

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 2, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**KEEGAN WORLEY, MAYOR
STEPHEN PRICE, PRESIDENT
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
ROBERT GORDON
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
DAVID LATINO
LINDA PALM
JIM PIERCE**

ALSO, PRESENT:

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
CHIEF LEON GRIM, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPT.
ANDREW KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
KEN FULMER, GVC
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

ABSENT:

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 August 5, 2020 Council Meeting. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Brian Focht, C2C Design
Tony Boito, 235 Lincoln Dr
Maggie Cochran, 28 W. Wilson Ave.

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Stone Ridge Development: C2C Presented plans and ideas to Council regarding drainage and sidewalk issues in and around the proposed Stone Ridge Development. Mr. Grande would like to alleviate the drainage issues at 235 Lincoln Drive as part of the project. They are asking for a trade off of fees if they move forward with fixing the drainage issues for Mr. Boito. They are also offering to install sidewalk and curb at 313 Lincoln Drive. Council asked C2C to figure out the cost of these improvements and impact fees and report them to the M. Gombar, Solicitor and K. Fulmer, GVC, for future review. C2C will be presenting a revised Plan to the Planning Commission at its next meeting for further review.

Paradise by the Slice: Paradise by the Slice (and C2C) presented to Council their new plan for outdoor seating. For the time being, they are not pursuing the new outdoor cabana structure discussed at last month's meeting. This new proposal will be extending the roof covering into the rear yard area for additional seating and service bar with possible bathrooms installed in the existing garage structures. Due to Emergency Declaration - Covid19 currently in place, Council agreed that this could move forward with just building permit approval (not planning commission review / land development approval) on a temporary, conditional basis. Motion was made by D. Latino to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an agreement with Paradise by the Slice. Motion was seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

28 W. Wilson Avenue: Ms. Cochran asked Council if modifications to the rear yard area and the Borough's existing catch basin on the adjacent Pennypacker property could be installed to help with her flooding issues. Motion was made by L. Dapcic-Angst to authorize GVC to look into this issue again. Motion was seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 400 calls for the Month of August. 80 calls were in the Borough.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 56 Calls for the month of August. 7 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written Report Submitted. 43 calls for the month of August. 14 calls were at Phoebe Berks.

Library Report: Written report submitted.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted for August. 7 Permits were issued. 4 Property Maintenance Issues and 5 Zoning Issues for the month of August. Kraft code proposed to Council the idea of dividing the Borough into 8 sections to inspect the condition of curbing. Council suggested they come up with the cost of this project for future consideration.

Engineer Report:

2020 Street Work: Motion made by J. Swartz to approve payment application #1 in the amount of \$63596.15 to Ronnie C Folk Paving Inc. for the 2020 Street work. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

ADA Ramp at Pine and Washington St: Motion made by D. Latino to have the Engineer and Solicitor accept the quote for the ADA ramp, and not to exceed \$5,000. The payment will be made from the Liquid Fuels fund. Motion was seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

None.

Council's Report:

L. Dapcic-Angst reported that residents are unhappy about the 8 foot fence at 267 W Penn Ave. This property is zoned Town Center, which allows the owner to install an 8 foot fence and all the proper permits were submitted and approved.

L. Dapcic-Angst also stated that residents approached her about the dust and residue from the leaf vac machine. M. Palm and Council explained that there is not anything that can be done to prevent this.

L. Dapcic Angst said that some residents were offended by the letter that was sent out asking them to trim their trees.

J. Swartz reported that we received one quote from Ronnie Folk Paving for crack sealing below \$21,000. He also contacted EJ Breneman, American Macadam and Lincoln Macadam in June, but did not get any quotes back from them. M. Gombar reviewed the provisions of the bidding requirements. It states that we "must request, but not receive, the additional bids". Since it has been more than 45 days since the bids were requested, Council decided to move forward with the Ronnie Folk bid. Motion made by J. Pierce to accept the bid by Ronnie Folk Paving. Motion was seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

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Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

Leaf Disposal: Motion made by J. Pierce to (1) Ratify the submission of the DEP Permit Application for the disposal of Borough leaves on the Grand View Dairy Farm Property on Mountain Top Road in South Heidelberg Township and (2) if the permit is issued, approval of the execution of an agreement with Grand View Dairy Farm. R. Gordon seconded and carried unanimously.

Grande Apartment Complex (West Ridge Suites): Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the 180 day extension for West Ridge Suites plan review. J. Swartz seconded and carried unanimously.

Wernersville Municipal Authority: Motion made by R. Gordan to accept, with regret, Jim Kellum's resignation from the Wernersville Municipal Authority since he has moved out of the Borough. Seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously. Council will discuss a replacement at a future meeting.

72 Hour Parking Restriction Request: Council discussed this request and decided it is not feasible at this time. The request was unanimously denied.

Comcast Franchise Fee: Motion made by J. Pierce to have the Solicitor send a letter to Comcast to increase the franchise fee from 3% to 5% to provide additional revenue in light of the uncertainty with other future tax revenues due to the pandemic impacts. FYI, the agreement is up for renewal in July of 2021. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Tree Removal – 151 W. Wilson Ave.: It was noted that the property paid the clean up costs of \$3,600 and the lien was removed from the property.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Election Day: Motion made by J. Swartz to ratify the granting of permission to use the Municipal Building to hold the General Election on Tuesday November 3rd, 2020. D. Latino Seconded and carried unanimously.

Health Insurance Renewal: Motion made by J. Swartz to use Capital Blue Shield for the Employee's Health Insurance plan. D. Latino seconded and carried. L. Palm abstained.

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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, October 7, 2020

Motion by R. Gordon to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary