

**WERNERSVILLE BOROUGH
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 1, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

**MICHAEL GOMBAR, SOLICITOR
DEBRA PIERCE, SECRETARY
JENNIFER VELEZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MICHAEL PALM, BOROUGH EMPLOYEE
KEN FULMER, GVC
CHIEF LEON GRIM, SOUTH HEIDELBERG POLICE DEPT.
ANTHONY TUCCI, WESTERN BERKS AMBULANCE
GLENN KRAFT, KRAFT CODE SERVICES**

ABSENT:

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

A Public Hearing was held at 6:30 pm to discuss the transfer of the Liquor License for Panevino from the City of Reading to the Borough of Wernersville. David Brennan, owner of Panevino, was present to discuss their plans. Panevino Limited, located in the Westgate Shops in Wernersville, will be a Catering business primarily used for parties, rehearsal dinners, showers, etc.

An informal motion was made by L. Dapcic-Angst to approve the Liquor License Transfer. Motion was seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously.

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

Motion made by J. Swartz to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2021 Council Meeting. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Visitors:

Brian Worrel, 54 Pine St
Charlotte Meadows Holt, 62 Pine St
Logan Koch, Buying 131 Hill Rd
Christie Englehart, Realtor for Logan Koch

Charlotte Meadows Holt, 62 N Pine St: Ms. Meadows Holt addressed Council about the upcoming sale of her property and asked for waivers for installing sidewalk. Motion was made by D. Latino to Grant a temporary Waiver for sidewalk along Pine St, but require sidewalk be installed, around the tree, on W Washington St. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and approved by a 6-1 vote. Motion opposed by L. Dapcic-Angst. Council then asked K. Fulmer, from GVC, to go out and look at the property.

Police Report: Written Report Submitted. 421 calls for the Month of August. 76 calls were in the Borough.

Chief Grim introduced Officer Baxter and his canine, Aldo. Aldo is a 2 year old German Short Haired Pointer in training for drug detection and missing persons.

Chief Grim also spoke to Council about the recent hit and run accident involving a pedestrian on Penn Avenue in Robesonia. The Chief told Council that he hopes they will be able to have a resolution soon.

Fire Report: Written Report Submitted. 105 Calls for the month of August. 6 calls were in the Borough.

Western Berks Ambulance: Written report submitted. 47 calls for the month of August. 17 calls for Phoebe Berks.

Anthony Tucci asked Council to consider for 2022 a \$5 per Household increase. This would be \$35 per household.

Wernersville Public Library: Written report submitted.

Council discussed allowing the Library to turn off the dehumidifier during their programs in the multi-purpose room in the basement. Council unanimously agreed that the Library may not turn off the dehumidifier for any reason.

Engineer Report:

2021 Street Work: Motion made by J. Pierce to approve Payment #2 of 2 in the amount of \$3,494.88 to Ronnie C. Folk Paving, Inc. Seconded by L. Palm and carried unanimously.

Trinity Lutheran Church: 108 & 110 S. Walnut St. Sidewalk and curbing along Rebecca St. Ken did a site visit. He updated Council. Motion made by D. Latino for K. Fulmer to do a rudimentary survey and other field work to gather more information regarding the locations of the utility poles and the feasibility of sidewalk and curbing there. Seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

131 Hill Rd.: No decision has been made on installing curb and sidewalk along Hill Rd & Rebecca St. K. Fulmer did a site visit but said he would need to do a more extensive study. Motion made by J. Pierce to have K. Fulmer do a rudimentary survey and other field work to gather more information regarding the locations of the utility poles and the feasibility of sidewalk and curbing there. Seconded by R. Gordon and carried unanimously.

Ordinance 493 Curb & Sidewalk: Bertolet is requesting the Borough to allow saw cut joints rather than “scored joints”. Council agreed that they are not willing to amend the Curb and Sidewalk Ordinance to accommodate this request.

Stone Ridge Subdivision: K. Fulmer said he is waiting for C2C to update the HOP plans to agree with the revised subdivision plans dated July 2, 2020.

Zoning and Building Enforcement Report: Written reports were submitted for August.
6 Permits were issued for August. 10 Property Maintenance issues and 3 Zoning issues.

Mayor’s Report:
none

Council’s Report:
D. Latino told Council that they narrowed the applicants for Road Master position down to 8. They will be bringing in 3 for interviews.
L. Dapcic-Angst reported that numerous people asked about the weeds between the curbs and street. She wants the Borough to take of this. Council advised that we do not have anyone licensed to do the spraying for this. Council stated that the Residents should be taking care of their weeds. S. Price noted we should put this in the Fall Newsletter.

Solicitor’s Report: Written report was submitted.

Liquor License Transfer Hearing: Motion made by J. Pierce to adopt a Resolution to approve the transfer of Panevino Restaurant’s Liquor License. Motion seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously. Panevino agreed to pay all related costs and fees.

Intermunicipal Agreement with Berks County for EMS Dispatch Services Agreement: Motion made by R. Gordon to adopt a Resolution to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with Berks County for EMS Dispatch Services. Seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

Wernersville Municipal Authority Indemnity Agreement: Motion made by R. Gordon to authorize the Council President to sign the WMA Indemnity Agreement for use of the loader and related equipment. Motion seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously.

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Old Business:

Trees: M. Palm reported that there are 29 residents still not in compliance with the tree trimming ordinance. Council will follow up at the October meeting.

New Business:

Berks Sheriff's Office: Motion made by R. Gordon to allow the Sheriff's Office permission the use of the Borough Hall every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 11 am to 5 pm. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

MMO for NON Uniform Pension Plan: Motion made by J. Pierce to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2022 Budget Purposes for the Non Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of \$10,268.05. This is funded with State Aid Money. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried.

2021/2022 Health Insurance: Motion made by R. Gordon to renew our Health Insurance plan with Highmark Blue Shield with an increase of approx. 10 percent. This runs from 10/1/2021 to 9/30/2022. Seconded by D. Latino and carried unanimously.

Storm Basin @ W. Wilson and N. Elm St: AH Moyer submitted a quote for \$10,817.00 to repair the Storm Basin at W. Wilson and N. Elm St. Also, this has now caused damage to 3 squares of the homeowner's sidewalk at 161 W. Wilson Ave. The cost would be an additional \$3,000 to repair the sidewalk. Motion made by J. Pierce to go ahead with the Storm Basin and Sidewalk repair. Seconded by J. Swartz and carried unanimously.

After adding up the cost of both repairs, M. Gombar informed Council that the Borough would need to get more quotes in order to move forward with the repairs, since the total is more than \$11,500. Amended motion made by R. Gordon to get 2 more quotes for these repairs. Seconded by J. Pierce and carried unanimously. If AH Moyer's quote is the lowest of 3 bids, then the Borough can go ahead and accept AH Moyer's bid for the repairs.

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

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 7pm.

Motion by D. Latino to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. J. Pierce seconded and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Borough Secretary