

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
March 3, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
DAVID LATINO
LINDA PALM
ROBERT GORDON
JIM PIERCE**

ALSO, PRESENT:

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
KEN FULMER, GVC
DEBRA A. PIERCE, SECRETARY
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT
LEIGH-ANNE YACOVELLI, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

PRESENT, VIA ZOOM:

**STEPHEN PRICE, PRESIDENT
CHIEF LEON GRIM, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPT.
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
GARY HEYDT, ROAD CREW SUPERVISOR**

ABSENT:

KEEGAN WORLEY, MAYOR

NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM DUE TO THE COVID19 PANDEMIC AND PRIOR NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC VIA ONLINE SOURCES PURSUANT TO ACT 15 OF 2020.

S. Price called the Wernersville Borough Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2021 Council Meeting.
D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

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Visitors:

Calvin & Sarah Lascoskie (Via ZOOM), 40 N Pine St.

Tom Bertolet (Via ZOOM), Bertolet Construction

Calvin & Sarah Lascoskie, 40 N Pine St: Mr. and Mrs. Lascoskie told Council that they have reached an agreement with the previous owner of their property with regards to installation of sidewalk. They are still concerned about how to install the sidewalk around the existing tree and asked Council again for a waiver since neighboring properties do not have sidewalk. Council denied this request. The Lascoskies then asked Council if someone could come out to the property and suggest the best solution for installing the sidewalk around the tree. Council directed them to get in touch with Ken Fulmer, GVC.

Tom Bertolet, Bertolet Construction: Mr. Bertolet addressed concerns about the potential impact of storm water from the proposed Stone Ridge (Grande) Development into the quarry on his neighboring property. He is looking into making some changes on his property and was advised that his ability to make those changes would possibly be hindered if the proposed Stone Ridge (Grande) Development is completed. Although he acknowledged that he did review the matter several months ago with the developer and expressed no objection at that time, Council directed the Engineer and Solicitor to review this further with him, his engineer and the developer.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 315 calls for the Month of February. 106 calls were in the Borough, 35 of which were traffic violations.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 52 Calls for the month of February. 4 calls were in the Borough. Jared reported that 13 staff members completed the Ice Rescue Course and will be going for their State Certification. He also told Council that Western Berks Ambulance moved into Station 18-4 temporarily due to a fire at their Station in West Lawn.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 94 calls for the month of February. 10 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: A written report was submitted. Ms. Yacovelli thanked the Road Crew for the good job plowing, salting, and shoveling. She mentioned that the Hot Spot has been installed, however due to a weak signal they will be working with IT to improve it.

Engineer Report:

- **2021 Street Work:** Mr. Fulmer reported that they still need to survey the ADA ramps at the Corner of S Walnut and Rebecca St, due to the snow. He is hopeful that they will be able to complete this and open bids on April 6, 2021.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted for February. 2 Permits were issued. 4 Property Maintenance Issues and 5 Zoning Issues for the month of February.

Mayor's Report:

None

Council's Report:

Council discussed sending out letters to residents who are repeat offenders for not clearing and salting their sidewalks.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

DEP Grant and Loader: The Borough is signing over the title for the Loader to Shillington Borough on 3/4/2021. The Borough will be receiving a check for \$40,500 for the Loader and Plow. The DEP Grant will also be transferred to the Shillington Borough and the Borough will have no further responsibility under the Grant Agreement.

PPL Request to trim trees on Penn Ave: Mr. Gombar spoke with a representative from PPL and they indicated that they will only be removing/trimming the trees. They will not be giving the Borough a donation or replanting any trees. R. Gordon made a motion to authorize Mr. Gombar to take the necessary action to comply with the Borough's Shade Tree ordinance prior to commencing any work including providing all information and a list of trees they plan to cut down and trim. Motion was seconded by J Swartz and carried Unanimously.

Caron Foundation Assessment Appeal: Motion made by J. Pierce to accept the offer of \$1,000 per year in lieu of taxes in return for settling the assessment appeal. Motion seconded by L. Dapcic-Angst and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Tree Trimming: Council agreed to send follow up letters to residents who have not yet trimmed their trees. Residents will be given until May 31, 2021 to trim their trees.

Keeper Alley: Council discussed maintenance of this alley, which is located behind Penn Ave and runs from S Elm St to Furnace Rd. Since this alley is not a dedicated street, the Borough would not be responsible for maintenance. However, the Borough Road Crew will continue to plow this alley as a Courtesy.

Storm Basin Repair, Stitzer and Fairview: Motion made by J. Pierce to approve quote by AH Moyer for \$2,600 to repair the Storm Basin at Stitzer Ave and Fairview St. Seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

New Business:

Memorial Day Parade: Council decided not to hold a Memorial Day Parade due to Covid and Lack of Volunteers.

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. J. Swartz seconded and carried. J. Pierce and L. Palm abstained.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7pm.

Motion by J. Pierce to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. D. Latino seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary