

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
June 2, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**STEPHEN PRICE, PRESIDENT
JIM SWARTZ, VICE PRESIDENT
LINDA DAPCIC-ANGST
DAVID LATINO
JIM PIERCE
LINDA PALM**

ALSO, PRESENT:

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, JR., SOLICITOR
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
GARY HEYDT, ROAD CREW SUPERVISOR
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
KEN FULMER, GVC
CHIEF LEON GRIM, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPT.
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES**

ABSENT:

**KEEGAN WORLEY, MAYOR
ROBERT GORDON
JARED RENSHAW, WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

Motion made by D. Latino to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2021 Council Meeting.
J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Ed & Sue Stricker, 109 S. Reber St.

Ed & Sue Stricker, 109 S Reber St: Mr and Mrs Stricker wanted more information about the Stone Ridge development. Council instructed them to attend the June Planning Commission meeting.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 398 calls for the Month of May. 92 calls were in the Borough.

Chief Grim mentioned to Council that if the Borough wants to continue Police coverage in 2023 with South Heidelberg Township, we will need to form a committee to renew and negotiate a new contract.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 79 Calls for the month of May. 8 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 48 calls for the month of May. 8 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Wernersville Public Library: A written report was submitted.

Engineer Report:

- **2021 Street Work:** Motion made by J. Pierce to approve Change order No. 1 for the addition of the ADA ramp at Pine St and W Fairview St for a cost of \$3,980.00. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.
- **Stone Ridge Development:** Revised Plans were submitted on May 26, 2021 and will be reviewed at the June 16th Planning Commission meeting.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted for May. 4 Permits were issued in the Month of May. 6 zoning issues.

Mayor's Report:
None

Council's Report:

Council discussed opening the Borough building. A motion was made by D. Latino to open on July 1, 2021. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

J. Pierce told Council that the final Police Audit has been completed. Attorney Muir filed the Dissolution of the Western Berks Regional Police Department with the Berks County Orphans Court on May 26, 2021.

L. Dapcic-Angst told Council that she, D. Latino and R. Gordon have compiled the job description for Road Master. She asked that Council members review and give feedback before the July meeting.

Solicitor's Report: Written report was submitted.

Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Berks: Motion made by J. Pierce to enact Ordinance #618 Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Berks to (re) join the Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals. Motion seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

Standard Street Construction Specifications Ordinance: Motion made by J. Pierce to enact Ordinance #619 Amending and restating Standard Street Construction (including storm sewer) Specifications. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Review Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement Renewal: The Solicitor reviewed the changes to the Franchise Agreement as negotiated with Comcast. Of note, the franchise fee will remain at the maximum allowed 5% amount. Motion by J. Pierce to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise the public hearing and ordinance for enactment at the July meeting in order to adopt the renewal of the Franchise Agreement with Comcast Cable. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

Caron Foundation: Caron signed the Assessment appeal agreement and has made the \$1,000 payment in lieu of taxes for 2021.

Executive Session: The Solicitor requested an executive session after the meeting to discuss pending litigation matters.

Old Business:

Loader: Council discussed the options for a loader which M. Palm presented to them. Council decided that the Borough will continue discussions with the Wernersville Municipal Authority about sharing/borrowing their loader before making a decision on purchasing one for the Borough.

Follow up for Non Compliant Residents for Tree Trimming: Motion made by J. Pierce to send out a letter to the residents who have not yet trimmed their trees. The letter will give them a deadline of August 1, 2021 for trimming their trees or the Borough will hire someone to trim them and put a lien on the property. Motion seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously.

New Business:

Cleaning Service: Motion made by J. Pierce to hire Vanguard Cleaning Systems for \$529.00 per month. Seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously.

Electric Rates: Motion made by D. Latino to accept new contract with Dynegy Electric at the rate of .0669 for 2 years, beginning August 2021. Motion seconded by J. Swartz and carried.

Monthly Bills: Motion made by D. Latino to approve the bill list and bills previously paid to avoid penalty. J. Swartz seconded and carried. J. Pierce abstained and L. Palm abstained.

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

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

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

Executive Session Followed. No action required.

Attest:

Borough Secretary