

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 5, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**ROBERT GORDON
JIM PIERCE
LINDA PALM**

ALSO, PRESENT:

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

PRESENT, VIA ZOOM:

**STEPHEN PRICE, PRESIDENT
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
DAVID LATINO
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES
GARY HEYDT, 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 April 7, 2021 Council Meeting.
J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Whitney Brady (Via ZOOM), 274 E Penn Ave.
Calvin & Sarah Lascoskie (Via ZOOM), 40 N Pine St.
Chris Marderness, (VIA ZOOM) 44 N Pine St
Brian Worrell, (VIA ZOOM) 54 N Pine St

Whitney Brady, 274 E Penn Ave: Ms. Brady questioned Council about Escrow release and pavement restoration for her property at 274 E Penn Ave. K. Fulmer, GVC, explained that pavement restoration details will be sent to her. The pavement needs to be restored 2 feet out from the curbing. Once the restoration is completed, then Escrow money will be released.

Mr. & Mrs. Lascoskie, 40 N Pine St. and Chris Marderness, 44 N Pine St.: Mr. & Mrs. Lascoskie and Chris Marderness each got letters from Arborists with regards to the tree that is on the property at 44 N. Pine St. Both letters stated the proposed sidewalk at 40 N Pine St should not be closer than 15 to 20 feet from the tree trunk in an effort to protect the tree and its roots. Council told the Lascoskies that sidewalk is still required from the ADA ramp up to the walkway that leads to their front door.

A Motion was made by R. Gordon to grant a conditional waiver for the remaining sidewalk on the property which would need to be installed once the tree dies or is cut down. Motion seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 386 calls for the Month of April. 79 calls were in the Borough.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 68 Calls for the month of April. 7 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 43 calls for the month of April. 8 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: A written report was submitted.

Engineer Report:

- **2021 Street Work:** Ronnie Folk Paving returned executed bonds and insurance certificates. These were approved by M. Gombar, Solicitor. A preconstruction conference will need to be scheduled.
- **Stone Ridge Development:** Revised drawings were submitted to the Borough. Revisions need to be addressed by the Planning Commission.

- **Streets and Sidewalks:** Mr. Fulmer indicated that PENNDOT has updated some specifications for street construction including storm sewer installation, etc. and the Borough ordinance from 1996 should be updated. Motion made by S. Price to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an update to the ordinance for review and consideration at the next meeting. Motion by J. Pierce, seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously.
- **ADA Ramp at 40 N Pine:** K. Fulmer reported that letters were sent to 6 contractors, but we only received 1 proposal from Bertolet Construction for \$8998. Motion was made by S. Price to have GVC contact Mr. Bright at Ronnie Folk Paving to request a change order to add the ADA ramp into the 2021 Street Work if the price is less than the quote from Bertolet. Seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted for April. 6 Permits were issued in the Month of April.

Mayor's Report:

None

Council's Report:

J. Pierce told Council that the final Police Audit should be completed within the next 30 days.

D. Latino asked about new Basketball nets and backboard. D. Pierce said we are waiting for a phone call from the salesman from BSN Sports.

J. Swartz talked to Council about the list in their packets for why the Borough needs a Loader.

L. Dapcic-Angst told Council that Job Descriptions for public works department positions will be ready for the June meeting.

L. Dapcic-Angst addressed her concerns about asphalt that the resident at 202 N Walnut put up over their curbing. She is worried that this could cause drainage issues. Mike Palm checked it out and said there should not be any issues.

Linda Dapcic-Angst voiced concerns regarding the future use of the Penn Werner Hotel as it has been recently sold.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

Caron Foundation: Motion made by L. Palm to authorize the signing of the Settlement Agreement with Caron Foundation for the Real Estate Assessment Appeals. Seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

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Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Berks: Motion made by R. Gordon to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise an Ordinance authorizing the execution of an Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Berks to join the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeal. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

PPL Tree Trimming proposal: Motion was made by R. Gordon to authorize M. Gombar to send a letter to PPL informing them that Council approved the trimming of trees with the following conditions: Post financial Security, payment of \$25 permit fees to the Borough, and the work should be done in accordance to Borough Ordinances. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Loader: Mike Palm will get estimates for new and used loaders.

New Business:

Gary Heydt submitted his letter of Retirement effective December 31, 2021.

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 and L. Palm abstained.

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

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 7pm.

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

Attest:

Borough Secretary