

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
November 4, 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.
GLENN 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 October 7, 2020 Council Meeting. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Rachel Herber, 120 N. Walnut St
Brian Focht, C2C Design (Stone ridge Development)
Sal Folino, Brennan and Assoc. (representing Grande)
Greg Mazurek, Wernersville Public Library
Maggie Cochran, 28 W Wilson Ave

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120 N Walnut St: Ms. Herber presented council with a letter from Jean Butkus (122 W Gaul St) stating that she approves with the temporary placing of a 7ft x 7ft plastic shed that does not meet the technical requirements under the Zoning Ordinance. Motion made by J. Swartz to authorize M. Gombar and Kraft code to prepare an agreement to allow temporary placement of the shed. When the time comes that Ms. Herber should sell her property, the shed must be removed. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Stone Ridge Development: Atty. Folino and Mr. Focht were again present requesting conditional Final Plan approval. Following up from last month's meeting, it was noted that the question about stormwater drainage into the neighboring Bertolet quarry property was confirmed as appropriate by the Borough Engineer. Motion made by J. Pierce for Conditional Final Approval conditioned upon compliance with all items listed in the November 4th memo from M. Gombar. Seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously. K. Fulmer addressed some concerns about the Highway Occupancy Permit and that they respond to him as soon as possible.

Wernersville Public Library: Written Report Submitted. Greg Mazurak thanked Council for their financial support during these difficult times. Leigh-Anne Yacovelli, Librarian, asked Council again about the use of the multi-purpose room for small groups. Council stated that they will not allow the use of the multi-purpose room at this time. Leigh-Anne asked Council about installing an access point and cabling for a stronger wifi signal that would be accessible in the parking lot. A motion was made by L. Dapcic-Angst to allow the Library to interact with Information Technology Disaster Resource Center for this project. This wifi connection will be under the discretion of the Borough and may be shut down at any time if problems arise. Motion seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously.

28 W Wilson Ave: Ms. Cochran addressed Council about her ongoing concerns with her water issue. Council President and Solicitor told her that the Borough has done all that they can. It would be her responsibility to take care of future issues.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 411 calls for the Month of October. 86 calls were in the Borough. Chief Grim reported to Council that 2 cars were stolen in the Borough recently. Both cars have been found. The stolen vehicles were both unlocked, with the keys in them. Also, Chief Grim and Mayor Worley recently went to Phoebe to speak with the residents and make them aware of scams and how they can protect themselves.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 47 Calls for the month of October. 6 calls were in the Borough. Jared spoke about the Department assisting with the recent visit by Donald Trump to the Reading Airport. Also, Council commended Jared on earning the designation of Chief Fire Officer. He is one of 1500 worldwide to have earned this title.

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Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 39 Total calls for October. 11 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted for October. 8 Permits were issued. 8 Property Maintenance Issues and 2 Zoning Issues for the month of October.

Bachman Roofing: Motion made by D. Latino to have the Borough Secretary send a letter of support encouraging the zoning board to grant the variance regarding the parking space dimensions at 208 W Penn Ave. Seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

Engineer Report:

2020 Street Work: Motion made by J. Pierce to approve payment application #2/final payment to Ronnie Folk Paving for \$5,118.48. This includes release of retainage of \$968.48 for 2020 Street Work and \$4,150 for the ADA ramp at Pine and Washington St. Seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

None

Council's Report:

Linda Dapcic-Angst reported that the Animal Rescue League charges \$40 to spray/neuter feral cats. This is something that we could consider putting into the budget for 2021.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

DEP Grant and Loader: Motion made by L. Palm to start process to return the Loader to DEP and recouping Borough's out-of-pocket costs to date. Seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Wernersville Municipal Authority: We still need to fill the vacancy on the Wernersville Municipal Authority Board.

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New Business:

Berks County Cares Grant: Motion made by J. Pierce to authorize the execution of the Berks County Cares Grant Agreement to receive the Cares Act Grant in the amount of \$3,145.31. Seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously.

85 E Gaul St: Council agreed that sidewalk and curb would not be required on East Gaul St, since it is not an open street. However, they would need to install sidewalk and curb along N Reber St.

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

Executive Session: Council recessed into Executive Session to discuss an existing and a potential litigation matter. No action was necessary.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Motion by R. Gordon to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary