W. Wilson Ave, Ms. Cochran asked Council to make sure the storm drains are cleaned out since they are calling for heavy rain this week. Council said that the Public Works Department will do so.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 326 Calls for the month of January. 68 calls were in the Borough.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 38 Calls for the month of January. 8 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written Report Submitted. 35 Calls for the month of January, 6 of the calls were for Phoebe.

A letter was received from Western Berks Ambulance thanking the Western Berks Police Commission for their donation of the police vehicle.

Library Report: Written Report Submitted. Five (5) mobile hotspots are available at the Library. Patrons can check them out for one (1) week, no charge, and renew them up to two (2) times.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written report was submitted. 1 Permits was issued. 12 Property Maintenance Issues, 6 got closed out and 2 Zoning Issues for the month of January.

Engineer Report:

2020 Street Work: Council directed the Public Works Department to get a list of streets that are in bad shape and give to J. Swartz for the March Council Meeting to review.

Yard Waste Recycling Facility Rebid: Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize GVC to rebid the project for the Yard Waste Recycling Facility with a separate alternate bid option for a fence, for receipt of bids on March 3rd and possibly award the bid at the March 4th Council Meeting. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

None.

Council's Report:

J. Pierce reported on the final items being completed for the dissolution of the WBRPD.

L. Palm thanked the Commission for the donation of the vehicle to Western Berks Ambulance.

J. Swartz thanked Chief Grim, Linda Palm, Mike Palm, Lisa Heilman and Debbie Pierce for helping with closing up WBRPD.

Garage Doors for Borough Garage: Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the quote from Overhead Door Company of Reading in the amount of \$7,209.00 for two (2) new doors and four (4) automatic openers. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

R. Gordon reported on his first meeting as the Borough's representative on the Trash COG.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

Zoning Hearing Board: Council was not in favor of compensation for the members on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Grande Apartment Project: Motion made by D. Latino to grant the 120 day extension for the Grande Apartment Project for their Land Development Plan. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

W. Gaul Street Swale Update: 133 W. Gaul Street is now compliant and the civil action has been withdrawn. 129 W. Gaul Street, a request for a default judgement has been filed.

Old Business:

Christmas Lights: D. Latino reported that the Women's Club and the Lion's Club have agreed to help purchase some new Christmas Lights.

Motion made by R. Gordon for the Borough to match the donations received up to \$2,000.00 on new lights. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

New Business:

Cleaning Borough Hall & Library: Motion made J. Pierce approve Stubbs Cleaning and Janitorial for cleaning the Borough Hall and Library. The cost is \$560.00 per month. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Animal Rescue League: Borough Council decided that we will not be contracting with the ARL for animal control services at this time as South Heidelberg police department have a facility and plan in place to handle the issues.

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Reception Window: Motion made by R. Gordon to approve the quote from B&G Glass for \$592.62 to install a glass reception window for safety issues. J. Swartz seconded and unanimously.

Playgrounds: Council directed the Borough Employees to get together and start removing the equipment at the playgrounds that need to be removed in anticipation of upgrading the parks.

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 and L. Palm abstained.

Balance Sheet: Motion made by R. Gordon to accept the Balance Sheet. D. Latino seconded and carried. J. Pierce and L. Palm abstained.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2020.

Executive Session: Council entered into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue.

Council was back in session at 8:10 p.m. and the following actions were taken:

Motion made by J. Pierce to accept the resignation of Edwin Guldin, Michael Drobeck and Chris Yatron from the Robeson/Wernersville Joint Authority. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion made by J. Pierce to appoint Robert Gordon, Dean Bain and Keegan Worley to the Robeson/Wernersville Joint Authority. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Motion by R. Gordon to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary